



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting

2 – 4 September 2020

### Agenda Item 11.4.3: Policy Guidance Note for the periodic update of the Regional State of Environment and Conservation report for the Pacific island region

#### Purpose of paper

1. To update the Executive Board on progress in developing the first Pacific Regional State of the Environment and Conservation Report.
2. To seek the SPREP Executive Board's guidance on the periodic updating and reporting on the regional state of environment and conservation in the Pacific.

#### Background

3. The Secretariat has produced thematic environment updates over the past decade.
4. Updates to regional environmental conditions are critical to informing the development of regional environment and conservation targets and priorities, assessing progress towards targets, and supporting regional reporting on global commitments.
5. The 29<sup>th</sup> SPREP meeting approved regional indicators for national monitoring as well as a network of regional environmental portals to collate the necessary data.
6. The Secretariat is currently developing the first Regional State of Environment and Conservation Report based on the regional environment indicators and intends to release it at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas re-scheduled for November 2020.
7. The development of the 2020 State of Environment and Conservation Report has yielded important observations and lessons that will provide useful guidance for future regular and consistent reporting.

#### Recommendations

8. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
  1. **Welcome** the development of the first Pacific Regional State of the Environment and Conservation report planned for release in November 2020;
  2. **Note** the desirability for the development of a Policy Guidance Note for periodic reporting in the future.