

Stocktake of SPREP supported areas for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent

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<p>Climate Change Resilience (CCR) Programme</p> <p>The CCR Programme supports Members through strengthening their resilience to the impacts and adverse effects of Climate Change.</p> <p>The Climate Resilience Programme consists of 5 sub-programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island members to lead, prioritise, and manage national climate change adaptation (CCA), mitigation (NDCs) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) in fulfilment of their national environment and development goals and their voluntary and legal obligations under regional and international agreements. 2. Minimise multiple pressures on vulnerable Pacific Island ecosystems by implementing ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation, including responses to ocean acidification and sea level rise, to sustain biodiversity and the provision of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Nations Framework for the Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paris Agreement ▪ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) ▪ Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction ▪ Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway <p>Given the cross-cutting nature of climate change, CCR Programming also bears strong linkages to the following MEA's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Diversity Framework - Nagoya Protocol ▪ United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) ▪ United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) ▪ Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) ▪ United Nations Fish Stock Agreement (UNFSA) ▪ Vienna Convention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some countries have specified Climate Change legislation in place ▪ All countries have developed and submitted their Nationally Determined Contributions (Initial NDCs) to the UNFCCC Secretariat ▪ Some countries have submitted their Enhanced (second) NDC. ▪ National Action Plans (NAPS) developed by some countries. ▪ Joint National Action Plans (JNAPs) updated by some countries ▪ National Climate Change Policies developed in several Member countries. ▪ National Communications Reports to the UNFCCC. ▪ Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) ▪ Climate Change mainstreamed and streamlined into National Development Strategies and sector policies and plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SPREP is a regionally accredited entity to the Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund. ▪ Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) established to deliver capacity development programmes in adaptation, mitigation, climate science and services and climate finance. ▪ Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) 2017-2030 ▪ Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2017-2026 ▪ Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services (PRSCS) 2017-2026 ▪ Pacific Meteorological Council is a coordinating and advisory mechanism for SPREP serviced by the Pacific Met Desk, which is situated in SPREP. ▪ Regional climate centre (RCC) Network is established to link all scientific institutions in the region to support NMHSS with climate information and services ▪ Communication strategies developed for 14 MET-member countries which identified the modes of communications, and tailored information to fit the users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) Project ▪ Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) Scaled Up Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (SUPA) Project ▪ Pacific Islands Climate Change Insurance Facility (PICCIF) in Concept stage (for submission to Leaders) ▪ IMPACT Project with Climate Analytics aims to strengthen the connections between the scientific assessments of climate impacts, vulnerability, adaptation and mitigation. ▪ Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification Project (PPOA) ▪ Irish Fund provided grant to support achievement of the SPREP Performance Implementation Plan in respect of achievement of specific climate change resilience objectives. ▪ Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific (COSPPac) ▪ Intra ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (CLIMSA) Project (EU9 million for 5 years) targeting the Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services (PRSCS) and the

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<p>ecosystem services that support livelihoods and sustainable development.</p> <p>3. Enhance National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) capacity in weather forecasting, early warning systems, long-term projections, and improved climate services to support members' decision-making and coordination through the Pacific Meteorological Council.</p> <p>4. Support Pacific Island Members to access and manage climate change finances and their national accreditation processes.</p> <p>5. Support Pacific Island Members to develop policy responses to issues of loss and damage, and climate change and disaster induced population mobility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Montreal Protocol ▪ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Protocol on the Status of Refugees 		<p>need – sectors- community – met related information tailored to enable better planning and decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific Climate Change Services Research Roadmap. ▪ Weather Ready Pacific – A Decadal Programme of Investment endorsed by Pacific Leaders in 2021. <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One CROP Plus Mechanism ▪ Pacific Resilience Partnership Task Force ▪ Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) ▪ Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) ▪ Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) ▪ Regional Pacific NDC Hub ▪ Climate Analytics ▪ Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) 	<p>Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy (PIMS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Risk Early Warning Systems (CREWS) 1.0 (USD 890K) ▪ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Green Climate Fund (GCF) project (1million implemented by SPREP over 5 years) ▪ Republic of Korea - Pacific Island Climate Prediction Service project funded by Korea through PIFS. ▪ NextGen 1.0 (just wrapped up and provided important science and case studies on application) ▪ Climate of the Pacific, local knowledge and adaptation strategies (CLIPSSA) project targeting French territories and Vanuatu (project is approved but still working out the details on involvement of SPREP)
<p>Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE) Programme</p> <p>The IOE programme supports Members to manage natural resources for both conservation and sustainable use. The programme work emphasises ecosystem-based approaches to both conservation and development which recognises the importance of maintaining</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SPREP - Noumea Convention ▪ CBD including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Biodiversity Framework - Nagoya protocol on Access Benefit Sharing - Biosafety Protocol ▪ Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) ▪ Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) ▪ Convention for the Conservation and Management of Highly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans ▪ National Ocean Policies and strategies ▪ Environmental Protection Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - varies between countries ▪ CITES associated legislation and regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - including Non detrimental Findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Frameworks Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas ▪ State of Environment and Conservation report ▪ Pacific Coral reef Action Plan ▪ Threatened and Migratory Species Action Plans ▪ Guidelines for control of Invasive Species Management in the Pacific 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) Project ▪ Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) ▪ Pacific Coral Reef Plan Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - under development ▪ Decade for Ocean Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science we need for coral reef management

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<p>biodiversity for the future of Pacific Island people.</p> <p>The programme has 5 sub-programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coastal and Marine Ecosystems focuses on providing support for holistic management of oceans and coasts, including coastal wetlands. Oceans are a cross cutting theme across all of SPREP programmes. 2. Biodiversity group primarily supports members to implement their obligations under the CBD to manage conservation programmes through Framework for Nature Conservation. 3. Threatened and Migratory Species (TAMS) assists members to reduce impacts on TAMS. 4. Invasive Species Programme assists member to manage and eradicate invasive species through advice, information sharing and on ground projects. 5. Ecosystem Based Adaptation programme focuses on developing projects for members from major funds. Such as Kiwa. <p>Oceans and Biodiversity are cross cutting themes for all Pacific island communities</p>	<p>Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC Convention)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNCLOS, UNFSA, and future BBNJ instrument ▪ Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Legislation on Invasives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Invasive Species Strategies and Action Plans ▪ Marine Biosecurity Toolkit 	<p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Seas ▪ International Blue Carbon Partnership ▪ International Coral Reef Initiative ▪ Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network ▪ Pacific Island Round Table for Nature Conservation ▪ Pacific Ocean Alliance ▪ Pacific Ocean Task Force ▪ Marine Sector Working Group – (currently not active) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Threatened and Migratory species science ▪ Kiwa B1 project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - technical support and CB for Nature Based solutions and adaptation to climate change ▪ GEF 6 Regional Invasives Project ▪ PROTÉGÉ (EU) - French territories. ▪ Global Biodiversity Information Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pacific portal Pacific Biodiversity Information Facility (PBIF). ▪ Pacific Bioscapes (ACPSIDS) ▪ Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP) Bycatch and Integrated Ecosystem Management ▪ International Climate Initiative (IKI) Blue Carbon Project (on hold)

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<p>Waste Management and Pollution Control (WMPC) Programme</p> <p>The WMPC leads SPREP's mandate for regional coordination and delivery of waste management and pollution control action to protect the Pacific people and environment from the adverse impacts of solid and hazardous wastes.</p> <p>These are achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening national, regional and international mechanism for solid and hazardous wastes. ▪ Promoting the recovery of resources from waste. ▪ Improved monitoring of the receiving environment to enable informed decision making on environmental and public health protection. <p>WMPC has three sub-programmes namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solid Waste Management (SWM). The SWM programme supports national and local authorities in managing municipal solid wastes. 2. Hazardous Waste Management (HWM). This programme supports management of hazardous wastes as well as 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNEP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basel; Rotterdam, Stockholm; Minamata; Montreal Protocol; Noumea (with SPREP) , Waigani ▪ International Maritime Organisation (IMO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MARPOL, London, Intervention, International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC), International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code ▪ SPREP - Waigani ▪ Strengthening the National International Chemicals Management (SAICM) – not MEA – policy framework ▪ Pacific advocating for MEA on marine litter – supported by UNEP & SPREP ▪ SPREP - Pacific Regional Centre for Basel Convention ▪ TCP for IMO, informal arrangements with Minamata ▪ UNEP – Montreal Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) ▪ UNEP provides funding support for Noumea Secretariat of 2 persons ▪ Through InforMEA have web-based capacity building for MEAs. UNEP currently incorporating Pacific context into course materials. United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All countries have solid waste legislation; hazardous waste and pollution legislation only in some countries. ▪ UNEP/SPREP have done model legislation and drafting instructions for enabling legislation for all MEAs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaner Pacific Roundtable – Coordinating mechanism ▪ Governments., UN, CROP, NGOs, Universities, private ▪ Cleaner Pacific 2025 – Strategy for 2016-2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation Plan 2016-2020 (completed) - Review of Implementation Report (completed and used to formulate new IP) - Implementation Plan 2021-2025 ▪ Pacific Regional Marine Litter Plan – UNEP/SPREP ▪ Pacific Ocean Marine Spill Contingency Arrangements ▪ Moana Taka Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACP MEAs Phase 3 - capacity building and Noumea Secretariat USD 5 million – 5 years commencing 2021 ▪ GEF Islands – USD 20 million address hazardous wastes – 5 years commencing 2021 ▪ IMO Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) – between USD 200-300,000 per year ongoing. ▪ Montreal Multilateral Fund support – USD100 - 150,000 country/year ongoing ▪ PacWaste Plus – Euro 16 million addresses solid and hazardous waste and wastewater ▪ Pacific Ocean Litter Project – AUD 16 million addresses plastic pollution ▪ Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP) – USD 3 million addresses solid and hazardous waste ▪ Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in the Pacific Phase II (JPRISM II) – USD 15 million addresses solid waste including disaster waste

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<p>implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Minamata and Waigani conventions and SAICM on chemical management.</p> <p>3. Pollution Control provides specific support to pollution of the marine environment from wastes. It is currently focused on marine litter and used oil pollution.</p>				
<p>Environmental Monitoring and Governance (EMG) Programme</p> <p>The purpose of the programme is to support Members develop and implement robust frameworks and processes for improved environmental governance, planning, monitoring and reporting.</p> <p>The focus of the programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National sustainable development planning and implementation through use of Environmental Impact Assessments, Strategic Environmental Assessments, and spatial planning. 2. Technical assistance for the development of policy and legislation, and in support of the implementation of Member international and regional commitments. 3. Environmental data collection, monitoring, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is recognised as an important planning tool under the SPREP-Noumea Convention and Convention on Biological Diversity. ▪ EIA and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) are also recognised as important elements in the development of the new legal instrument of Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). ▪ SPREP Environmental Assessment, Environmental Data Collection and Monitoring work is important in Global and Regional MEAs as below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNFCCC - ABS, CITES - Basel; Rotterdam, Stockholm; Minamata; Montreal Protocol; Noumea (with SPREP) , Waigani, (IMO) MARPOL, London, Intervention, OPRC, IMDG Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilising member countries Cabinet and parliamentary approval process to pass environmental policies that the SPREP Secretariat provide assistance on. ▪ All member countries has existing legislations to support enforcement on the protection of resources and supporting economic development. These environmental legislations such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Environmental Management Acts; EIA Regulations, Waster Regulations; Endangered and Protected Species Act; CTIES Act etc. ▪ SPREP provides support in the review of these Acts and Regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The guidelines on strengthening Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment in Pacific Islands and territories. ▪ Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) and SPREP jointly developed the Coastal Tourism Development Environmental Impact Assessment guidelines ▪ SPREP provides support to members in review and drafting of environmental policy and legislation ▪ Multilateral Environmental Agreements including the SPREP Noumea Convention ▪ Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands Region 2014 -2020 ▪ Development of the State of Environmental Report and National Environmental Management Strategies for SPREP member countries. ▪ Through the Inform Project, SPREP is supporting PICs to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACP/MEA Phase 3 Capacity Building Programme. ▪ INFORM Programme. Is the unified response for the need of data-driven decision making in the Pacific through partnership between Pacific island countries, SPREP and UNEP to increase the availability of environmental data. ▪ Capacity Building for National and Regional Environmental Information and Knowledge Management

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<p>analysis and reporting on results, nationally and regionally.</p> <p>4. Strengthen synergies between science, policy, and traditional and local knowledge.</p>			<p>develop set up its data and information management systems to support planning and decision making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific Network of Environment Assessment (PNEA). The network strengthened the engagement of Environmental Planning and Assessments practitioners in the region ▪ Pacific Learning Partnership on Environmental Social Safeguard Capacity Building Programme. ▪ Strengthening regional capacity and training on environment assessment and planning practices ▪ SPREP/UNEP Capacity Building for National and Regional Environmental Information and Knowledge Management 	