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To: National GEF Focal Points
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SUBJECT: GEF Healthy Oceans Initiative

Dear Members,

SPREP presents its compliments to the Country GEF Focal Points and would like to remind Members of the agreed output from the GEF Pacific Constituency meeting held in late May 2019 in Palau. As per paragraph 21 of the meeting minutes (outlined below), it was agreed a coordinated approach to presenting priorities for the Healthy Oceans initiative at the forthcoming Extended Constituency Workshop (ECW) to be held in Nadi Fiji from the 22nd – 25th July would be undertaken:

21. Members agreed with the GEF's request and acknowledged a coordinated approach would be the strongest avenue of providing the set of priorities. They have requested SPREP coordinate the request to countries and collate responses into a paper which is to be circulated for comment and finalization by Members prior to the ECW meeting.

To date, SPREP has not received any priorities from Members relating to this matter for the development of the paper.

The GEF during informal discussions in Washington DC at the 56th GEF Council meeting in June, has identified the need to redraft the current project document relating to the Healthy Oceans initiative, in order to reflect country priorities and rationalise the proposed activities.

It is in this context that SPREP would like to encourage Members of the importance to prepare for the discussions scheduled for the GEF EWC in July in Nadi to enable national priorities to be reflected in the redrafting of the project document.

Yours sincerely,



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