

## CIRCULAR

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**TO:** SPREP National Focal Points  
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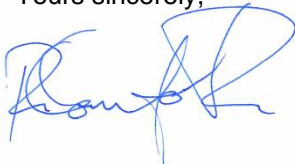
Dear Focal Points,

I have much pleasure in announcing a call for applications to the Lui Bell Scholarship Fund. SPREP established this fund in 2013, to honor the life and work of Lui Bell and his commitment to the conservation of marine species in the Pacific. Funding for the Scholarship will be provided by the European Union through the Pacific-European Union Marine Programme (PEUMP). The Lui Bell Scholarship Fund is part of a broad SPREP engagement in PEUMP's activities, especially in the areas of bycatch mitigation and conservation of coastal biodiversity.

The scholarship is designed to promote the development of scientific expertise for Pacific Island nationals in areas related to the conservation and management of Pacific marine wildlife (turtles, cetaceans, sharks and rays, and seabirds) threatened by the impacts of fishing. Previous recipients have made significant contributions to the conservation of whales and of seagrass beds in Fiji.

Full details of the Fund and an application form are included with this Circular. Please distribute this information as widely as possible through your usual networks. I look forward to receiving this year's applications before 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019.

Yours sincerely,



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