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SUBJECT: Introducing the following:

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments and engagements:



Mr. Unity Roebek, a national of Samoa, has been appointed to the position of Turtle Database and Conservation Officer with the Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE) Programme. Unity holds a Master of Science (Aquaculture Science and Technology) from James Cook University, Australia and a Bachelor of Science (Biology & Chemistry) from the University of the South Pacific (USP), Samoa and Fiji. Unity joined SPREP from Samoa's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries where he had worked as a Senior Fisheries Officer for the past eight and a half years. He started in his new role on 2 June 2020

In his role, Unity will support the delivery of Key Result Area five of the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership Programme and other SPREP initiatives in relation to promoting turtle monitoring and conservation in the region.

Mr. Roger Warren, a national of Samoa, has been appointed to the position of Human Resources (HR) Officer within the HR Department. Roger holds a Bachelor of Commerce (HR Management and Employment Relations & Tourism Studies) from USP, Samoa. He joined SPREP from Samoa Stationery and Books in Apia where he had been working as the HR Manager for the past four years. Roger started at SPREP on 8 June 2020.



As part of his role as the HR Officer, Roger is responsible for providing advice, guidance, services and support on Human Resources policies, issues and procedures.



Ms. Gloria Roma, a national of Samoa, has been appointed to the position of Information and Research Officer with the GCCA+ Scaled Up Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (SUPA) Project under the Climate Change and Resilience Programme. Gloria is a recent graduate from the University of Auckland, New Zealand (NZ) with a Postgraduate Diploma in Science and a Bachelor of Science (Environmental and Biological Sciences). She had been working as a Marketing and Administration

Officer for Apia Central Hotel and completed an internship with Conservation International Samoa in 2018 as part of her studies. Gloria is expected to start in her new role in July 2020.

Gloria will be responsible for the collection, updating and monitoring of the information required to carry out the impact analysis of adaptation interventions in the Pacific. These key responsibilities will be undertaken in collaboration with the SUPA project team working closely with other programmes and departments within SPREP, and with the SUPA project teams at the Pacific Community and USP.

Secondment



Ms. Hannah Hendriks-Berendsen has been seconded to SPREP from the Department of Conservation (DOC), NZ as the Migratory Marine Species Conservation Officer. Hannah commenced on 8 June 2020 and is working remotely from NZ until a time when relocation to Samoa is possible given current international travel restrictions. During her one-year secondment, Hannah will work closely with the Threatened and Migratory Species team, within the IOE Programme at SPREP. The purpose of her role will be to consult with relevant partners and complete the Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme and Action Plan as well as assisting in preparations for a regional marine species workshop and implementing outcomes of a regional CITIES workshop.

We extend a warm welcome and congratulations to all our new SPREP Community members on their appointments and we look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to the region.

We would also like to acknowledge the following individuals' services and contributions to SPREP and the region as they pursue other personal developments in their life journeys:

1. Mr. Shannan Mortimer – Invasive Species Specialist (was on secondment from DOC, NZ) – completed his secondment with SPREP on 5 June 2020
2. Mr. Franck Connan – Marine Environment Conservation Specialist (was on secondment from Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Marine, France) – secondment to complete on 30 June 2020

Yours sincerely,



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