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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

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Dear Focal Points,

SUBJECT: Indicator-based reporting for the Regional State of Environment and Conservation report

Further to the SPREP Circular 19/44 on the above-mentioned matter, I am pleased to inform you that the development of the 2020 Regional State of the Environment and Conservation report (SoE&C) is progressing well. A brief update is provided below for information and additional input as indicated:

- The regional SoE&C Report provides a high-level indicator-based assessment of the state of environment and conservation in the region and is built on national SoEs, other relevant reports, as well as readily available data.
- The report contains an assessment of the trends and conditions of the environment to better inform decision-making at the regional level.
- The list of SPREP approved regional indicators is used to guide the process
- National Focal Points and Indicator Reference Group were established consisting of specialists in the region on specific indicators. Their main task is to review and comment on the indicators. This process started in late 2019, and since then, draft indicator-based assessments have been developed and are now being reviewed by the experts in the Indicator Reference Group.
- It is envisaged that the entire process for developing the regional SoE&C report will be completed by the end of November 2020 for the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas including other key international and regional processes such as the post 2020 global biodiversity framework and the new Pacific islands region nature conservation and protected area framework.

In view of the above, your input and assistance is kindly requested to review and provide comments where necessary on the draft indicator assessments. Each indicator assessment has been packaged in a concise and succinct manner highlighting key information in a way that is easy to follow and understand. In reviewing the draft indicator assessments, I encourage you to please let us know if there are any important information that you feel should be included, corrected, or removed.

It is our intention to ensure an accurate picture of the state of environment and conservation in the region is provided to inform appropriate and sustainable actions to improve the state of environment and conservation in the region for the betterment of our Pacific peoples and community.



To access the assessments, please click [Access Indicator Assessments](#) and follow the steps below:

- 1) **Click** on the Google Drive link below that is housing all 31 indicator assessments. Please note that these assessments are still the development stages hence why they are draft versions.
- 2) **Download** an Indicator of interest (comment using tracked changes, save and send back to email address below), OR
- 3) **Double Click** on indicator of interest and provide comments on it (add comment online in Google Docs) with quotes or references to sections of the document's text to map your way through. (If you prefer to make in-line changes, please use Suggestion Mode so that your changes are tracked.)

Kindly submit all comments by **Friday, 11th September 2020** and should you require further information please contact any of the following for more information: Paul Anderson paula@sprep.org, Amanda Wheatley amandaw@sprep.org, Tiffany Straza tstraza@gmail.com or Julie Callebaut juliec@sprep.org.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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