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**SUBJECT:** Pacific Islands Survey to assess Pacific Members capacity to monitor and study Ocean Acidification

Dear Members,

SPREP is working with the Ocean Foundation and NOAA to develop a new three-year project focused on building capacity to monitor and study ocean acidification in the Pacific Islands. The project will include distribution of kits to conduct ocean acidification monitoring and the creation of a regional training hub.

The purpose of this survey is to identify institutions and scientists in the Pacific Islands that have an interest in studying ocean acidification. Additionally, through this survey we seek to understand the current capacity of interested institutions. The results of this survey will guide the development of this new project.

To support the design of this project please complete [this survey](#) by 31 October 2020 so that we can assess current capabilities and needs in the region.

Overseeing the development of this new effort to build permanent capacity in the Pacific Islands through the creation of a regional training hub and distribution of equipment is Alexis Valauri-Orton (initiative project manager), a Program Officer at The Ocean Foundation.

If you have any further questions about this survey, please e-mail Alexis Valauri-Orton at [avalauriorton@oceanfdn.org](mailto:avalauriorton@oceanfdn.org).

Kind regards,

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