



## CIRCULAR

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**TO:** SPREP National Focal Points

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**SUBJECT: Regional Marine Species Programme Action Plans – Review and Regional Meeting/Pacific Cetacean MOU meeting of signatories**

Dear SPREP Members,

Further to the SPREP Circular 20/24 of April 2020 on the above subject matter, kindly note that we will be completing the consultations with country marine species technical staff by March 12<sup>th</sup>. This will enable us to finalise the new draft plans for circulation and comment.

To date, there are still a number of countries who are yet to engage in the process and provide input to us through Ms. Hannah Hendriks, the New Zealand Department of Conservation secondee assisting with this process.

Please note that if you are still intending to provide comments on the previous Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme 2013-2017 and plans, please contact Hannah [hannahh.ext@sprep.org](mailto:hannahh.ext@sprep.org) at your earliest convenience so that your views can help us finalise the new draft plans.

Furthermore, it is our intention to hold a regional meeting to agree and finalise plans from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021. In conjunction with this meeting, we will also be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of signatories to the Pacific Cetacean MoU. This MoU which is under the auspices of the Convention on Migratory Species came into effect in 2006 and the last meeting of signatories was held in 2012. The meetings will be held virtually as we don't expect travel to be widely available by then.

I thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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