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FILE: AP 2/15/5 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
DATE: 9 February 2022
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SUBJECT: **Approval to use Turtle data from the Turtle Research and monitoring Database System (TREDS)**

Dear Members,

The online Turtle Research and monitoring Database System (TREDS), contains a wealth of information and turtle data from SPREP's Members and is a valuable platform for entering, storing, and analyzing turtle data.

SPREP has an opportunity to collaborate with the World Wildlife Fund's Coral-Triangle Program (WWF). This collaboration would require access to the turtle data from the database to undertake analysis to identify regionally important migration routes and foraging grounds that are high priority conservation areas for hawksbill turtles. This would support and assist in decision making on where conservation interventions and or policy reforms are needed to recover the critically endangered hawksbill turtle populations in the Western Pacific. The collaboration will place more emphasis on the protection of critical migration routes and foraging grounds for hawksbill turtles. The analysis of the data will be conducted by Mr. Unity Roebeck, Turtle Database and Conservation Officer in collaboration with Ms. Christine Madden Hof, Project Manager, Marine Turtle Use and Trade Asia-Pacific Initiative of WWF.

This circular is to notify you of this opportunity and seek your support and agreement for the use of the database as per the terms of the existing TREDS Data Sharing Policy, attached here for your convenience.

Please advise if you have any concerns with the data from TREDS being used for this purpose. We would sincerely appreciate if you could indicate a contact person who can collaborate with SPREP's Turtle Database and Conservation Officer in updating your respective turtle data in the online web-based Turtle Research and monitoring Database System (TREDS).

Please provide any feedback to our Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser, Karen Baird karenb@sprep.org **before 21 February 2022**. A lack of response will be taken as no objection and support for this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General

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