

## SPREP/SWAP Online workshop on Marine Litter

### CONCEPT NOTE

**Topic:** Tackling marine litter: from coastal clean-up to decision making

**Schedule:**

1. Date: 6 April 2022
2. Time: 2pm (Samoa time)
3. Duration: 2 hours
4. Delivery Platform: Zoom

**Tools required:**

- Registration form
- Software to host the workshop: Zoom
- Interpretation French/English

## I. CONTEXTE

### A. Context

Marine pollution is the result of harmful chemicals entering the ocean, polluted wastewaters, industrial, agricultural and residential waste, garbage from ships, and the spread of invasive organisms. A major source of marine pollution is related to plastics intentionally thrown from shore or boats, or are unintentionally carried by winds or streams.

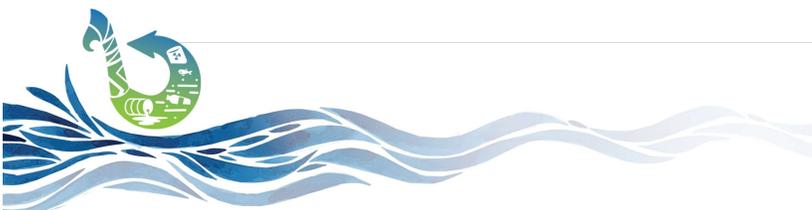
A report by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation has revealed that there are now over 150 million tonnes of plastics in the oceans. That's about one tonne of plastics for every three tonnes of fish. If the trend continues, plastics will outweigh fish in the oceans by 2050.

Pacific islands are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of marine litter, due to the particular value and sensitivity of their coastal environments.

To discuss this issue and the tools that can be used in the struggle against this marine litter problem (awareness, clean-ups, audits, etc.), SPREP, through the SWAP project, plans to conduct a two-hour virtual meeting to be held in April 2022.

This online workshop will be structured in four parts:

- The first part (25 minutes) aims to provide an overview of the marine litter problem: origins and sources of production of marine litter, potential impacts (financial revenues, human health, aquatic life, etc.) and how to raise awareness to address this issue;
- The second part (30 minutes) focuses on the preparation and organization of a coastal clean-up campaign with the sharing of experience from an association that has been conducting clean-ups for several years;





- The third part (20 minutes) aims to inform participants about the value of conducting a statistically reliable waste survey and audit during a beach clean-up using the United Nations Methodology. The objective of this session is to make the audience aware of the value of conducting this type of waste audit as a common tool for public awareness and decision making by authorities; and
- The workshop will end with a 25-minute A/Q session.

## B. Objectives of the workshop

The workshop is designed for the participants to:

- Understand the origins and the impacts of marine litter in order to implement and develop tools to raise awareness to address this problem
- Get practical information on how to prepare and conduct a clean-up campaign based on shared experiences
- Be informed about the value of conducting a statistically sound waste survey and audit.

Note: It is anticipated that the workshop will be followed within two months by practical training on how to conduct a statistically-sound waste survey and audit.

## C. Topics and speakers

The topics and speakers that are proposed for the workshop are:

- Overview of the marine litter issue (sources, environmental impacts, data, etc.): Ms. Susana Telakau, SPREP/WMPC, Solid Waste Management Adviser;
- Awareness-raising tools: Mr. Camden Howitt, Co-Founder and Programmes Director of Sustainable Coastlines;
- Preparation and organisation of a clean-up campaign and sharing experience: Ms. Sarah Kollar, Outreach Manager, International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) - Trash Free Seas® Program - Ocean Conservancy and Ms. Christina Shaw, CEO of The Vanuatu Environmental Science Society;
- Conduction of a statistically sound waste survey and audit: Mr. Camden Howitt, Co-Founder and Programmes Director of Sustainable Coastlines.

## D. Audience

Any organisation (Ministries, NGOs, Associations, Communities, etc.) concerned by this issue in the Pacific and wishing to get involved in marine litter management.



## II. AGENDA

SPREP/SWAP Online workshop on Marine Litter Management		
<b>2:00pm – 2:04pm</b>	Introduction to the logistical arrangements for the meeting	InsightPact
<b>2:04pm – 2:07pm</b>	Welcome	Mr Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
<b>2:07pm – 2:10pm</b>	Overview of the workshop (SWAP)	Mrs Julie Pillet WMPC, SWAP Project Coordinator
<b>2:10pm – 2:15pm</b>	Video of the International Coastal Clean-up Day	VESS video
<b>2:15pm – 2:20pm</b>	Photo	InsightPact
<b>2:20pm – 2:35pm</b>	Overview of the marine litter problem: origin, effects, etc.	Mrs Susana Telakau WMPC, Solid Waste Management Adviser
<b>2:35pm – 2:45pm</b>	How to raise awareness to address this problem and reduce the production of marine litter	Mr Camden Howitt Co-Founder and Programmes Director of Sustainable Coastlines
<b>2:45pm – 3:05pm</b>	Organisation of coastlines and beaches clean-ups	Mrs Sarah Kollar Outreach Manager, International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Trash Free Seas® Program Ocean Conservancy
<b>3:05pm – 3:15pm</b>	Sharing of experience in organising beach clean-ups	Mrs Christina Shaw CEO of The Vanuatu Environmental Science Society
<b>3:15pm – 3:35pm</b>	Waste audit	Mr Camden Howitt Co-Founder and Programmes Director of Sustainable Coastlines
<b>3:35pm – 4:00pm</b>	Discussion	Mrs Julie Pillet WMPC, SWAP Project Coordinator
<b>4:00pm – 4:05pm</b>	Session Close	Mr. Anthony Talouli WMPC, Acting Director
<b>4:05pm – 4:10pm</b>	Video of the International Coastal Clean-up Day	Video “Foyer socio-éducatif Wallis”
<b>4:10pm – 4:15pm</b>	Workshop Assessment	InsightPact



