

## CIRCULAR

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**SUBJECT: Pacific Coral Reef Collective – Cairns Workshop and Site Visits 30 July – 5 August 2023**

Dear Focal Points,

Under the implementation of the [Pacific Coral Reef Action Plan](#), SPREP is working with our partners in the region to improve the region's access to the best available science and knowledge on current reef management practices.

Please find attached for your consideration an invitation from the Chief Executive Officer of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Mr Josh Thomas, to attend a workshop and site visits to the Great Barrier Reef, Australia, to examine reef management approaches.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (Reef Authority) is empowered under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act (1975). Over the years the Authority has adapted their management approaches through engagement with stakeholders, science and with local communities, and traditional owners.

The Reef Authority invites two delegates each from Pacific Island Countries to attend this 7 day workshop in Cairns, Australia from 30 July to 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Travel, accommodation and expenses will be covered by the Reef Authority.

We highly encourage you to nominate two delegates who are engaged in decision making and reef management to attend this workshop.

The final day of the workshop will be a Talanoa for Pacific delegates to discuss priorities for support and capacity needs for reef management. The Reef Authority hopes the workshop provides the opportunity to strengthen its relationships and information sharing with Pacific partners.

Please RSVP directly to the Reef Authority via email [PCRC@gbrmpa.gov.au](mailto:PCRC@gbrmpa.gov.au) as per the attached invitation, at your earliest convenience.

Please contact Peter Davies, SPREP Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Adviser [peterd@sprep.org](mailto:peterd@sprep.org) if you would like any clarification on this initiative.

Yours Sincerely



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