

## Quarterly Update 2025Q4

### Acknowledgments

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many donors and partners who continue to support both the SPREP North Pacific Office, and the many projects within the Micronesian sub-region.

- ❖ GEF: funds the Islands Pacific Child project, the Regional Invasives Project, and the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change project.
- ❖ GCF: funds the BioScapes initiative in the sub-region.
- ❖ Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Geoscience Australia: provides support for COSSPAC meteorological and climate services.
- ❖ New Zealand: funds climate resilience projects among others.
- ❖ Republic of the Marshall Islands: contributes the NPO office space, as well as its annual contribution to the NPO.
- ❖ European Union: funds ClimSA activities to improve access to and use of climate information, services and applications for decision makers. The EU also funds the BioScapes initiative.

### North Pacific Office

The North Pacific Office kept busy during the fourth quarter of 2025 with high-level accomplishments listed here:

- ❖ SPREP NPO presented founding documents at the Micronesian Island Forum in Majuro.
- ❖ SPREP brought on new NPO Manager, Mr. Michael Honeth. He, together with Mr. Kilom Ishiguro as Technical Expert and Liaison Officer, make up the two full-time staff at the NPO.
- ❖ At SPREP32 NPO side-meeting Kiribati, Nauru and RMI approved 'in principle' the foundational documents for the NPO. Digital binder sent out to Members to encourage consensus endorsement early next year.
- ❖ SPREP accepted lead in Nauru Greening Drylands project with planning activities expected to start in 2026.
- ❖ Mission to FSM led by DDG. Initiated Strategic Planning Framework (CTSPF) with target completion for Q1 2026.
- ❖ RMI CTSPF moved forward with target completion for Q1 2026.
- ❖ Close-out meeting for GEF6 Regional Invasives Project held in RMI.
- ❖ COSSPAC - CSI EARWatch and CliDE mission travelled to FSM, Palau and RMI.
- ❖ Supported invasive rat and bird eradications in RMI, and war on weeds in Kosrae and Palau.
- ❖ Moving forward on GEF8 preliminaries and support letters.
- ❖ New Zealand committed to enhanced support for sub-regional climate resilience efforts with NPO lead.

## SPREP Sub-regional Activities

SPREP continued to engage directly with Micronesian regional Members on a number of ongoing projects as detailed below.

### CNMI and Guam

- SPREP Executive is in on-going discussions with the territories on operational and strategic planning.

### Federated States of Micronesia

- Adaptation Fund Project Extension (Sept 2025–Sept 2026): Enhancing climate resilience of vulnerable island communities; focus on water security, sanitation, and gender-inclusive livelihoods.
- National Adaptation Planning (NAP) Support: Ongoing vulnerability assessments and alignment with FSM's updated NDC 3.0 (Sept 2025).
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- IICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- BioScapes: Protected Areas Network Policy Framework - Support for implementation and strengthening of governance for protected areas, and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) and ecosystem assessments to improve resilience and biodiversity management. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- GEF Islands.
- Ongoing World War II Wrecks project in oil cleanup training.
- LDCC - Addressing Loss and Damage under the Pacific Regional Partnership.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP).
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- COSSPAC-CSI EARWatch (early warning rainfall) and CliDE (climate data) mission.

### Kiribati

- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- ClimSA.
- BioScapes: Marine Spatial Planning - Development and implementation of marine spatial plans for sustainable resource use, and Seabird Habitat Protection - Invasive species eradication on Kiritimati Island to safeguard seabird populations. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- GEF Islands.
- ICCE- Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP).
- UKMO - Met Office.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- COSSPAC-CSI EARWatch (early warning rainfall) and CliDE (climate data) mission.

## **Nauru**

- PCCC conducted training on fundamentals of project development and climate funding access.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- Participation in COP30 advocacy through Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion (Nov 2025).
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- ClimSA.
- GEF Islands.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Nauru GEF Readiness II.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP).
- COSSPAC-CSI EARWatch and CliDE mission.

## **Palau**

- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- Policy development support for climate resilience and environmental governance.
- GEF Islands.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- BioScapes: Capacity Building for Protected Areas Network (PAN) - Strengthening site-level management and governance for 38 PAN sites and 14 other protected areas, Marine Turtle Nesting Beach Surveys - Implementing long-term monitoring programs, and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Identification - Supporting inclusive processes to identify and manage KBAs. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- COSSPAC-CSI EARWatch (early warning rainfall) and CliDE (climate data) mission.

## **Republic of the Marshall Islands**

- SPREP presented NPO activities at the Micronesian Islands Forum in Majuro.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- GEF6 STAR Regional Invasives Project held close-out meeting in Majuro.
- GEF Islands.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP).
- RMI GEF Readiness II.
- BioScapes: Coral Reef Fisheries Management - Enhancing management and resilience of coral reef ecosystems, and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) for climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- COSSPAC-CSI EARWatch (early warning rainfall) and CliDE (climate data) mission.