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SUBJECT: Development of the State of the Environment and Conservation in the Pacific Islands: 2025 Regional Report.

Dear Members,

I am pleased to inform you that the development of the 2025 Regional State of the Environment and Conservation (SoEC) Report is now underway, supported through the financial assistance of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade – SPREP Support Climate Change (Policy, Operational, Advisory, and Enabling Support) programme. This report will serve as an update to the <u>first regional report</u>, which was published in 2020. A brief update is provided below for your information and additional input as indicated:

- The Regional SoEC Report provides a high-level, indicator-based assessment of the state of environment and conservation in the region and is built on national SoEs, other relevant reports, as well as readily available data.
- The report will contain an assessment of the trends and conditions of the environment to better inform decision-making at the regional level since its last reporting in 2020.
- The list of SPREP members approved regional indicators is used to guide the process.
- National Focal Points, regional experts and partners will be consulted as part of the validation process for the regional report.
- It is envisaged that the entire process for developing the Regional SoEC Report will be completed by early 2026.

In view of the above, it is our intention of the report to provide an accurate picture of the state of environment and conservation in the region to inform appropriate and sustainable actions for strengthening the resilience of our Pacific peoples and communities.

To this end, the Secretariat has contracted Ms. Shannon Langton (greenpacificsamoa@gmail.com) and Ms. Tiffany Straza (tstraza@gmail.com) to lead the development of the 2025 Regional SoEC Report. They will be reaching out directly to members and relevant experts to source data, gather inputs, and engage in consultations throughout the process.

Therefore, we kindly request your cooperation in providing a designated contact point who can liaise with our consulting team and provide data and information to support this regional reporting process. For more information on the development of the regional SoEC report, please contact Mr Vainuupo Jungblut at vainuupoj@sprep.org and copy Lagi Reupena at lagir@sprep.org

We look forward to your continued engagement and collaboration in the development of this important regional report.

Yours Sincerely,

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