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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Blue Corridors for Turtles Project**

Dear National Focal Points,

SPREP is supporting a **Blue Corridors for Turtles project** through WWF and other partners. This is a global initiative to identify critical habitats for turtles, particularly at-risk, populations that need greater protection (see attached [project brochure](#) for details). Data is being sourced through experts within each country who are already working on turtles that we are aware of, including those using the SPREP Turtle Research and Monitoring Database System (TREDS).

The Blue Corridors for Turtles project is seeking data contributions, including sharing satellite tracking, genetic and nesting data on marine turtles. SPREP will also provide the Blue Corridors for Turtles partnership access to the TREDS database and where needed, seek permission to use nonpublic domain data for the project.

The Blue Corridors for Turtles project will help establish Important Marine Turtle Areas. Identifying these critical habitats for turtles will help advance conservation strategies and enforcement measures for targeted and effective interventions that support marine turtle recovery worldwide, and support delivery of policy targets such as the Global Biodiversity Framework (30x30 agenda), and Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction.

SPREP seeks your support and willingness to share any raw (or processed) telemetry, nesting and genetic data that your governments' agencies may have which is not already submitted to the TREDS database. If you are aware of ongoing research, please share this opportunity with your in-country turtle network and disseminate the google data form below.

Please also note that the National Marine Turtle Coordinators are aware of this call and have also been contacted.

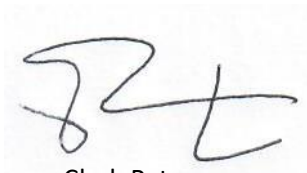
The [Information Page](#) provides links to the data submission forms and further context about the project, its current progress and timelines for submission, by 31 March 2026.

NB. Shared data are not intended to be further distributed, communicated, or used for publishing, unless with prior consent. All data used will be fully acknowledged in any product published or otherwise made publicly available.

The Terms of Reference for data use and Frequently Asked Questions about the project are found in the google form link above. If you have any other questions, please contact the Blue Corridors Core Team at bluecorridorsforturtles@gmail.com or SPREPs Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser Karen Baird karenb@SPREP.org

We thank you for your collaboration and support.

Yours sincerely,



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