

## First Executive Board Meeting

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### **AGENDA ITEM 7.2: Update on SPREP EU EDF-11 programme and project engagement**

#### **Purpose:**

1. Update the Executive Board on progress in the development of SPREP projects funded through the EU EDF-11

#### **Background:**

2. As Members were advised at the 28th SPREP Meeting in 2017, SPREP has secured funding through the EU EDF-11 ACP component under Objectives 2.1 (Pacific-European Union Marine Programme - PEUMP) and Objective 2.2 (Pacific-European Union Waste Management Programme - PacWaste Plus). PEUMP will be implemented through a consortium comprised of SPC, FFA, and SPREP through co-delegation agreements and USP through direct agreement with the EU while PacWaste Plus will be implemented by SPREP through direct agreement with the EU.
3. The budget for the SPREP component (By-catch and Integrated Ecosystem Management - BIEM) within the €45 million PEUMP has been finalised at €6.6 million. It will be implemented regionally and nationally for the by-catch conservation and management component and within Fiji, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands for the integrated coastal ecosystem management component. IUCN will be engaged under contract to implement the marine spatial planning aspects of the project.
4. The budget for PacWaste Plus has been confirmed at €17 million and will be implemented in partnership with SPC and USP, aligning with regional priorities identified under Cleaner Pacific 2025 and will be implemented in 14 PICs and Timor Leste.
5. Since the 2017 SPREP Meeting the SPREP role in the €36 million EDF-11 OCT Protégé programme has been confirmed. The goal of the overall programme is to strengthen sustainable and resilient development of OCT economies in the face of climate change by building on biodiversity and renewable natural resources. OCTs participating in the project are French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn Island, and Wallis and Futuna. It will address four thematic areas: 1) agriculture; 2) marine resources; 3) water and 4) invasive species. SPREP will manage and coordinate the invasive species thematic area through a co-delegation agreement with SPC who will oversee the whole programme and the other three thematic areas. The SPREP component is costed at €5.5 million.

6. The EU has advised that agreements for PEUMP and the Protégé will be signed at the Pacific Forum Leaders Meeting in Nauru in September 2018. The agreement for PacWaste Plus is targeted to be signed at the Clean Pacific Roundtable Meeting in Fiji in August 2018. Inception phases will then commence for all the programmes. Recruitment processes for project personnel for PEUMP-BIEM and PacWaste Plus commenced in July 2018 to facilitate rapid commencement of the projects.

**Recommendations:**

7. The Executive Board is invited to:
  - **note** progress in the development and commencement of EDF-11 ACP and OCT programmes and associated SPREP projects;

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