



NATURE CONSERVATION ACTION FOR A RESILIENT PACIFIC

10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas

Our biodiversity is in trouble as it declines across our region at an alarming rate. We must act now to ensure conservation management of our biodiversity, which is critical for our Pacific islands to be resilient and able to adapt to a changing world.

From 19–24 April this year in Noumea, New Caledonia, hundreds of people will be coming together at the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas.

The Conference concludes with a High Level Segment bringing Pacific Island Leaders, Government Ministers and heads of organisations together to agree on a pathway for Nature Conservation Action for a Resilient Pacific.

Why we must conserve and manage our biodiversity

Our biodiversity supports our livelihood. Sale of seafood products constitutes the first or the second income of an average of 50% of the households of the coastal communities of 17 Pacific countries.

Our biodiversity helps to mitigate climate change. Destroying ocean ecosystems releases carbon. Vegetated coastal habitat loss is between 0.5% and 3% of their global area each year, resulting in the release of carbon dioxide equivalent to burning 423 billion litres of petrol.¹

Our biodiversity supports our economies. Healthy ecosystems and protected wildlife supports the tourism industry in the region. For example, shark viewing tourism in Fiji generates an annual revenue of millions of dollars.

How the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas will help our biodiversity

The conference brings together people from across the Pacific region to discuss and contribute to solutions for nature conservation action. These contributions will inform the new Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas for beyond 2020, which will guide the conservation efforts of all stakeholders, countries and partners in the Pacific islands region.

Get involved!

Be a part of the solution. Participate in or contribute to the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas. Learn more or register to attend at www.pacificnatureconference.com

Showcase your projects, initiatives, products or agency. Opportunities are available for exhibition space or visibility through sponsoring elements of the conference including the 2nd Pacific Islands Environmental Leadership Awards. Contact pacificconference2020@sprep.org



¹ Spalding et al. 2016. Atlas of Ocean Wealth. The Nature Conservancy; Pendleton et al. 2012.

Have your say in the conversation to shape the Framework that will guide our region towards more effective conservation and biodiversity management. **Download the Attendify App** to your mobile phone and search for ‘10th Pacific Nature Conference’, create your profile and contribute to the discussion!

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*A resilient Pacific environment
sustaining our livelihoods and
natural heritage in harmony
with our cultures.*

