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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Warm greetings from the SPREP campus,

July was a busy month for Samoa as they hosted the XVI Pacific Games, and for the Secretariat as we helped them execute the first ever “Green Pacific Games”.

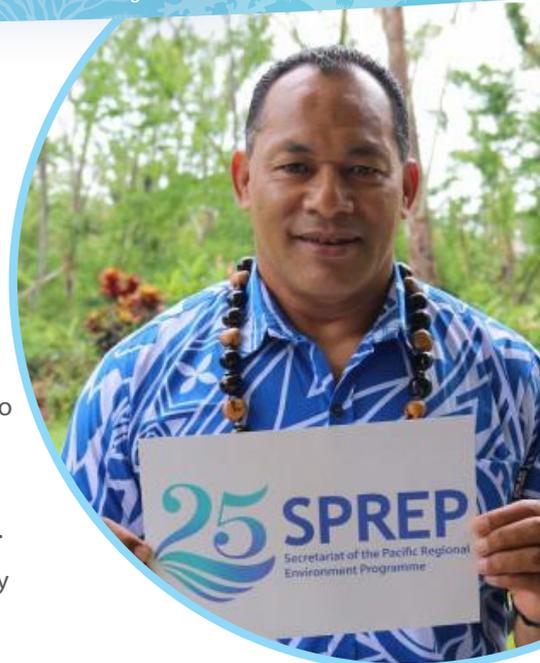
The Samoa 2019 Pacific Games has now set the standard for more Green events to be held in the Pacific in the near future. It was an excellent platform to encourage a change in behaviour in our Pacific island people, by using athletes whom most of us look up to, to set an example for us all to follow.

I would like to thank our partners for their generous support and contribution to the Greening of the Games campaign, without which none of this would have been possible.

I would also like to congratulate the Government of Samoa and its people for successfully hosting the biggest Pacific Games to date with only 14 months to prepare - and if that wasn't enough of a challenge, deciding to commit to making it a Green Pacific Games.

Finally, my congratulations to all athletes who competed in the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games, for their commitment to caring for our Pacific environment.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS

PARTNERS SHOWCASE “ONE IN SPIRIT” THROUGH GREENING OF THE GAMES

Four days out from the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games, several international development partners stepped up and, in the true spirit of the Games, pledged their support in bringing about the first ever “Green” Pacific Games.

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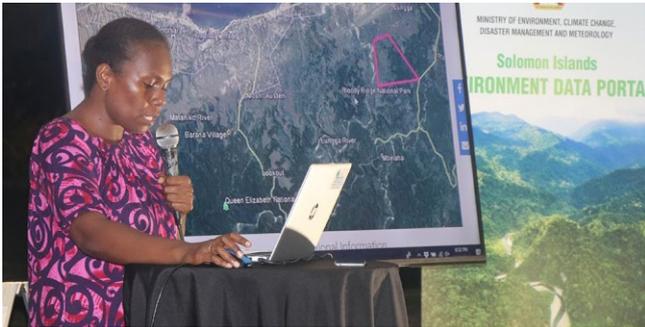
PHD SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR PACIFIC ISLAND CITIZENS, APPLICATIONS CLOSE 26 JULY



A partnership between SPREP and the University of Newcastle (UON) Australia, has led to the call for applications from Pacific islanders for two Higher Degree Research scholarships for Pacific Environmental Protection.

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SOLOMON ISLANDS LAUNCH PRODUCTS TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE



Helping Solomon Islands to further enhance environment monitoring and reporting was the objective behind the launch of a national environmental online portal as well as a range of reports called the Ecosystem Resilience Analysis and Mapping Report in June.

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PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SPREP AND SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FORMALISED



SPREP and the Solomon Islands National University have signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding which will lead to capacity building activities and training to implement environmental and climate change projects.

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BARANA NATURE AND HERITAGE PARK – A CONSERVATION MILESTONE FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS



Launched on 27 June, the Barana Nature and Heritage Park is a milestone for community-based conservation in Solomon Islands.

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MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT! TAKE THE GREENING OF THE GAMES SURVEY



To know how successful the Greening of the Games campaign was, a survey is underway to collect the thoughts and opinions of Pacific Games athletes, officials and spectators. The survey can be accessed online at the below link.

[TAKE THE SURVEY ...](#)

PLAY THE GREEN PACIFIC CHALLENGE AND WIN



People who showed environmentally friendly attitude during the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games, supporting a beautiful and plastic free Samoa, went into the draw to receive great prizes as part of the Play Green Pacific challenge.

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IMPROVING CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL AND MARINE
BIODIVERSITY IN THE PACIFIC



Representatives from five Pacific island countries were in Nadi in July to begin the development of regional and national plans to implement the European Union funded Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership programme Bycatch and Integrated Ecosystems Management component.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAMOA 2019
PACIFIC GAMES MEDALLISTS!



SABRINA REUPENA
SILVER - WOMEN'S TOUCH RUGBY



RAYMOND SCHUSTER
SILVER - MIXED TOUCH RUGBY



ATITOAFAIGA TAU
GOLD - WOMEN'S TAG (EXHIBITION
SPORT)

SPREP WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR THREE STAFF MEMBERS WHO REPRESENTED SAMOA IN THE RECENT SAMOA 2019 PACIFIC GAMES ON THEIR TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS. MS SABRINA REUPENA, MR RAYMOND SCHUSTER AND MS ATITOAFAIGA TAU ALL ACQUIRED MEDALS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BIGGEST PACIFIC GAMES IN HISTORY. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!



GREENING OF THE GAMES HIGHLIGHTS



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