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In recent years he has been delivering development assistance to Pacific countries. This has included the successful GEF Prodoc for the Cook Islands and the GEF funded Regional ABS Project for the Pacific. In 2016-17 Mr Burton attended the UN where he was retained by Pacific Island States to provide technical advice on marine ABS during negotiations towards an Internationally Legally Binding Instrument for biodiversity conservation under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. He is currently providing development assistance to the Government of Samoa and contributing to a book on the implementation of ABS to be published by the University Bremen in 2019.

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