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# PACIFIC OCEAN POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMME (PACPOL) STRATEGY 2010–2014

## SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS



**SPREP**  
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional  
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In late 2009 Asia-Pacific ASA was contracted by Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to review the 2000–2004 PACPOL strategy and to use this review to create a new strategy for PACPOL 2010–2014. This paper summarises the revised strategy and the work plans to assist policy and decision makers in formalising the mission and vision of the revised PACPOL Strategy.

The **mission statement** of the PACPOL 2010–2014 Strategy is:

“To protect public health, safety, environment and natural resources of the Pacific Islands from the effects of ship sourced marine pollution.”

In order to achieve this mission for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories the **vision** of PACPOL is:

“That the people of the Pacific Islands are better able to prevent, minimise and mitigate ship sourced marine pollution.”

The PACPOL mission statement and vision will be achieved through the implementation of a number of work plans which fall under five broad core principles. The emphasis has been on prevention of marine pollution rather than mitigation.

## PREVENTION

- The creation of a marine pollution video
- An update to the shipping risk study
- A study on oil inputs from small crafts
- A study on oil inputs from sunken WWII vessels
- A study on marine litter
- The creation and dissemination of guidelines and information regarding marine noise
- A study on the effects of cruise liners on small island nations
- The creation of guidelines for the disposal of dredged material, bulky items and asbestos

## CONTROL

- The creation of a user guide to marine legislations and conventions
- An education campaign for Marine Protected Area's (MPA's) and Particularly Sensitive Sea Area's (PSSA's)
- Review of marine pollution legislation to reflect international developments

## MONITORING

- A marine spill trajectory modelling study for the Pacific
- A coastal resource mapping study for the Pacific Island Countries
- An in-depth study on introduced marine species; risk assessment and surveys
- A study on what to do with derelict and abandoned vessels

## MITIGATION

- Undertaking of exercises and training in marine pollution prevention and preparedness
- An update of the regional contingency plan (PACPLAN)
- An update on the national contingency plans (NATPLANS)
- Planning and guidance on places of refuge for shipping incidents
- The creation of a Regional Spill Response Team

## MANAGEMENT

- The PACPOL strategy format will be changed to be more user-friendly
- The creation of a Marine Pollution Project Officer at SPREP
- The creation of a PACPOL website



The 23 new work plans capture the wishes and opinions of the SPREP stakeholders whilst still ensuring international best practice. Each work plan describes the aim, scope, methods, outputs, budget and possible funding sources applicable. Funding options for the new work plans range from in-house SPREP funding to International Maritime Organization (IMO), Universities, Aid Agencies, Corporate, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Non Government Organisations (NGO's). All funding sources are explored in order to achieve the mission and vision of the PACPOL 2010–2014 Strategy.

The full cooperation and engagement of policy and decision makers is of utmost importance to ensure a successful outcome of the PACPOL strategy well into the future. The laws, legislations and conventions adopted and created today ensure that the Pacific Island Countries and Territories remain a clean and healthy environment for the people and children of the Pacific to enjoy in years to come.

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