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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Greetings from the Secretariat,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 78th issue of the SPREP-Tok e-newsletter for the month of August 2021.

In this issue, we highlight the outstanding achievement by one of our Member countries, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, who are now working on updating their 2016 State of Environment report. The report provides a status of the environment, helping policy and decision makers make informed decisions when it comes to environmental impact. RMI started its multi-sector consultation in August to review data already collected and to identify gaps, and I would like to commend the government of RMI and its stakeholders for taking initiative and ensuring that development is not at the expense of sustainability.

August also saw the release of the Sixth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The report paints a bleak picture and does not bode well for future generations, reinforcing the message that urgent changes must be made to limit global warming while there is still time. During this time, we also conducted a ManaClass for Pacific media, to help them better understand and interpret the Report, so they can use the data in their stories. Over 20 participants attended this ManaClass, and I would like to thank them all for taking the time to join us, as the issue of climate change is of utmost importance to our region.

I hope you all enjoy this issue.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok - NEWS FROM SPREP



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS LEADS THE PACIFIC REGION IN UPDATING ITS STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The Republic of the Marshall Islands is now working on updating their 2016 State of Environment report. This year, the 2021 SOE has a focus on multi-stakeholder engagement and input during its preparation.

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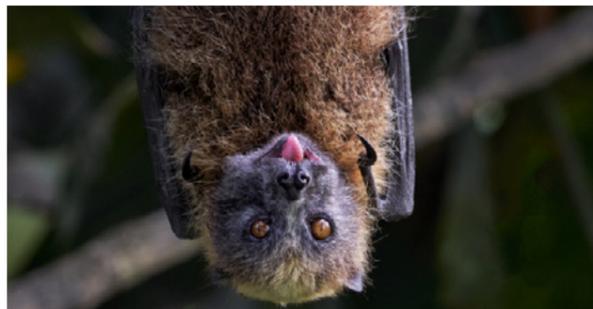
PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE OFFERS CAPACITY BUILDING COURSE ON ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION



A training programme to enhance climate resilience capacity through Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Mitigation in the Pacific region was delivered by the Pacific Climate Change Centre through its e-learning platform.

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A FIRST FOR THE PACIFIC – THE PACIFIC ISLAND BAT FORUM UNDERWAY IN AUGUST



The first Pacific islands Bat Forum opened virtually yesterday, bringing together bat conservationists and key stakeholders from across the Pacific region.

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INFORM E-LEARNING PLATFORM OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED



The Inform project of SPREP hosted its second webinar to officially launch the Pacific Inform e-learning platform in August. A key highlight of the webinar was the focus placed around the voices of Pacific islands who are directly involved in managing data and information

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NEWLY RELEASED IPCC REPORT CONFIRMS GRAVE RISKS IN A WARMING WORLD



Our future got much bleaker with the release of the first report in the sixth series from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on 9 August. Released just days before World Youth Day, the Report does not bode well for our future generations.

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EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR NEW INVASIVE SPECIES LAUNCHED USING 'INATURALIST'



A new project calling upon everyone to participate in 'early warning systems for invasive species in the Pacific island was launched in August. iNaturalist is a social network built on the concept of mapping and sharing observations of biodiversity across the globe.

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FOURTH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC CETACEAN MOU CONVENES VIRTUALLY



The signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific islands is held their fourth meeting in August.

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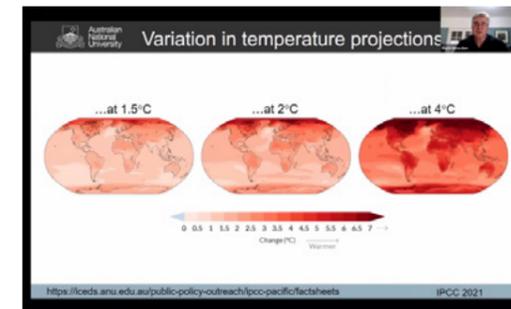
PACIFIC HYDROMET COMMUNITY TO CAPITALISE ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION WITH TWO-DAY VIRTUAL TALANOA



Strengthening partnerships between the private sector and Pacific National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and identifying emerging technology and innovation were some of the objectives a the two-day HydroMet Pacific Talanoa and Exhibition.

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PACIFIC WEBINAR DISCUSSES KEY FINDINGS OF THE IPCC'S SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT



The PCCC in collaboration with the Australian National University hosted a Pacific webinar to provide the most up to date synthesis on relevant climate change information to diverse Pacific island audiences.

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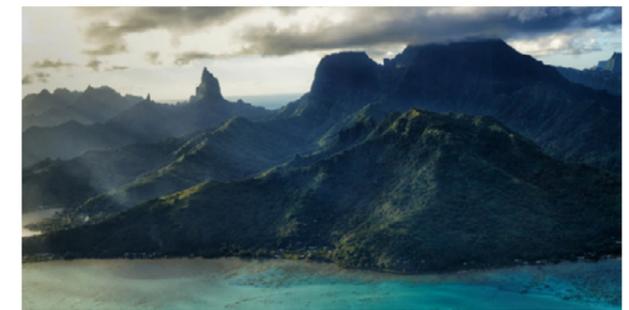
UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE - WHAT IT IS AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT!



How well do you understand climate change, and what do you think we can do to solve the issues facing the Pacific as a result of climate change impacts?

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PCCC LAUNCH INNOVATIVE LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION FOR PACIFIC ARTISTS



The Pacific Climate Change Centre hosted by SPREP is looking for artists and graphic designers to submit entries into a special logo competition for the PCCC. The competition presents a unique opportunity to bring together Pacific cultures expressed through art and creativity.

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