



# SPREP REPORT ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO MOU PACIFIC ISLANDS CETACEANS 2013-2020



# STRANDINGS AND DISENTANGLEMENT TRAINING

In 2014, SPREP facilitated a strandings and disentanglement workshop in Vava'u, Tonga, featuring David Mattila (IWC) and Kristy West (University of Hawai'i)





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# YEAR OF THE WHALE



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*Protect Pacific Whales  
Ocean Voyagers*

**The impacts of climate change and pollution  
on whales will also affect people.**





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# TJIBAOU EXHIBITION



the world.

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Most of all, SPREP gratefully acknowledges the artists from New Caledonia, Tonga, Niue and Aotearoa/New Zealand, through whose vision and creativity, the Year of the Whale has attained a cultural dimension and expression that campaigns alone cannot achieve.





# WHALES IN A CHANGING OCEAN





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# WHALES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

## PACIFIC ISLAND WHALES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE



## *Nature's Solution* TO CLIMATE CHANGE

A strategy to protect whales can limit greenhouse gases and global warming

Ralph Chami, Thomas Cosimano, Connel Fullenkamp, and Sena Oztosun



# WHALE-WATCHING

- SPREP has collaborated with government departments, whale-watching operators, scientists and NGOs to promote best international practice
- Covid-19 has profoundly impacted on the industry, but has provided an opportunity for a re-set going forward
- More to come from Teisa Fifita



# PEUMP AND BIEM

<https://peump.dev>

- Endangered marine species bycatch assessed, and extinction risk evaluated
- Bycatch mitigation strategies developed and rolled-out
- Capacity development through research grant
- Support for community monitoring and protection of endangered species



# **COLLABORATIONS**

**GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

**CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES**

**INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION**

**SOUTH PACIFIC WHALE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM**

**WHALE AND DOLPHIN CONSERVATION**

**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE**

**WHALES ALIVE**

**WWF**

**PEUMP PARTNERS (SPC, FFA, USP, IUCN)**

**OKEANOS FOUNDATION**

**WORLD CETACEAN ALLIANCE**

**CETLAW**

**HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

**ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE**