



Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation



Report on 26th PIRT Annual Meeting

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Meeting overview

The 26th Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) Annual Meeting was convened on 16 and 17 October 2023. The in-person component of the meeting was hosted by IUCN-ORO in Suva, Fiji, with numerous participants joining remotely via video link.

The meeting had almost 80 individual participants (in-person and virtual) across both days, almost double the participation of last year's meeting. All of the PIRT Working Groups were represented, and most of the Member organisations.

The agenda for the meeting is presented as Attachment A and the meeting participants as Attachment B.

Background

This report reflects the key outcomes of the 26th PIRT Annual Meeting and is provided for the information of PIRT Members and Working Groups, as well as other interested organisations, partners, and stakeholders.

Organisation of the meeting was led by the PIRT Chair Margaret West (BirdLife International), the PIRT Secretariat represented by Amanda Wheatley and Juney Ward (SPREP), and the PIRT Implementation Coordinator James Tremlett (consultant supported by SPREP through the Pacific BioScapes Programme).

Addresses by PIRT members and partners

The 26th PIRT Annual Meeting was officially opened in prayer by IUCN-ORO as the co-hosts of the meeting. This was followed by a series of addresses from PIRT members and partners, as below (in order of presentation).

PIRT Chair Margaret West, Regional Director Pacific, BirdLife International, gave welcoming remarks to meeting participants, and shared an overview of PIRT's work over the past 12 months. Margaret reminded participants of both the urgency of the interlinked biodiversity and climate crises, and the importance of the Roundtable as a unique partnership for collaborating in response to these crises.

Stuart Chape, Director Island and Ocean Ecosystems, SPREP, shared his reflections on the recent SPREP Meeting, including the centrality of partnership and collaboration for action on biodiversity in the Pacific. Stuart announced that the 11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas would be held in New Caledonia in 2025, on the 50th anniversary of the first of this conference series.

Jérémie Katidjo Monnier, Minister of Environment, New Caledonia, provided a recorded message for the Annual Meeting. The Minister shared his happiness that New Caledonia would be the co-host (with PIRT and SPREP) of the next Nature Conference, and stressed the significance of this event for addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and development challenges in the Pacific.

Andreja Vidal, Programme Manager, Section for Climate Change, Environment and Energy, European Union Delegation to the Pacific, gave an address from the perspective of a major donor organisation for biodiversity in the region. Andreja noted some of the challenges facing both donor and recipient organisations and stressed the importance of the PIRT partnership in navigating these. She discussed the Pacific BioScapes Programme as an example of effective collaboration for biodiversity, and emphasised the continuing support of the EU for conservation action in the Pacific.

Maria-Goreti Muavesi, Acting Regional Director, IUCN-ORO, gave insightful comments on the evolving priorities for nature conservation in the Pacific from the perspective of IUCN. Maria presented an update on IUCN's work programmes in the region, and upcoming work for the following year. This includes the Oceania Regional Conservation Forum, planned for the third quarter of 2024 (dates TBC).

Teea Tira, Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Taskforce, shared reflections from the Pacific Resilience Meeting which was held the week prior. These include the importance of nature-based solutions as a mechanism largely accepted by both conservation and development organisations, as well as by donors and governments. PIRT will continue to collaborate with the PRP in 2024.

Makiko Yashiro, Programme Officer/Regional Coordinator for Ecosystem Management, United Nations Environment Programme, provided a recorded message where she presented a thorough and very useful summary of UNEP's work in the Pacific. Several elements of this work, for instance on blue economy, food systems, support for NBSAP development, and nature-based solutions, are highly relevant to PIRT and our Working Groups.

Francesca Mancini, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, presented the draft *Pacific Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Food and Agriculture* to the meeting. FAO is

currently running a consultation process for this important document, and Francesca took the opportunity to invite feedback from PIRT members and partners.

Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, SPREP, gave a remote address to the meeting. Sefa updated the meeting on global developments in biodiversity and climate decision making, and stressed the need to reinforce the links between these two crises in the leadup to UNFCCC COP28. Sefa also reiterated his support for PIRT as the region's leading collective voice for nature conservation.

The Working Group of the Feasibility Study for the Establishment of a Regional Dispute Resolution Mechanism for the Environment in the Pacific is a group of judges and legal experts mandated to explore and report on the potential establishment of this highly significant mechanism. The group presented an update on their work and shared some insights into the form that a future regional dispute mechanism might take, as well as possible pathways for its establishment.

New PIRT digital infrastructure

James Tremlett (PIRT Implementation Coordinator) presented the new PIRT digital infrastructure to the meeting. PIRT's online presence is now focused on a new, purpose-built website: www.pacificislandsroundtable.com. This is intended to be the landing page for all online information related to PIRT and our collective work.

The website includes pages dedicated to:

- The history and mandate of the Roundtable
- Our guiding documents: the *Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2021-2025*, the *2020 Vemööre Declaration*, and the *State of Environment and Conservation in the Pacific Islands: 2020 Regional Report*.
- PIRT's 17 Member organisations
- The Pacific Islands Conferences on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas
- The Pacific Conservation Database (see below)
- PIRT's series of Annual Reports
- A public page for each of the six Working Groups
- News and events pages
- A collaborative PIRT calendar, showcasing upcoming regional and global events relevant to nature conservation in the Pacific
- A Forum for discussion and information sharing by PIRT members and partners

Significantly, the website has also been integrated with a **new Working Group online platform**, available at www.pacificislandsroundtable.com/groups. This has been created in response to repeated requests for an online platform from Working Group Chairs. It has been designed as a simple and easy-to-use system for communication and collaboration within and between the Working Groups. To date, three of the six PIRT Working Groups have chosen to migrate onto this platform.

Monitoring and reporting update: the Pacific Conservation Database

James Tremlett (PIRT Implementation Coordinator) then gave an update on the Roundtable's monitoring of its progress towards the Strategic Objectives and Principles of the *Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2021-2025*. James reminded meeting participants that at the request of countries and PIRT Members, the Framework does not contain easily-measurable targets and indicators. This is because its purpose is to provide regional strategic direction, with target-setting occurring at a national level.

A robust annual reporting process was identified as a key priority by PIRT Members and Working Groups during the development of the Framework. This helps us demonstrate the value and impact of our collective work.

At the 25th Annual Meeting in November 2022, a new monitoring system was proposed where information on PIRT's collective information of the Framework is available in an online database, and updated in real time. The PIRT coordination group has invested a substantial amount of time in the past 12 months in developing this system, which will be integrated into the new Roundtable website.

James presented the first iteration of this new new monitoring and reporting system to the meeting, to be called the Pacific Conservation Database. It will be formally launched online in early 2024.

As below, the Database allows users to explore programmes and projects implemented by PIRT Member Organisations towards the Strategic Objectives of the Framework.



Pacific Conservation Database

The Roundtable is mandated by Pacific leaders to monitor our implementation of the [Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2021-2025](#).

This database presents programmes and projects being implemented by PIRT Member organisations towards the objectives of the Framework. The database is regularly updated and serves as the most current record of our Members' collective impact for nature and people in the Pacific.

Please explore our work using the filters below.

Programmes and projects

Filter by PIRT Member organisations

 

Filter by country of implementation

 

Filter by Framework Action Tracks

 

The Database is searchable by organisation, country of implementation, and the 21 Action Tracks of the Framework.



Programmes and projects

Filter by PIRT Member organisations

Filter by country of implementation

Filter by Framework Action Tracks

Jurisdictional approach to tuna management

PIRT Members involved

Conservation International (CI)

Countries of implementation

Fiji, New Caledonia

Framework Action Tracks

02 – Behaviour change for nature conservation through heritage and cultural expressions, 05 – Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to sustain our social-ecological systems, 13 – Ending unsustainable fishing

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Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling up Community-based Fisheries Management 2021-2025

PIRT Members involved

Pacific Community (SPC)

Countries of implementation

Regional

Framework Action Tracks

01 – Our people at the centre of conservation action, 02 – Behaviour change for nature conservation through heritage and cultural expressions, 03 – Sustainable and resilient ocean economies, 05 – Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to sustain our social-ecological systems, 07 – Effective marine protected areas, 08 – Marine ecological integrity, 13 – Ending unsustainable fishing

[Read More](#)

Selecting one programme will provide information on its scope and focus, partner organisations, relevant targets under the Global Biodiversity Framework, and links to dedicated programme websites or further information.

PIRT impact: programmes and projects

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Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling up Community-based Fisheries Management 2021-2025

PIRT Member organisations

Pacific Community (SPC)

Other partner organisations

European Union, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Countries of implementation

Regional

About

The Framework for Action was approved by members at HoF13 and endorsed at the 2nd RFMM, held in August 2021. In endorsing the framework, honourable ministers stressed the importance of sustainable coastal fisheries management for the Pacific region, essential during the pandemic, and the need to scale up CBFM using approaches appropriate to each member's context as key to the sustainable recovery from the pandemic. The effective implementation of the Framework for Action and support and empowerment of our coastal communities will contribute to achieving our leaders' ambitions on the future of our fisheries.

Framework Action Tracks

01 – Our people at the centre of conservation action, 02 – Behaviour change for nature conservation through heritage and cultural expressions, 03 – Sustainable and resilient ocean economies, 05 – Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to sustain our social-ecological systems, 07 – Effective marine protected areas, 08 – Marine ecological integrity, 13 – Ending unsustainable fishing

GBF 2030 Targets

The new system is intended to be much more accessible and responsive to the needs of our partners and donor organisations, whilst reducing the reporting burden on PIRT Member organisations and Working Groups.

This update on PIRT's collective implementation of the Framework was very well-received by our Members, Working Groups, and other partners present at the Annual Meeting.

PIRT briefing notes (policy briefs)

PIRT has identified the production of regular, coordinated policy briefs as a key priority. The intention is that these will amplify the collective voice of the PIRT partnership on critical conservation issues. The PIRT coordination group has worked with Members and Working Groups to identify several proposed initial topics for these briefs:

- Nature-based solutions
- Operationalising Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)
- Pacific food systems
- Blue economy
- Pacific languages and nature conservation: best practice guidance
- A Pacific perspective on 30x30

Topics should be urgent or critical for Pacific conservation, should be based on the Action Tracks already agreed by PIRT Members and Pacific countries through the Framework, and relate to current funding priorities or opportunities in the region.

Next steps: We are approaching key PIRT people as lead authors/coordinators of these briefs. They will reach out to the whole Roundtable to form small co-authorship groups. Drafts will go to all Member organisations and Working Groups for comment before being finalised.

The topics above are suggested as a first tranche briefing notes. The proposed process is that new briefing notes can be initiated at any time by Members or Working Groups, in response to urgent issues or aligned with key global/regional decision making events, etc.

Over the course of this year, concerns were raised by several of PIRT's regular contributors about the implications of developing policy statements together. We have proposed calling these outputs 'briefing notes' or similar, to mitigate some of these concerns.

PIRT Working Groups: Updates from Chairs

The Working Group Chairs each gave brief updates to the meeting on their work over the past year and their plans for the next.

Nature-based Solutions Working Group (NbSWG)

Chairs: Ludovic Branlant (SPC), Mathilde Kraft (SPREP), Vinay Singh (IUCN-ORO)

The NbSWG is the newest of PIRT's six Working Groups. It has had a very successful first year, has over 35 members from across the region, and holds regular meetings every few months. The Working Groups has three sub-groups, each with its own leadership and work plan: Ecological Restoration, Urban Nbs, and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL).

The co-Chairs and their membership ran a session at the Pacific Resilience Meeting the week prior to this meeting, focusing on community voices and perspectives of nature-based solutions. This session was very well received and helped to reinforce the importance of biodiversity to an audience largely composed of development practitioners.

Nature Culture Working Group (NCWG)

Chair: Elise Huffer (USP)

The Nature Culture Working Group (NCWG) was established in June 2022, with substantial support from IUCN-ORO. There are currently 46 members, with communications to the membership every few months.

The NCWG recently had a meeting which established three key workstreams: Pacific languages and nature conservation, linking to the UN Decade of Indigenous Languages; cultural knowledge relating to seabirds; and cultural elements of World Heritage, in close collaboration with UNESCO. The Working Group will progress work in all these areas in 2024. The NCWG aims to be able to provide advice to the conservation sector on improving the inclusion of culture more systematically in conservation policy and practice.

Protected and Conserved Areas Network (PACoN)

Chairs: Paul van Nimwegen (WCS) and Kasaqa Tora (interim – SPREP)

The PIRT Protected Areas Working Group (PAWG) has recently re-launched itself as the Protected and Conserved Areas Network (PACoN). The PACoN currently has 23 members following a call for memberships earlier this year. Applications to join the Network are vetted, with the overall goal to keep numbers manageable by identifying and engaging the most active practitioners and advocates to drive forward the Network and its objectives.

The PACoN Chairs acknowledged the immense work and impact of Vainuupo Jungblut, who recently stepped down from his long-term position as co-Chair due to changing roles at SPREP.

PACoN plans for the next 12 months include overhauling the work plan, increasing member engagement, and strengthening the role of the Network in relation to the PIPAP.

Species Working Group (SWG)

Chairs: Mark O'Brien (BirdLife International) and Karen Baird (SPREP)

The SWG was re-launched in 2022 with a new Terms of Reference. The SWG objective is to promote the technical exchange of species knowledge in the Pacific region, facilitate networking and increase collaborative efforts in species conservation.

The SWG's plans for member engagement in 2024 include increase the membership, increasing the number of forum discussions, and increasing the usefulness of the group's outputs. The SWG had trialled using a BirdLife digital platform (Hatch) to increase their members' engagement, but this has proved more challenging than anticipated, and requires more regular interaction to better learn the processes involved.

The SWG will encourage their membership to participate in the Oceania Seabird Symposium and the Pacific Species Forum, both planned for September 2024. These events will also be excellent opportunities to recruit new members for the Working Group, in particular from countries and demographics not currently represented in species research and management.

[Pacific Invasives Partnership \(PIP\)](#)

Chair: Patty Baiao (Island Conservation)

The PIP update was given by Richard Griffiths of Island Conservation. PIP is the longest-standing of the PIRT Working Groups, and meets online every quarter. Although PIP aims to meet in person once per year, logistical issues have meant this has not been possible in 2023.

PIP has been focusing on high-level engagement and advocacy to ensure that invasives are given the attention the issue deserves in the region. Members participated in the Pacific Ecological Security Conference in Palau, and have also supported the Micronesia Challenge to develop goals around invasive alien species.

A number of PIP members are involved in large regional projects on invasive species, but funding still remains a bottleneck for invasives work.

PIP is intending to meet in person in 2024. They are working on aligning messaging and developing high-level communications materials. PIP would like to see another Pacific Ecological Security Conference, and is working with partners to make this a reality. Work is ongoing on an Invasive Species Climate Change Framework to make explicit links with global climate initiatives.

[Pacific Network for Environmental Law \(PacNEL\)](#)

Chair: Maria-Goreti Muavesi (IUCN-ORO)

The PacNEL was established at the 18th PIRT Annual Meeting in 2015, with its main purpose main purpose is to encourage and support collaboration and coordination on environmental law issues across the Pacific region. The PacNEL's purpose aligns with Objective 6 of the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2021-2025: "Grow capacity and partnerships to effectively monitor, govern and finance nature conservation action" & Action track 20 "Governance that works for nature conservation".

The PacNEL currently has 44 members. There is a focus on collaboration, with communication occurring primarily via an email mailing list.

The way forward for the PacNEL includes: Reviewing the PacNEL, including its Terms of Reference; exploring future collaboration opportunities with other Working Groups, and with the IUCN Environmental Law Commission; and developing a Plan of Implementation for the Key Priority Areas of the Conference Outcomes Statement.

11th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas

Amanda Wheatley and Juney Ward (SPREP) presented an update on the organisation of the 11th Pacific Nature Conference. They noted that planning for this conference is in the very early stages, with a host country (New Caledonia) only having been identified in September. The PIRT and SPREP teams will meet with the New Caledonian Government in the coming months to identify dates for the conference, which will be shared with PIRT members and partners as soon as possible. There will be significant opportunity for PIRT (in particular the Working Groups) to be involved in shaping the agenda and outcomes of this influential regional conference.

Closing statements

The 26th PIRT Annual Meeting was closed by the PIRT Chair Margaret West, who thanked all involved in PIRT currently and in previous years for their tireless work for nature conservation in the Pacific. In particular, Margaret extended thanks to: Sefanaia Nawadra for his leadership of SPREP and ongoing support of the Roundtable; Maria-Goreti Muavesi and the IUCN-ORO team for hosting the Annual Meeting; to the PIRT Working Group Chairs; and to all others who contribute their time, knowledge, and energy to the Roundtable.

26th PIRT Annual Meeting Agenda



Monday 16 October 2023

In-person participation: IUCN-ORO Veitiri Conference Room, 5 Ma'afu St, Suva

Virtual participation via Zoom

9.30 Tea and coffee

10.00 Opening addresses:

- Margaret West, PIRT Chair
- Stuart Chape, Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystems, SPREP
- Jérémie Katidjo Monnier, Minister of Environment, New Caledonia (video message)
- Andreja Vidal, Programme Manager, Section for Climate Change, Environment and Energy, European Union Delegation to the Pacific
- Maria-Goreti Muavesi, Acting Regional Director, IUCN-ORO

'In partnership with PIRT' – guest speakers from:

- Teea Tira, Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce
- Makiko Yashiro, United Nations Environment Programme
- Francesca Mancini, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
- Working Group of the Feasibility Study for the Establishment of a Regional Dispute Resolution Mechanism for the Environment in the Pacific

12.00 Lunch

13.00 PIRT coordination group: operational and governance updates
PIRT Working Groups: overview of progress in 2023, and plans for 2024

14.30 Afternoon tea

14.45 Global and regional updates
Upcoming events and opportunities
Next steps for PIRT in 2024

16.00 Close of meeting

16.30 Reception at 17 Ma'afu St, hosted by the Pacific BioScapes Programme (all welcome)

Workshop: Pacific languages and nature conservation



Presented by the PIRT Nature Culture Working Group

Tuesday 17 October, 1 – 4 pm Fiji time

In-person participation: IUCN-ORO Veitiri Conference Room, 5 Ma'afu St, Suva

Virtual participation via Zoom

This workshop is **open to anyone** with an interest in nature conservation in the Pacific.

Language plays a central role in how people make sense of themselves. In the Pacific, it is fundamental to people's identity, spirituality, and relationships to the land, sea and sky. Encoded in the diverse Indigenous languages are the world views and knowledge systems which people have gained through their interactions with the natural world. As such working with language is core to good conservation practice.

The objective of this workshop is to explore language as a carrier of ecological and cultural knowledge and how to work with language/s effectively in conservation work. It will take a hands-on, practical and fun approach.

Participants will examine language from several perspectives, including:

- 1. How knowledge can be stored in the sounds and words themselves, with some practical exercises to sensitize our ears and brains so that we can become more astute and informed listeners.*
- 2. How knowledge can be stored in songs and narratives, through tracing the structure and studying the metaphors in one narrative and how this is important when working with communities.*
- 3. The role of language in knowledge sharing/dissemination and its relevance to conservation.*

The workshop will also hear from conservation projects working with communities on language and conclude with a set of recommendations for 'good practices' and useful tools.

Workshop presenters



Apolonia Tamata

I am a Fijian and a linguist. I have worked with the Fijian monolingual dictionary project and have taught in high schools as well as at the University of the South Pacific. Currently I am a Senior Lecturer and Coordinator for the Fijian Language Studies program at USP. I have led literacy projects with teachers and work with them to write and produce information texts in the Fijian language. I have written plays in the Fijian language which are now literature texts in Fiji's high schools. My work includes advocacy for the revitalization and maintenance of our indigenous languages and cultures.



Candide Simard

Candide Simard received her PhD from the University of Manchester (UK), she joined USP in 2018, as lecturer in linguistics. She was previously a Senior Teaching Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London (UK). Her research interests include language documentation and prosody.

Language documentation aims to collect and preserve primary linguistic and ethnographic data, it is a field that requires not only to use specialist technology competently, but also cultural awareness, and the ability to work successfully with communities. She has contributed to documenting the Jaminjung/Ngaliwurru and Ngarinyman languages in the Northern Territory of Australia. She is particularly interested in the documentation of traditional knowledge and in encouraging community involvement in research. She has been involved in documentation project on Sylheti (SOAS, UK), Northern Khmer speakers' botanical knowledge (Thailand), and now Navigating the Weather here in Fiji.

Prosody refers to the tunes and rhythm of speech: each language has its own melodies and she is interested in describing their forms and the meaning they can express. She has contributed to research projects on the prosody of several languages; Jaminjung/Ngaliwurru and Ngarinyman (Australia), Savusavu and Gela (Solomon Is.), Naija (Nigeria), and now on Fijian.



Attachment B: Meeting participants

The table below lists all participants who registered for or presented at the meeting, across both days. Apologies to anyone omitted.

Name	Organisation
Adi Alesi Talatoka Cama	Ministry of Education, Fiji
Amanda Wheatley	SPREP
Ambeng Kandakasi	Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea
Andreja Vidal	EU Delegation to the Pacific
Anissa Lawrence	OceanEarth Foundation
Anne Claire Goarant	SPC
Apolonia Tamata	USP
Asela Tuisawau	Pacific Theological College
Asinate Seru	Soqososoqo Vakamarama ni Yasana ko Lau
Betty Eni Williams	RBV
Briony Eales	ADB
Candide Simard	USP
Carlo Iacovino	SPREP
Ceceilia Carol Louis	USP
Cherie Morris	USP
Claire Oiire	Solomon Islands National University
Clarence Nelson	Supreme Court of Samoa
Daiana Taoba	Freelance
Daphney Kiki	PTC
Daryl Clarke	Supreme Court of Samoa
Elise Huffer	USP
Elizabeth Edwards	Blue Shield Pasifika & ICOMOS Pasifika
Etienne Delattre	SPREP
Etika Qica	IUCN-ORO
Everett Sioa	SPREP
Evia Tavanavanua	IUCN-ORO
Francesca Mancini	FAO
Georgina Lloyd	UNEP
Gilianne Brodie	Independent Consultant
Hanna Helsingen	WWF-Pacific
Issac Rounds	Conservation International
James Slogan	IUCN-ORO
James Tremlett	PIRT
Jérémie Katidjo Monnier	Minister of Environment, Government of New Caledonia
Joeli Bili	GIZ
Juney Ward	SPREP
Karen Baird	SPREP
Kasaqa Tora	SPREP

Ken Kassem	SPREP
Kevin Yang	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australian Government
Kristina Fidali	SPREP
Leisale Roberts	James Cook University
Litia Nailatikau	Conciliation Resources
Ludovic Branlant	SPC
Maca Radua	
Maca Stephens	Victoria University of Wellington
Makiko Yashiro	UNEP
Margaret West	BirdLife International (and PIRT Chair)
Maria Biusaya	USP
Maria-Goreti Muavesi	IUCN-ORO
Marika Tuiwawa	USP
Mark Drew	WWF-Pacific
Mathilde Kraft	SPREP
Matthew Baird	Asian Regional Institute for Environmental Law (ARIEL)
Mereoni Tavakaturaga	IUCN-ORO
Mumbi Kamau	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australian Government
Neelam Bhan	IUCN-ORO
Nicola Thomson	Great Barrier Reef Foundation
Nunia Thomas-Moko	NatureFiji-MareqetiViti
Patricia Parkinson	
Paul van Nimwegen	WCS
Rahul Chand	IUCN-ORO
Rahul Tikaram	SPREP
Raphael Linzatti	GIZ
Richard Griffiths	Island Conservation
Rosarine Rafai	USP
Rosyln Annabella Delaivoni	GIZ
Safaira Tagivuni	Soqososoqo Vakamarama ni Yasana ko Lau
Sefanaia Nawadra	SPREP
Semisi Seruitanoa	IUCN-ORO
Sonia Soakai	USP
Sophie Rankin	University of Newcastle
Stephanie Borrelle	BirdLife International
Stuart Chape	SPREP
Susan McErlain	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australian Government
Tavenisa Luisa	IUCN-ORO
Tea Tira	Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce (and PIFS)
Willie Atu	TNC
Winifereti Nainoca	Retired (ex-UNDP)