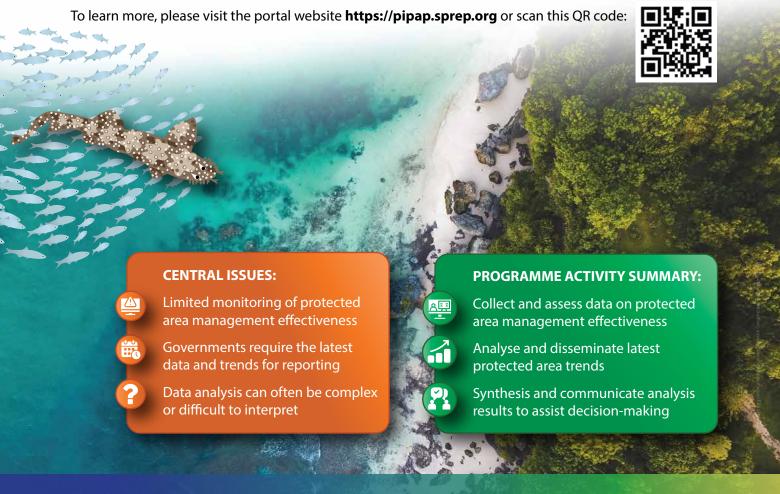


'People, Places and Knowledge' Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal

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The Pacific BioScapes Programme is providing support to the **Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal** to strengthen access to Pacific biodiversity information and communication for enhanced decision making. In the Pacific, protected areas encompass more than just national parks and other areas established by central governments. Protected areas can also include locally designated and managed areas that provide protection or management of natural resources and the environment.

The **Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal** connects 'People, Places and Knowledge' and provides a doorway through which Pacific Islands protected area practitioners can share expertise and benefit from opportunities in this region. The portal is the region's premier one stop online resource for Pacific protected areas information and tools. It facilitates exchange of data and information among decision makers and managers of protected areas and supports regional priorities for decision support products. It was developed by the Protected Areas Working Group (PAWG) of the Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation (PIRT) with the aim to generate regional momentum by making Pacific conservation activities, contacts, resources and tools more widely accessible.



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