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Your monthly news highlights from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

MESSAGE FROM MR SEFANAIA NAWADRA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Iakwe,

It has been an exciting month for your Secretariat. We have been selected as the Oceania Regional Centre for Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). This milestone will support the leveraging of resources to support Member countries in their biodiversity needs and reporting against progress the GBF targets. We have also continued our in-country support across the Pacific to address the triple planetary crisis through under our thematic areas of Climate Change Resilience, Environmental Monitoring and Governance, Island and Ocean Ecosystems and Waste Management and Pollution Control. I encourage you to read through to find out all about the work done. As we head into the second half of the year we remain optimistic in our journey towards an environmentally Resilient Pacific. May you have a great month ahead!

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PACWASTE PLUS COMMISSIONS INCINERATOR IMPROVING MANAGEMENT OF HEALTHCARE WASTE IN KIRIBATI

Communities in Kiribati can now count on better management of healthcare waste on the island thanks to the recent commissioning of an incinerator for the disposal of medical waste at the Ronton Hospital, Kirimati. The incinerator was secured through the Pacific – European Union (EU) Waste Management Programme.

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A NEW ERA FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN SAMOA

A training on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the Fisheries Division of Samoa's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) marks the beginning of a new era in leveraging the power of geospatial data analysis, mapping, and visualisation tools.

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SEABIRDS IN SAMOA TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

The importance of seabirds to Samoa's cultural heritage and unique ecosystem was given special attention during a knowledge café hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), the Samoa Conservation Society (SCS), and the Northern New Zealand Seabird Trust of New Zealand.

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VANUATU BOOSTS CAPACITY FOR CLIMATE HAZARD-BASED IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Vanuatu's ability to conduct climate hazard-based impact assessments has significantly improved following a comprehensive training workshop from 3-7 June 2024. The workshop focused on practical training using a newly developed step-by-step guide for climate hazard-based impact assessments, tailored specifically for Vanuatu.

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FIRST J-PRISM 3 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS WASTE MANAGEMENT SUCCESSES IN THE PACIFIC

The management of solid waste has become one of the major concerns for small island countries in the Pacific region. In particular, improper waste management has the potential to pose a significant negative impact on public health, water and food supply, ecosystems, tourism and trade, availability of resources and climate change.

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SPREP RECOGNISED AS OCEANIA REGIONAL TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION SUPPORT CENTRE FOR GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

The Pacific's regional intergovernmental organisation established to protect, conserve, and promote a resilient Pacific environment, SPREP has been chosen as the Oceania Regional Centre for Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF.

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PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE DEEPEN SOUTH-SOUTH LEARNING AND COLLABORATION

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC), hosted at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in Apia Samoa, and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) have enhanced their collaboration to foster more cooperation and collaboration between the two regions.

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SPREP STRENGTHENS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS CAPACITY

As Pacific communities face increasingly complex environmental challenges, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is taking proactive steps to ensure its projects and interventions meet the highest standards of environmental and social responsibility.

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SPREP CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - 5 JUNE 2024

World Environment Day is the biggest international day for the environment. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and held annually since 1973, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach. It is celebrated by millions of people across the world. At Vailima, Samoa on Wednesday 5 June, the SPREP community joined the global commemoration with a Clean-Up activity. The SPREP Community was divided into two groups which picked up rubbish starting from outside the SPREP compound and finishing inside the compound. Prior to the Clean-Up activity, SPREP's Director of Waste Management and Pollution Control, Mr Anthony Talouli, and UNEP's Head of Pacific Office, Mr Jinhua Zhang, spoke about the importance of World Environment Day and highlighted why it is important for everyone to play their part in protecting, safeguarding and keeping our environment clean.