



Roundtable for Nature Conservation

Pacific BioScapes Programme - Regional Activity

The Pacific BioScapes Programme aims to support the **Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT)**, a network of inter-governmental, non-governmental, and donor agencies which are committed to assisting governments and civil society in our Pacific Islands in their efforts to sustainably manage and conserve the region's biodiversity. SPREP is the Secretariat of the Roundtable.

Through BioScapes, a Roundtable Coordinator and a Youth Coordinator (under the SPREP Young Professionals Programme) have been established to support PIRT in implementing the **Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2021-2025 Strategy**.

This strategy provides broad strategic guidance for nature conservation planning, prioritisation, and implementation in our region. It reflects the urgent need for transformative action in response to the multiple accelerating threats, both established and emerging, that are faced by nature and people in the Pacific.

In some contexts, Pacific youth are becoming disconnected from their cultural heritage and natural environments. The establishment of a new **Pacific islands Biodiversity Youth Network** aims to reach out and engage Pacific youth to become part of Pacific biodiversity initiatives.





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CENTRAL ISSUES:

-  Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation requires greater resources for implementation
-  Roundtable has only been receiving support from volunteers
-  Youth representation in regional Pacific conservation has been limited

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

-  Support coordination and implementation of Protected Areas Network Policy Framework
-  Build a youth network across the region to mobilise Pacific youth engagement in biodiversity decision making at regional and global levels

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