



# SWAP

## Committing to Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific

Pacific island countries and territories offer rich ecosystems that are threatened by population and urbanisation growth and changing consumption patterns leading to increased waste generation.

The SWAP project assists six beneficiary countries and territories, those being: Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna, in implementing sustainable waste management actions.

Healthy Pacific ecosystems are essential for economic development of Pacific island countries and territories and their communities, however due to their social, economic and ecological features, these Pacific islands face their own challenges.

## Efficient waste management in the Pacific is a major issue

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), an intergovernmental organisation, provides technical support to these Pacific islands in the environmental and sustainable development sectors.

SPREP also supports implementation of the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy, Cleaner Pacific 2025: Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy.

Following on from a previous one million Euro funding awarded by Agence française de développement (AFD) in 2009 for the Pacific Waste Initiative, a new three million Euro funding has been awarded to SPREP for the implementation of the SWAP project.

Activities within the SWAP Project meet the objectives set out in the Cleaner Pacific 2025 Strategy.

## About SWAP

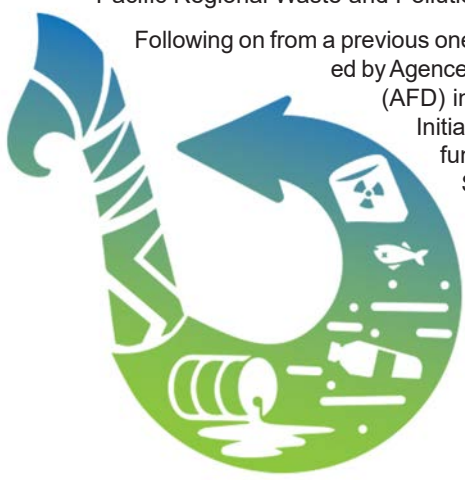
The first component of the SWAP project concerns the design training programs focus on the following thematic areas: used oil, disaster waste, marine debris, and sustainable financing mechanisms.

These training programs include theoretical and practical courses on the management of targeted waste streams with case study presentations and involve regional experts.

The second component concerns the implementation of pilot projects including:

- Construction of a Scrap Metal Recovery Facility in Wallis;
- Construction of used oil collection and storage facilities in Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu;
- Coastal clean-up campaigns;
- Rehabilitation and/or climate proofing of waste disposal sites in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

In parallel, a Community of Practice has been established to exchange on waste management issues in the Region, using the online Green Forum Application. Also, workshops bringing together experts and practitioners have been regularly held.





Beneficiary countries

# Impacts of SWAP

The SWAP project aims to:

- Strengthen the technical, financial and governance capacities in the Pacific Region;
- Support the populations and local authorities in the implementation of good practices;
- Preserve the natural environment through the construction of appropriate infrastructures;
- Share project outcomes, challenges and lessons learned at the regional and international level.



FIJI

SAMOA

SOLOMON ISLANDS

TONGA

VANUATU

WALLIS AND FUTUNA



Amount of funding

EUR 3 million



Duration of funding

Four years  
from 2020 – 2023

For more information on the SWAP please visit:  
<https://swap.sprep.org/>.

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## Working together

The SWAP is also intended to build on, enhance, and strengthen parallel initiatives under existing regional waste management projects such as PacWaste Plus, J-PRISMII (Japanese Technical Cooperation Projects for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Islands Countries Phase 2), the Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP) and the Global Environment Facility 7 – Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in Small Islands Developing States (ISLANDS) Project.

SWAP will also work to build upon other initiatives such as the Moana Taka Partnership, and the Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility's (PRIF) Regional Recycling Network to avoid duplication, optimise investment, and leverage learnings and outcomes from these other projects.



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