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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



Bula vinaka,

As the year draws to a close, it is business as usual at your Secretariat. Work continues on the ground in strengthening island resilience through invasive species management, Ecosystem-based Adaptation and enhanced Met Services. Our team recently returned from Belém, Brazil, where we provided technical support to Pacific representatives in the UNFCCC negotiations and at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion during COP30. We also continued our support through the conclusion of CITES COP20, and are now assisting efforts to strengthen Pacific representation at UNEA-7. Internally, preparations are already underway for next year's work plans and activities and we look forward to working with you in 2026. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

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Vanuatu Farmers, Empowered by Women Leaders, Gain Crucial Climate Tools to Secure Resilient Food Systems

Local women leaders and farmers in Vanuatu have significantly enhanced their capacity to build climate-resilient food systems and protect their agricultural livelihoods following a comprehensive week of training and community outreach focused on the OSCAR (TailOred System of Climate Services for ARriculture).

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Wallis-et-Futuna Strengthens Climate Resilience Through Learning Exchange in New Caledonia

In a demonstration of regional cooperation and environmental stewardship, representatives from Wallis-et-Futuna joined a week-long Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) Learning and Knowledge Exchange Event in New Caledonia, gaining practical skills and inspiration to tackle climate challenges at home.

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Pacific at the Minimata COP

The Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury was held from 2 – 7 November in Geneva, Switzerland. Since 16 August 2017, the Minamata Convention has taken significant steps to control the mercury supply sources and trade, reduce the use, emissions and releases of mercury, raise public awareness, and build the necessary institutional capacity. Together, Parties have taken action to phase out mercury-added products, including fluorescent lamps, thermometers, and mercury in cosmetics as well as limiting mercury use in industrial processes.

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'Any overshoot of 1.5°C, even temporary, is catastrophic for us'

COP30, billed as the "COP of truth" by host country Brazil, must be a space for the world to assess where we are, recommit to achieve the Paris Agreement's temperature goal of 1.5, and develop a plan to ramp up action to address climate change. As climate negotiators converge on Belem, a city on the northwest of Brazil considered the gateway to the Amazon region for COP30, the AOSIS made the point on the first day of the SIDS Preparatory Meeting, facilitated by AOSIS, currently chaired by the Government of Palau.

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Building Capacity for Conservation: GIS Training Strengthens Biodiversity Monitoring in the Cook Islands

Environmental Monitoring and Governance Growing skill sets to use GIS tools and data collection for mapping, was at the core of training in the Cook Islands. SPREP, in collaboration with the Cook Islands National Environment Service (NES), successfully conducted a four-day Geographic Information System (GIS) and Data Management Training in Rarotonga from 28–31 October 2025.

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SPREP strengthens cooperation with CREWS at COP30

Pacific people centered approaches are at the heart of a Complementarity and Collaboration Agreement signed between the Weather Ready Programme (WRP) represented by the Chairman of the Pacific Meteorological Council and the SPREP and the Chairman of Climate Risk and Early Warning System Initiative (CREWS) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP30 on 13 November 2025.

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Building Capacity to Tackle Marine Litter: Solomon Islands Leads First SWAP Phase 2 Training

Pacific countries continue to demonstrate leadership in tackling plastic pollution, despite three years and six rounds of international negotiations failing to deliver a global treaty to end plastic pollution. Actions to reduce plastic waste and protect our ocean, are being undertaken by Pacific island governments and at the community level, including the Solomon Islands having completed its first Marine Litter and Waste Audit Training.

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SPREP Launches Mana Kit and Updated Regional Environmental Indicators Guidebook at ACP MEAs Project Meeting

On the margins of the ACP MEAs Phase 3 end-of-project meeting currently held in Suva, the SPREP officially launched the Mana Kit and the updated regional Environmental Indicators Guidebook 2025, marking an important milestone in strengthening environmental monitoring and reporting across Pacific island countries and territories.

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Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion officially opens at COP30, highlighting regional leadership in Climate Action

The Pacific mana could be felt throughout the halls of the UNFCCC COP30 in Belém, Brazil, during the official opening of the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion. A special karanga (ceremonial call) from Aotearoa, New Zealand welcomed Pacific leaders, government officials, NGOs, academics, partners, and friends to their home away from home at COP.

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Island Resilience in Action: Majuro's Invasive Myna Bird Eradication Success

In a decisive move to protect native biodiversity and strengthen regional biosecurity, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) has successfully eradicated a breeding population of invasive common myna birds from Majuro Atoll. Led by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce (MoNRC), Quarantine Division, in coordination with SPREP – PRISMSS, with technical support from Island Conservation, and funding from the GEF6 RIP, the operation marks a significant achievement in Pacific invasive species management.

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Fa'afetai tele lava! We'll see you next month!