

# SPREP-Tok

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## MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Greetings from the SPREP campus,

We are excited to announce the countdown to the 10th Pacific Island Nature Conservation Conference, to be held in New Caledonia in 2020. The countdown was marked at a special launch held this month, which also unveiled the theme for the 2020 conference, which is "Nature Conservation Action for a Resilient Pacific." Also launched was the Pacific Environment Leaders Award, which will identify and honour those Pacific islanders who have shown true leadership in conserving our Pacific environment. We are now accepting nominations - you can read more in this SPREP-Tok.

Our efforts to carry out the first "Green" Pacific Games are coming along well, with the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games officially kicking off on the first week of July. I once again applaud the Government and people of Samoa for their leadership not only in the region but worldwide, through their commitment to pull off the first "Green Pacific Games."

Soifua,



Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

## SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS

### LAUNCH OF THE 10TH PACIFIC ISLAND CONFERENCE ON NATURE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTED AREAS

A special launch in June marked the countdown to the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas to be hosted in New Caledonia from 20 to 24 April 2020 – the theme of which is "Nature Conservation Action for a Resilient Pacific."

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## ROLE OF PACIFIC MEDIA IN COMMUNICATING INFORMATION VITAL



Understanding how and where money is being spent to fight the impacts of climate change in the Pacific was at the core of a Pacific Media Masterclass held in June. The media session was part of the Pacific Regional Climate Change and Disaster Risk Finance Meeting held in Fiji from 25 – 27 June 2019.

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## PACIFIC PLANNING BETTER INFORMED WITH CLIMATE OUTLOOK BULLETINS



SCOPIE is a common term heard when mixing within Meteorological circles yet given its crucial role in how we plan our lives, it should be one that is common amongst many Pacific communities.

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## NEW SPREP-SPC PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE PACIFIC DATA MANAGEMENT AND SHARING



SPREP and the Pacific Community are demonstrating leadership and the true spirit of collaboration by entering into a partnership that will benefit Pacific island countries through two online data tools, the Pacific Environment Portal and the Pacific Data Hub.

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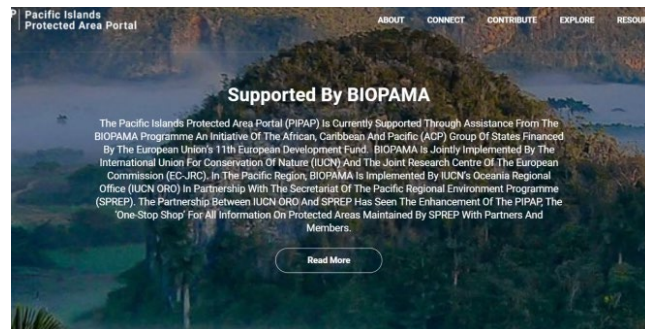
## GROWING THE OCEANS TOOLKIT FOR PACIFIC MEDIA TO MARK WORLD OCEANS DAY



As residents within the largest ocean on the planet, the Secretariat believes strongly in supporting Pacific media to report on ocean issues. On 8 June this year, World Oceans Day, five new factsheets were launched as part of the Oceans Toolkit for Pacific Media.

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## BIOPAMA AND INFORM PROJECT - A PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPROVED REPORTING ON PROTECTED AREAS



Strengthening partnerships for the environment to help Pacific island countries better manage their natural resources is the goal of a close collaboration between two SPREP projects – the regional Inform data management project and BIOPAMA.

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## FIRST NATIONAL CITES WORKSHOP HELD IN TONGA



The first national workshop on strengthening the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) hosted by the Government of Tonga was held from 17 – 10 June at the Tanoa Hotel in Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

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## SOLOMON ISLANDS HIGHLIGHT ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGES AND PLAN EIA TRAINING FOR MINING SECTOR



The validation workshop of the Solomon Islands State of Environment (SOE) report and National Environment Management Strategy (NEMS) ended on Friday 31 May 2019.

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## CELEBRATING OUR PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT LEADERS



The call is out now for nominations of our Pacific island environment champions to be celebrated through the 2nd Pacific Islands Environment Leaders Awards (PIELA).

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## 1000 TREES PLANTED BY SPREP TO CELEBRATE 26TH ANNIVERSARY



To commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the SPREP Treaty, the staff of the Secretariat planted 1,000 trees in support of Samoa's 2 Million Trees campaign. Twenty-six years ago on June 16 in 1993, SPREP was established with the signing of the "SPREP Treaty."

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## SPOTLIGHT: SPREP STAFF COMPETING IN SAMOA 2019 XVI PACIFIC GAMES

Samoa will play host to more than 4,000 athletes from 24 Pacific island countries competing in 27 sports over a two-week period commencing 7 July 2019. These 4,000+ athletes will include two of SPREP's very own, who will be competing in the sports of rugby league and touch rugby.



### ATITOFAIGA (ATI) TAU

Ati is employed as a Finance Officer with the Finance and Administration Division of SPREP and is no stranger to the international sporting scene. She will be representing Samoa in Women's Rugby League at the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games.



### RAYMOND (RAY) SCHUSTER

Ray is employed as the GEF Project Assistant with the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division. Ray represented Samoa in the Touch Rugby World Cup held in Malaysia earlier this year, and will again be donning the blue jersey for Samoa in Touch Rugby at the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games.

ALL THE BEST, ATI AND RAY!  
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