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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Kia orana from the SPREP campus,

We are turning the final corner for the year 2019 and the Secretariat is eager to end the year on a high by continuing to soldier forward in our journey to achieving a resilient Pacific environment.

The month of October saw the release of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Oceans and the Cryosphere. This report is highly relevant for us in the Pacific as it covers issues from sea level rise to impacts on coral reef fisheries and extreme weather events such as storm surges. It presents even more challenges for us as a result of climate change.

The Second Pacific Island Environment Leadership Awards have been launched. These awards will recognise and honour Pacific islanders who have shown a strong commitment to environmental sustainability. Nominations are open now and I encourage you all to place your nominations today.

Finally, the Pacific Climate Change Centre is now in operation, with the hosting of two regional training workshops in October. It is a shared resource for all Pacific islands, and I look forward to the benefits it will bring about for our people.

Soifua,



Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS



FIVE WEEK PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COURSE TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Invasive species coordinators and practitioners from around the Pacific have gathered at SPREP for a five-week Invasive Species Programme Management Course.

The course was organised and is being run by the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service.

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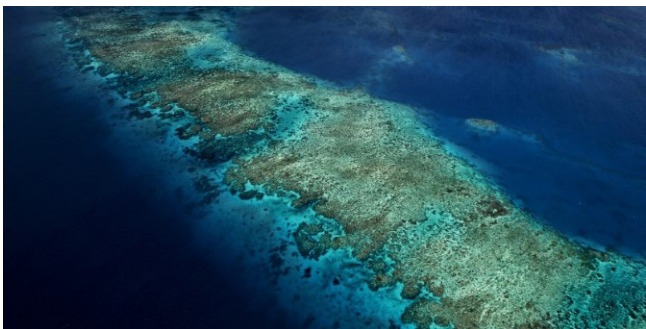
AWARDS TO RECOGNISE PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT



In 2020 during the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, an announcement of the Second Pacific Islands Environmental Leadership Awards will recognise and honour Pacific islanders with a strong commitment to environmental sustainability.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE SPECIAL REPORT ON OCEANS AND THE CRYOSPHERE



The IPCC Special Report on Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate is a collaboration among 130 scientists around the world who have assembled data from over 7,000 papers in an assessment of the latest science on how climate change impacts the cryosphere and ocean.

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IT TRAINING AIMS TO BUILD CAPACITY OF PACIFIC MET SERVICES



Building the capacity of Pacific National Meteorological Services staff to effectively use and sustain new Information Technology tools is at the core of week-long training workshop held in October.

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SUPPORTING THE CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED MARINE SPECIES IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS



Representatives from key Ministries and non-governmental organisations met in Honiara to plan activities to support Government and coastal communities achieve their protected marine species conservation priorities.

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WWF, SPREP PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN CONSERVATION IN FIJI AND THE REGION



WWF and SPREP signed a Memorandum of Understanding in October to further strengthen conservation collaboration in Fiji and the South Pacific region.

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THE MOANA BLUE PACIFIC PAVILION AT UNFCCC COP25



The Pacific's presence at the upcoming 25th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC will receive a boost in visibility, following the announcement of the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion.

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A WEEK OF FIRSTS FOR THE PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE



The Pacific Climate Change Centre is officially in operation, with the hosting of two important trainings and workshops in October.

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INCREASING PACIFIC RESILIENCE THROUGH HIGH QUALITY CLIMATE INFORMATION



Climate officers from around the Pacific region gathered in Noumea, New Caledonia for the Inception Training Workshop of the Republic of Korea-Pacific Island Climate Prediction Services Project Phase 2 (ROK-PI ClIPS 2).

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BLACKSANDS COASTAL COMMUNITY IN VANUATU CONDUCT CLEAN-UP AND TREE PLANTING



A total of 636 native plants were planted and approximately 50 bags of rubbish were collected during the Blacksands Coastal Communities Awareness, Clean-Up and Tree-Planting Day in Vanuatu on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

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THE FOUR-STATE JOINT JCC MEETING OF J-PRISM II IN FSM



The third Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) along with the Solid Waste Management (SWM) workshop was successfully held on the 26th of September 2019 in Pohnpei, FSM.

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VOX-POPS

Participants of the first training workshop to be held at the Pacific Climate Change Centre were asked how they felt about being the first to use the Centre. Here's what they said:



"It's good SPREP has a building devoted to climate change and for studying the impact of climate change. I hope we can make use of it again in the future."

SAMSON KANEKO
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS



"It's a good building and it's nice to be among the first to use this facility. The building is a good thing because it helps us, and it brings Pacific islanders together."

MAXINE EDWARDS
NIUE



"I think the PCCC is great! It has great capacities, in this case for the IT workshops. It has very good computer infrastructure for everyone. It feels good to be the first class to use this building."

LUCIA VALCARCE
WMO