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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Greetings from the SPREP Campus,

We closed off the month of September and head into another with a reinforced commitment to the work we do for our Member countries, following the conclusion of the second meeting of our Executive Board, which was held in early September.

The meeting was scheduled to be held in Samoa, but due to the ongoing border closures brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to seek other alternatives. Technology has provided us with a means to continue communicating with our Members and partners during this pandemic, albeit virtually. This enabled us to convene our first virtual Executive Board meeting. I would like to thank the members of our Executive Board for their participation and input throughout the three days of deliberations, and especially to my colleague Dr Melchior Mataki of Solomon Islands, who was the Chair of the SPREP meeting, for a job exceedingly well done.

The Executive Board meeting was held in lieu of the bigger SPREP Meeting of Officials, which is now held biennially. The SPREP Meeting of Officials will be held tentatively from 6 - 10 September 2021, as was announced before the closing of the Executive Board meeting, and we look forward to the rest of our Member countries joining us then.

Also in September, the UN Convention on Biological Diversity launched its fifth Global Biodiversity Outlook, which is a final report card on progress made against the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. In it, our region is noted for its contribution to increased eradication of invasive alien species and awareness. SPREP is proud to be the coordinator of the Pacific region invasive species programme, working together with our Members and partners, whom I would like to congratulate for their work in this area.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS



CURTAIN FALLS ON SPREP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The second Executive Board meeting SPREP, the first to be convened virtually, officially concluded after three days of deliberations in early September. Chair of the SPREP Meeting, Dr Melchior Mataki of Solomon Islands, also announced the dates for the 30th Meeting of SPREP officials, which will be held from 6 – 10 October 2021.

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TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC



The forecast increase in extreme weather events and slow-onset climate related changes is a huge threat to the ability of the Pacific to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Known as Loss and Damage - when the climate impacts exceed the capacity for countries, communities and ecosystems to adapt - it worries the Pacific island region given what is forecast to come.

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THE CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS NEWSLETTER IS BACK!



The Climate Change Matters newsletter, which highlights the achievements and work of SPREP's Climate Change Resilience programme, is back! Get your free online copy today.

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PACIFIC ISLAND EFFORTS NOTED IN FIFTH GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK



The Pacific islands region was highlighted for its management of invasive species in the fifth Global Biodiversity Outlook launched by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

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A PACIFIC SUCCESS STORY – THE MICRONESIA CHALLENGE REACHES 2020 MILESTONE YEAR



Fourteen years ago, five Pacific island leaders united for a better Pacific islands region, committing to the Micronesia Challenge, an agreement to effectively conserve 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020.

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LATEST ISSUE OF THE PEBACC NEWSLETTER OUT NOW



The Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change project has published its final issue of the PEBACC Newsletter, Issue 10 - August 2020. Grab your free e-copy today at the link below.

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EARLY ACTION RAINFALL WORKSHOP HELD IN SOLOMON ISLANDS



A sub-national workshop to raise awareness and train key sub-national stakeholders to understand and correctly interpret information in the Early Action Rainfall watch bulletin was conducted in Solomon Islands this month.

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IMPROVING CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY IN VANUATU



Senior representatives from eight government departments met in Port Vila in September for the first meeting of the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership programme-funded By-catch and Integrated Ecosystem Management Initiative Steering Committee.

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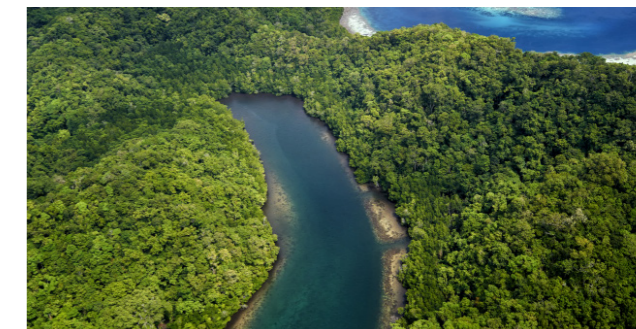
SPREP 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TABLED AT SECOND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme's 2019 Annual Report has been released, and was tabled on the first day of the Secretariat's Second Executive Board meeting, which was held virtually at the beginning of the month.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS FORGE AHEAD ON NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT ACTION, MONITORING, AND REPORTING FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING



The Cook Islands, Niue, Solomon Islands, and Tonga have approved their national State of Environment reports, whilst for Papua New Guinea, the Minister for Environment Conservation and Climate Change has pre-approved their report.

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ASSISTING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE OUTER ISLANDS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SAFE AND CLEAN WATER



One of the main objectives of the Adaptation Fund (AF) funded project "Enhancing the climate change resilience of vulnerable island communities in Federated States of Micronesia" is to implement water security adaptation measures in Satawan and Lukunor of Chuuk, Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi of Pohnpei and Eauripik and Woleai in Yap.

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