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# 3rd PIRT Protected Areas Working Group

# Workshop July 2, 2015

**Meeting July 3, 2015**

# VENUE: Veitiri Conference Room, 5 Ma’afu Street, Suva

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# AGENDA

**INTRODUCTION**

With a need to provide a forum to help better connect a wide range of people whose work relates to protected and conserved areas, nationally as well as regionally, the Pacific Islands Round Table Protected Areas Working Group (PIRT-PAWG) was reconvened on 4th March 2015.

Acknowledging that work in the region is demanding on people’s time, the PAWG is realistic about its role and what its members can contribute to see improved outcomes for protected and conserved areas. It will keep its focus tight and prioritised with communication by ICT means, linking with related regional forum timing, minimal face to face meetings and encouraging sub-groups to progress specific issues independently.

The fundamental objectives of the PAWG are simple:

* create a regional hub for networking, exchange of knowledge and experience and lessons learned
* encourage and support collaboration and coordination in implementing the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas
* collective advocacy and action on priority topics

**MEETING OBJECTIVES:**

The PIRT-PAWG has met twice in 2015 in preparation for this meeting and to lay the base work for the following key meeting objectives:

* Encourage a wide range of people whose work relates to protected and conserved areas, nationally as well as regionally, to contribute their views on priority directions and how action will be taken
* Discuss critical protected areas management and related issues in the Pacific Islands region
* Identify key priority issues for PAWG to focus on for the next five years that will help to achieve the relevant objectives of the Framework and develop a five year work plan for PAWG
* Finalise a PAWG TOR (structure, roles and responsibilities) and a key actions list for presentation to the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) meeting on July 9th and 10th 2015 in Suva, Fiji
* Hold a PAWG social function
* Opportunity for side meetings and presentations

**Outcomes**

* Familiarity with the variety of work being done by members and how it connects with the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas
* Improved understanding of the critical regional and national issues influencing progress on meeting protected area targets
* Consensus on how the PAWG, collectively or through individual organisations , will commit to action on key issues

For presentation to PIRT

* + Agreement on key elements for a Working Group update report to the PIRT Meeting including a targeted action list to 2020 with nominated organisational leads
  + A list of critical and emerging issues - Protected Areas challenges
  + Agreement on items for discussion at the PIRT agenda session where Working Groups engage and involve those attending the PIRT meeting especially those who are not members of PAWG

**PROGRAMME:**

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| **THURSDAY 2nd JULY – Day 1 Workshop** | | |
| **Time** | **Item** | **Person responsible** |
| 8.30am | Coffee and Registration | IUCN Staff |
| 9:00am | Opening and welcome remarks | Facilitator (Seema Deo)  PIRT Chair (Taholo Kami) |
| 9:15am | * Meeting overview - objectives, session timing flexibility and housekeeping * Role of PAWG in implementing the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas | Facilitator  PAWG Chair (Amanda Wheatley – SPREP) |
| 9.30 | Introductions |  |
| 9:45am | Guest presentation: Community based biodiversity conservation in the Torricelli Ranges of PNG | Jean Thomas, Tenkile Conservation Alliance |
| 10:15am | ***Session 1:***  ***Regional overview***  Objective: Provide rapid presentations on regional assessments  *SOCO*  *Regional update on POWPA/NBSAP and other PA processes* | Facilitator  Mark O’Brien  Stuart Chape - SPREP |
| **10:45am** | **Morning tea** | |
| 11:15am | ***Session 1 continued***  ***Facilitated discussion*** on Issues, Challenges and Opportunities. The purpose is to identify common issues and priorities for PAWG to carry forward at regional level. | Facilitator  Tony O’Keeffe |
| 12.00noon | ***Session 2:***  ***National activity on protected areas***  Objective: Presentations on country PA achievements, challenges, lessons and opportunities.  Discussions on PAWG role to support national PA work. | Facilitator  Fiji (national level PAWG) |
| **1:00pm** | **LUNCH** | |
| 2:00pm | **Session 3:**  Presentation on common PA Topics for discussion and action   1. Data and Information Management – Anama Solofa 2. Capacity Development – Tony O’Keeffe 3. Large MPA initiatives update – Milika Sobey 4. PA categories and typology – Sangeeta Mangubhai 5. Recognition of Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECM’s) – Stacy Jupiter | Facilitator |
| **3:30pm** | **Break** | |
| 4:00pm | Development of action points and member roles for a five year plan for PAWG | Facilitator |
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| **Optional - dinner outing for those that wish to self-organise …** | | |

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| **FRIDAY 3rd JULY– Day 2: PAWG Meeting No 3** | | |
| **Time** | **Item** | **Person responsible** |
| 9:00am | Opening and RECAP of Day 1 discussion points, agreements and actions | Facilitator |
| 9:30am | **Session 4: PAWG Meeting No 3**  Confirmation of Minutes of 2nd Meeting, matters arising and follow ups required | Facilitator |
| **10:30** | **Morning Tea** | |
| 11:00am | 1. PAWG TOR 2. Selection of PAWG Chair and role duration 3. Secretariat Team 4. Meeting Schedules 5. PAWG internal communication and information sharing 6. Media and Communication Protocols 7. Costs 8. Other Matters | Facilitator  PAWG Chair |
| **12:30pm** | **LUNCH** | |
| 1:15pm | Summary of Meeting Outcomes, Action Points and Next Steps | Selected PAWG members |
| 2:45pm | Formal close of meeting | Facilitator  PAWG Chair |
| 3:00pm onwards | Development of PAWG presentation to PIRT – Core group  Opportunity for specific topic follow up and side meetings | Facilitator  PAWG Chair |