

31st SPREP MEETING OF OFFICIALS

5, 6, and 7 September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda Item 11.1: Report on the Seventeenth ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)

Purpose of Paper

1. To present the report of the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention.

Background

2. The 17th Conference of the Parties met on 31 August 2023. The Parties in attendance were Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and United States of America. The Conference welcomed New Zealand as the new Chairperson and Solomon Islands as the Vice Chairperson of the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention. The new Chairperson thanked the outgoing Chairperson, Samoa, for their leadership in the last biennium 2021 to 2023.

Recommendation

3. The Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **note** the Report of the Seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention