

MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Greetings from Apia,

The first ever Adaptation Fund Project has been launched in Federated States of Micronesia and it is called “Enhancing climate change resilience of vulnerable island communities in FSM”. The USD 9M project will fund the delivery of a range of activities to address pressing water security and coastal resilience challenges across the four states and six outer islands over the course of five years. I would like to extend my congratulations to the government and people of FSM and offer SPREP’s continued support of the project and overall for FSM and the Pacific region’s climate change resilience.

Another key achievement for our region is that countries are now able to publish their own data on alien and invasive species to support invasive species management according to GBIF standards.

This month’s issue of SPREP-Tok includes other great events and achievements from across the Pacific, and I hope you enjoy reading through them.

Tofa soifua,



Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS



GUIDANCE MATERIALS FOR USING SCIENCE-BASED CLIMATE INFORMATION LAUNCHED IN APIA

The publication “Developing Climate Change Information Material” was launched in April in Apia, to help make using science-based climate change information and services will now be made easier.

The publication was prepared primarily to assist National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and their sectoral stakeholders to jointly undertake national or sub-national climate change risk assessments.

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Mr Salesa Nihmei, SPREP Meteorology and Climate Officer, welcoming the participants to the launch of the guidance materials.
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FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA LAUNCH THEIR FIRST ADAPTATION FUND PROJECT “ENHANCING CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE OF VULNERABLE ISLAND COMMUNITIES IN FSM”



Participants of the inception workshop to mark the commencement of the “Enhancing climate change resilience of vulnerable island communities in FSM” project in Pohnpei. Photo: C.Ehmes.

The Vice-President Yosiwo P. George of the Federated States of Micronesia launched their first ever Adaptation Fund Project in the FSM National Government Capitol, Palikir. The Inception Workshop marks the commencement of the project “Enhancing climate change resilience of vulnerable island communities in FSM”.

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NAURU DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT TRAINED ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT



Director of Environment, Dr Bryan Star (background left), with Nauru UNDP R2R Project Manager, Ms Phaedora Harris (standing on the right), and participants during the EIA training. Photo: J.Davetanivalu/SPREP

SPREP’s Environmental Monitoring and Governance (EMG) programme trained Nauru Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment (DCIE) staff; Technical Support Assistants; and land/health officials on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and its application to development activities. The training was supported by the Nauru UNDP Ridge to Reef (R2R) project with technical support provided by SPREP.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DATA PORTAL AND NATIONAL REPORTING TOOL RELEASES IN COOK ISLANDS (EMG)



Photo: CINES

To better manage environmental information, Cook Islands National Environment Service (NES) introduced a new portal that can store and share datasets, reports, images and other files that examine current environmental conditions.

The portal is co-managed by the Inform project—implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)—which addresses the need to have high-quality data stored in a central location for fast access. It will support informed decision making and reporting.

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INCREASING CAPACITY IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION TO ADDRESS THE LARGEST DRIVER OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS (IOE)



Participants of the consultation workshop in Tuvalu. Photo: D.Moverley/SPREP

Niue, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu have recently completed national consultations to develop activities for the [Global Environment Facility \(GEF 6\) multi-country invasive species project](#) which will commence in 2019. The national consultations confirmed baseline conditions and determined the logistics, activities and budgets for country programmes.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS INVASIVE SPECIES DATA TO BE AVAILABLE GLOBALLY



Giant African snails are a common invasive species found in the Pacific.

Helping Pacific islands publish data on alien and invasive species to support invasive species management is at the core of a regional workshop held in April at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). Invasive species are the largest threat to biodiversity in the Pacific.

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NIUE ON TRACK WITH ITS ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING AND PLANNING PROCESS



The Niue Government Associate Minister of Environment, Ms Mona Ainu'u (center) with the draft SOE Reports, NEMS and Inform brochure after the courtesy visit and briefing on the SPREP mission to Niue, with SPREP's Environmental Planning Adviser, Mr Jope Davetanivalu (left), and Mr Paul Anderson (right). Photo: SPREP

SPREP's Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme continued to provide policy and technical support to Niue with its final consultations on the State of Environment (SoE) Report and National Environmental Management Strategy (NEMS).

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FROM APIA TO THE KERMADEC ISLANDS



Jorim-Paul Philips. Photo: Brendan O'Hagan

Young Samoan, Mr Jorim-Paul Philips, took part in the Young Blake Expedition to the Kermadec Islands last month, the very first time a Pacific islander has been invited to take part.

The Young Blake Expeditions is part of the Sir Peter Blake Trust, it takes young New Zealanders to participate in scientific, environmental and heritage restoration projects throughout New Zealand, the Southern Ocean, the Sub-Antarctic islands, and Antarctica.

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