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SUBJECT: Postponement of the Oceania Seabird Symposium until 2025.

Dear Members,

Following political unrest in New Caledonia earlier this year, the co-organisers have decided to postpone the Oceania Seabird Symposium until next year from 13 -16 May 2025, at the same location, SPC and IRD Headquarters in Noumea.

The OSS is being co-hosted by SPREP, the Pacific Community (SPC), the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) and the World Seabird Union. A flyer introducing the OSS is attached containing a link to the web site.

Following additional support from SPC through Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Sciences (PCCOS), we are delighted to also announce that together with the Pacific BioScapes Programme and Fonds Pacifique, we are able to fund **one person** from every Pacific Island Country and Territory to take part in this exciting symposium. Ideally, they will be from the department or ministry responsible for biodiversity management and protection.

Alternatively, you may wish to nominate someone who is involved in seabird research or conservation from your country/territory.

We have already received some nominations but would like to encourage others to nominate someone soon to assist us with planning. Also please register for the conference as well in the link provided on the nomination form.

Please provide of your nominee details in the attached form to Karen Baird, Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser (karenb@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,



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