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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:

Cook Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea,
Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu

SUBJECT: Invitation to Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP) Regional Workshop for the Coastal Monitoring Programme (17-19 March 2025)

Dear Members,

SPREP has the pleasure of inviting you to attend a regional workshop in Auckland, New Zealand 17-19 March after the GEF ISLANDS, BRS Preparatory and Waigani STAC Meeting in the Cook Islands Meeting 10-14 March. The workshop will introduce a baseline survey and coastal monitoring programme targeting single use plastics proposed for your country. It is an initiative of the Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP) funded by the Government of Australia.

The workshop will:

- Introduce participants to the coastal monitoring programme and its methodology;
- Seek advice on relevant partners, site selection, timing of surveys and community engagement;
- Discuss data collection, ownership of data and how data can be used to inform development of National Action Plans; and
- Facilitate the development of a national implementation plan.

The financial support for one (1) nominated representative consists of the most direct and economical return airfare and per diem for the duration of the meeting in accordance with the terms and conditions of SPREP Travel Policy.

To confirm your attendance and for any further clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Maryann Vaiula at maryannv@sprep.org and Ms. Renee Kamu at rennek@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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