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**SUBJECT: Regional consultation – review of the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2021-2025**

Dear SPREP Members,

We are pleased to announce the beginning of regional consultation to review the *Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2021-2025*, and to develop a new Framework for 2026-2030.

The Framework is our primary regional policy on biodiversity, providing strategic guidance to Pacific governments, partner organisations, and other stakeholders. The new Framework will detail how the Pacific intends to collectively implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). The new Pacific Framework will also serve as a biodiversity roadmap for the region and for the priorities for action that endorsing parties will follow. It is a key tool for the implementation of the Ocean and Environment thematic area of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

The regional Framework also seeks to guide and support the national implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), however it is not a replacement for these national plans. It does so by identifying regional priorities to support national and local actions; enhance exchange of traditional good practices, science-based technologies, knowledge products and information among governments and stakeholders. The Framework is an opportunity for Pacific governments, CROP agencies, NGOs, and other partners, can come together to be more effective and efficient, to prevent duplication, and to accelerate our impact for nature and people in the Pacific.

The new Framework is formally adopted by Pacific governments and regional organisations at the 5-yearly Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas. The 11<sup>th</sup> Conference will be held in early 2026. Each new Framework is typically endorsed through a high-level meeting and declaration to serve the uptake of the Framework. The 2020 Vemöore Declaration was adopted at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference to endorse the current Framework, and was subsequently presented at numerous international fora as the voice of the Pacific on biodiversity.

The Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) has a mandated role to lead the implementation and monitoring of the Framework. PIRT Members and Working Groups will play a key role in the review and re-development of the Framework, alongside regional governments and their partners. Read more about PIRT here: [www.pacificislandsroundtable.com](http://www.pacificislandsroundtable.com).

The initial round of consultation has now opened, focusing on a review of the current Framework. A second consultation process throughout 2025 will focus on the structure, function, and detail of the new Framework.

SPREP Members and their partners are invited to input into the review of the current Framework, through the online form here. Please submit your response by **20 December 2024**.

This is an important opportunity to be part of the process that will guide conservation in the Pacific towards 2030. We look forward to receiving your input.

Yours sincerely,



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