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MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION 2020

- One new ratification of the Nagoya Protocol by the Kingdom of Tonga.
- Formulation and review and/or of ABS policies for Federated States of Micronesia and the Cook Islands.
- Community consultation on the Bio-cultural Policy for Aopo Community in Samoa.
- Community capacity building training on ABS and consultation on further developing the case study on the Mamala plants, in Falealupo
- Development of roadmaps for ABS implementation for the Federated States of Micronesia through online one-to-one meetings conducted with in-country stakeholders. A first draft of their roadmap and policy review were shared in June 2020.
- Conducted an online regional webinar training in May 2020 on specific topics such as compliance, bioprospecting and general implementing of the Nagoya Protocol.
- Ongoing consultation with UNEP on the development of PIFs for the second phase of the project.
- The Project supported the legal and capacity-building assistance to the Republic of Palau by redrafting of the ABS Regulations 2020.
- The Project has identified the way forward and roadmaps for future policy directions for some of the countries in the region. These are to ensure that ABS policies are reviewed or developed in Samoa, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Fiji, and the Federated States of Micronesia.
- Desktop support including providing comments and suggestions on the issue of deep-sea mining' and marine genetic resources for the BBNJ negotiations.