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# ICR update

## Le point sur l'Évaluation indépendante du PROE

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# Overview

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Independent Corporate Review  
of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)



Final Report

Submitted to the SPREP Council

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PACIFIC YEAR OF  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
2009



# History

- June 2008 ICR report
- September 2008 SPREP meeting
  - endorsed recommendations
  - secretariat to develop implementation plan
  - consult members on 'core business'
- July 2009 Special Meeting
  - members to give feedback on core business
  - members to give feedback on chair's group
  - task force & bulletin board

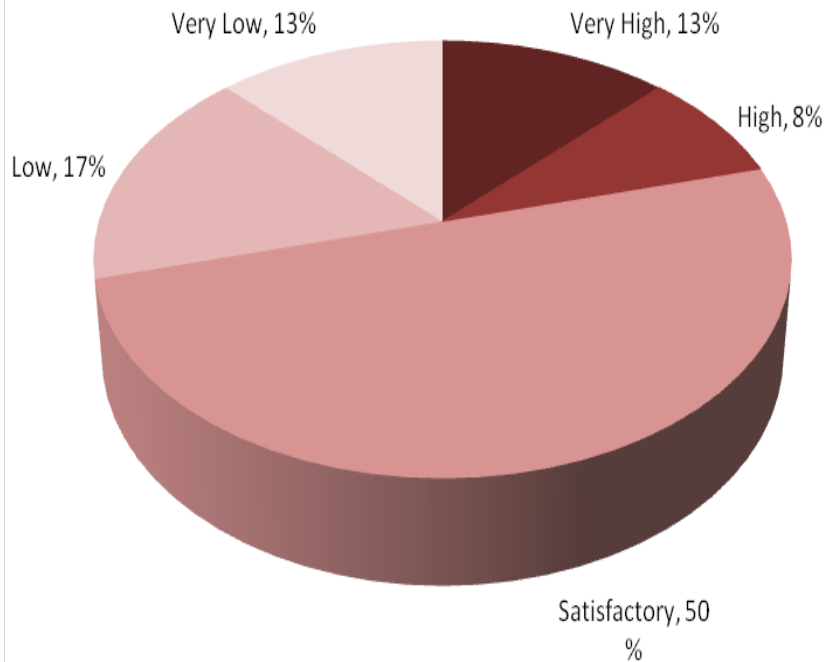


# Task force

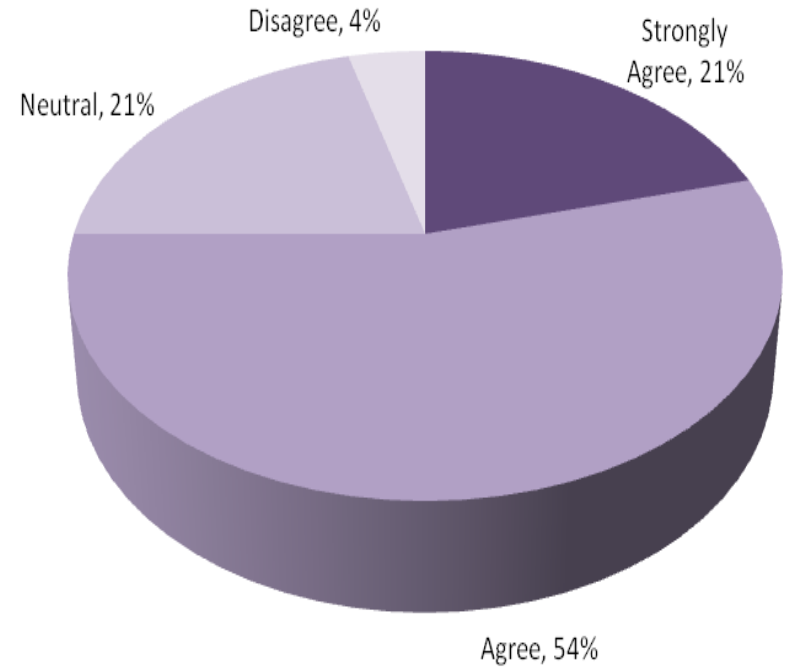
- 10-11 September 2009: SPREP, Apia
  - 5 member countries
  - core business definition
  - called for a revised governance proposal
- Follow-up
  - report led to secretariat papers
  - bulletin board: 18 members, no real activity
  - pre-SPREP Meeting discussion: 16 November
  - other implementation: see progress report



# One follow-up: staff morale



staff morale



happy working with SPREP



**Agenda Item 6.1: ICR Update**

**Purpose**

1. To outline steps taken to progress key recommendations of the Independent Corporate Review (ICR) since the SPREP Special Meeting in July 2009.

**Background**

2. In September 2008, the 19<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting adopted, with some amendments, the ICR recommendations. The ICR report had been completed by an international team, under terms of reference endorsed by the 18<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting, and submitted to the SPREP Council Chair in June 2008. The 19<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting also directed the Secretariat to develop an implementation plan and to report annually on progress; and to consult Members on recommendations 59, 60 and 61 (on core business activities).
3. In July 2009, the SPREP Special Meeting considered an implementation progress report and agreed to provide feedback before the 20<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting on two discussion papers prepared by the Secretariat, addressing:
  - ICR recommendations 59, 60 and 61 (on core business); and
  - ICR recommendation 79 (on SPREP's governance arrangements).
4. The SPREP Special Meeting also endorsed the establishment of a task force and an electronic bulletin board to discuss core functions and related ICR recommendations.
5. In September 2009, the task force (comprising representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tokelau, United States and the Secretariat) met in Apia and:
  - Developed a proposed definition of *SPREP's core business*, for Members' consideration in the lead-up to the 20<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting. The task force agreed that while it was the role of Members to define SPREP's core business, they would depend on the Secretariat to report back to Members on how the Secretariat could be structured to focus on this;
  - Neither rejected nor endorsed the proposal to establish a *chair's advisory committee or group*, but registered considerable concerns. The task force invited the Secretariat to revise its proposal.



# Core business

- **Definition: WP 6.1**
  - The minimum set of capabilities SPREP must provide to Members on a regional basis, in accordance with its mandate as the regional environment organisation,
  - where SPREP's role is unique and irreplaceable,
  - and which should be permanently funded through members' contributions
- **Activities: WP 6.1/Att.1**
  - essential secretariat services ...
  - support activities that address priority regional environmental challenges & opportunities ...





# Governance & engagement

WP 6.1/Att.2

- ICR rec 79: advice, accountability
- Accountability - chair's advisory group
  - Work programme decisions
  - Budget decisions
  - Feedback from members
- Advice - focal points, technical committees
  - thematic focal points - members' priorities
  - expert committees - sounding boards



# Recommendations

- note progress
- agree on the core business definition
- engage in further discussions on core activities:
  1. essential secretariat services;
  2. priority regional environmental challenges.
- agree that core business = **Members' contributions**
- extend the ICR task force into 2010
- establish a chair's advisory committee and/or thematic focal points and advisory committees.



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# Over to you

- Your people's needs
- Your regional organisation
- Your priorities
- Your core business
- Your decision to engage as members





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