



Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

TWENTY-FIRST SPREP MEETING

Madang, Papua New Guinea
6 – 10 September 2010

Agenda Item 11.2: Streamlined reporting by Pacific Island countries to the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements – final report

(Paper presented by Australia)



Australian Government

Background Paper



Purpose of Paper

1. To provide a final report on the Australian Government's project to streamline reporting by Pacific Island countries (PICs) to the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). The full report on the project is provided at Attachment A.

The problem

2. At the 20th SPREP Meeting in November 2009 under Agenda Item 11.1. 'Streamlined reporting by Pacific Island countries to the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements – progress update', Members:

- **reviewed** the progress report and recommendations on the streamlined reporting project;
- **agreed** that Australia should bring the project to the attention of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG), in particular its Working Group on National Reporting, for discussion and consideration;
- **asked** Australia with the support of Pacific Island countries to raise the project at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES CoP) in 2010; and
- **requested** an update on this matter to the 21st SPREP Meeting.

3. The final report provides an update as requested and outlines progress made in 2010 to implement these recommendations.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is therefore invited to:

- **review** the final report and achievements of this project;
- **note** the project end date of 30 November 2010; and
- **agree** to continue to support the concept of streamlined reporting in international meetings where possible.