



Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

TWENTY-FIRST SPREP MEETING

Madang, Papua New Guinea
6 – 10 September 2010

Agenda Item 4: Action taken on decisions made by the 20th SPREP Meeting

Purpose

1. To report on action taken on the decisions of the 20th SPREP Meeting, and on action taken on suggestions made by individual Members during the Meeting.

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5.1 2008 annual report	17	Secretariat encouraged to consider more subsidiary awareness publications, such as a calendar.	Preparing a calendar to promote environmental issues and highlight SPREP's work.
	19	PNG invited the Secretariat to be part of the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI).	<p>Only involved in CTI activities in PNG, because SPREP was not considered as a Service Provider by any country during the ADB/GEF (UniQuest) RETA process.</p> <p>Assisted PNG with reviews of the RETAs, the PNG's Marine Strategy (the implementation document for the CTI), the USAID-funded Coral Triangle Support Programme Year 1 activities (Live Reef Food Fish Trade Management Plan), and work plans for years 2-5.</p> <p>Information dissemination and coordination for CTI-related GEF projects (via the GEF Support Adviser).</p> <p>EIA training in Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Kiribati, PNG and Tonga for staff of line ministries and non-governmental organizations, and SOE planning in PNG and Tonga.</p>

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	22	Tokelau suggested the Secretariat could tailor assistance to countries such as Tokelau and coordinate access to lessons learned in coastal and reef management.	<p>Awaiting confirmation on whether Tokelau requires assistance to implement the recommendations of the 2003 SPREP assessment of marine resources. This could be extended to update the 2004-2005 Marine Resource Management Plans for the atoll groups.</p> <p>Offered assistance to Tokelau in climate change planning, including coral reef considerations.</p>
5.2 PMER	30	Niue suggested the Secretariat could help countries access MEA country support program funds.	<p>Implementing the EC Pacific ACP MEA Capacity Building project that, <i>inter alia</i>, addresses this issue.</p> <p>Assisted a number of PICs to access UNDP/GEF SGs to assist implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.</p>
	32	Cook Islands, Kiribati and Niue called for more resources and support for waste management, including asbestos.	<p>The Secretariat signed the 1 million euro financing agreement with AFD for a Regional Solid Waste Management Initiative. Tendering for a Technical Assistance Contract; implementation expected to begin by October 2010.</p> <p>JICA has also committed to implementing a Regional Solid Waste Management Project from November 2010, and has been undertaking a round of consultations to develop specific country and regional activities.</p> <p>The UNEP project funded by GEF-PAS to address 'POPs release reduction through Improved Management of Solid and Hazardous wastes' has progressed to a Project Preparation Grant; full project document to be submitted for CEO endorsement by February 2011.</p>
	34	Cook Islands asked the Secretariat to assign a staff member to assist with EIA training.	Following up with the Cook Islands Department of the Environment to clarify the assistance required.

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	35	Fiji suggested the Secretariat support countries to meet CITES obligations and improved coordination of terrestrial projects and their integration with coastal and marine planning.	<p>SPREP supported the CITES Secretariat and SPC on two marine CITES workshops – capacity building on giant clams (<i>Tridacnidae</i>) in Fiji and on non-detriment Findings for CITES marine species’ (Solomon Islands).</p> <p>Ongoing discussions with IUCN and CITES Secretariat on capacity building activities and plans in the Pacific.</p> <p>Supported the University of Queensland’s Global Change Institute’s training course in the Cook Islands on ecosystem-based management.</p>
6.1 ICR	58	<p>⇒ agreed that Members would engage with the Secretariat in further discussions in the context of a consultative strategic planning process on the revised Action Plan to define the functions and activities comprising the Secretariat’s core business ...</p> <p>⇒ decided to extend the term and expand the membership of the ICR task force to finalise its work up to, but not beyond, the 21st SPREP Meeting;</p> <p>⇒ requested the task force to address the above and to develop further proposals for improving engagement with Members in accordance with ICR recommendation 79.</p>	<p>Designed questionnaires and sub-regional consultations on the development of the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan to create opportunities for Members to define core regional priorities.</p> <p>Email correspondence with the task force and with the on-line discussion group to invite suggestions on addressing this; proposing further discussions once the draft Strategic Plan is out for comment. Thematic focal points established in the Secretariat.</p> <p>For further information on ICR implementation, see the information paper.</p>
6.2 RIF	69	<p>⇒ directed the Secretariat to explore further roles and opportunities for SPREP in relation to energy policy and climate change, noting the need for improved coordination and cooperation among CROP agencies ...</p> <p>⇒ endorsed that the Secretariat’s component of the joint SOPAC-SPREP EDF 10 energy project proposal continues the momentum gained in the PIGGAREP, given SPREP’s recognised role on energy and the environment.</p>	<p>PIGGAREP funded 3 PICs to participate in a SPC workshop to review the regional energy policy.</p> <p>A joint SPREP, SPC, USP and PPA workshop on energy planning and energy project coordination and management is planned for the 4th Quarter of 2010.</p> <p>A joint SPC, SPREP, PPA and UNDP evaluation in July 2010 of the Port Orly biofuel project at Santo, Vanuatu.</p> <p>Identification Fiche has been approved and the Action Fiche is being developed jointly with SPC to be submitted to the EU in September 2010.</p>

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6.3 Action Plan review	95	<p>⇒ endorsed the proposed process for the review of the current Action Plan and the development of a new Action Plan for 2011-2016;</p> <p>⇒ encouraged the Secretariat to explore the possibilities of streamlining SPREP's strategic planning processes, including incorporating the existing Strategic Programmes document into a new Strategic Plan that will be the action plan for the purposes of the SPREP Agreement;</p> <p>⇒ ... directed the Secretariat to identify the most cost-effective methods ...</p>	<p>Conducted questionnaires to clarify the priorities for Members as well as the views of partner organizations and Secretariat professional staff, March-May 2010. Responses relating to progress under the previous Action Plan and future country and regional priorities were received from 18 Members.</p> <p>Sub-regional Member consultative workshops in Fiji (15 Members) and Guam (3 Members plus the Micronesia Challenge) in May 2010 reviewed the findings of the questionnaires and developed consensus on regional strategic priorities and targets for the coming five years.</p> <p>Additional financial support from Australia enabled the Secretariat to contract a consultant and ensure that participation in the consultative workshops was at no cost to island country and territory participants.</p>
7.1 Members' contributions	108	<p>⇒ encouraged the SPREP Director to raise the issue of unpaid contributions with relevant senior officials when he is visiting countries.</p>	<p>Reminders sent to Members with unpaid contributions, and Director has raised the issue during country visits: recent visits have included the Marshall Islands (October 2009), Vanuatu (October 2009), Guam (May 2010), Fiji (May 2010) and Kiribati (June 2010).</p>
7.2 EC institutional assessment	119	<p>⇒ directed the Secretariat to provide a progress report on implementation of the EC recommendations to members, including on the risk management framework and procurement manual, in early 2010.</p>	<p>Done – progress reports provided by circular. Also refer to information paper.</p>
8.1 Professional staff terms & conditions	125	<p>⇒ approved the adoption of the proposed new salary banding model and direct the Secretariat to advise SPREP Members of an effective implementation date, and any other substantive issues relating to the adoption of the new banding model, either at the next SPREP meeting or earlier by circular, if necessary.</p>	<p>Refer to relevant working papers.</p>

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9.1.1 Regional Marine Species Programme	143	Fiji encouraged the Secretariat to liaise with the Government of Fiji and the USP on turtle sampling and CITES national regulatory requirements.	<p>Ongoing discussions with the University of Canberra and USP on the most appropriate process/facilities to analyze samples.</p> <p>Ongoing discussions with IUCN and CITES Secretariat on capacity building activities, with a specific training meeting planned for the Pacific.</p>
	144	<p>⇒ urged Members who are parties to CMS and the CMS Secretariat, in collaboration with SPREP, to focus on prioritising key issues and securing funding at national levels to support the implementation of relevant actions in the [Turtles] Action Plan and to complete the questionnaire on their preferred option to help guide future work in this area;</p> <p>⇒ invited nominations of appropriate national officials to be included in the Recovery Team for the recovery plan for humpback whales ...</p>	<p>Engaging a consultant (funded by CMS) to develop a proposal to support implementation of the action plan both nationally and regionally.</p> <p>Following up on the questionnaire.</p> <p>Nominees from Tokelau, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, PNG, Niue, Fiji and Solomon Islands participated in the first meeting of the Recovery Team in Auckland, April 2010.</p>
9.2.1 Solid waste	162-163	Niue and Cook Islands asked the Secretariat to prioritise asbestos disposal.	<p>Advice and recommendations provided to Niue for asbestos disposal in May 2010.</p> <p>Cook Islands to be approached later in 2010 for their specific needs.</p>
	165	Fiji asked the Secretariat to facilitate the sharing of its lessons in waste management with other Pacific islands.	Upcoming JICA and AFD-funded waste management projects will provide a platform for sharing lessons. The 6-monthly progress report of the Regional Solid Waste Strategy will also share lessons, provided countries are responsive with information.
	167	Tonga suggested SPREP could play a role in sponsorship for waste management training.	<p>Incorporated in the Regional Solid Waste Strategy under the capacity building theme.</p> <p>The AFD project includes a major component for vocational waste management training. Also working with USP to develop a post-graduate course and identifying funding sources for additional training.</p>

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	168	Kiribati and Tuvalu suggested other countries could benefit from assistance from SPREP on project proposal writing and exploring funding assistance.	Assistance is provided for GEF-related projects; Secretariat is prepared to respond speedily to such requests (none have been forthcoming). Several sources of funding circulated to PICTs.
	171	<p>As part of the endorsed delivery phase of solid waste work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior SPREP management negotiate a year long work program with milestones at Ministerial level and gain significant public profile for the agreement to improve waste management. • Trial a new approach of SPREP staff spending a much longer period in country ... 	To be discussed further as it may become an integrated part of a joint country strategy approach involving other CROP agencies.
9.2.3 PACPOL	183	Secretariat to circulate the draft Strategy for the Pacific Ocean Pollution Prevention Programme (PACPOL) 2010-2014 for comments by way of a circular by the end of 2009.	The PACPOL strategy final draft was sent out to Members and partners for comment in February 2010. Strategy is finalised and awaiting publication and distribution.
9.2.4 Meteorological services support	193	NZ urged the Secretariat to complete the two reviews currently underway [of regional meteorological services and of the strategic action plan] before embarking on new proposals and before new institutions and mechanisms were considered.	Completed the review of regional meteorological services; conveyed recommendations to PIF Leaders for endorsement. The Meteorology Strategic Plan Review was delayed to take into account the outcomes of the Leaders' meeting; will be launched at the 2011 SPREP RMSD meeting in the Marshall Islands.
	72-73, 195	USA, NZ and Cook Islands called for the Meteorological and Climatology position to be filled / part of the core programme.	Developed TOR for the position as well as a support platform in line with the findings of the Review of the Regional Meteorological Services. The position has been costed and sent to donors as a proposal for funding.

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	196	PNG identified the need for SPREP to expand its support for the national development of meteorological services.	The Review of the Meteorology Strategic Plan shall take into account the roles of NMS and both national and regional partnerships with NDMO and NHS partners, to share benefits of development. SPREP expanded its support through the training and capacity building programme with the Finnish Met Institute.
	202	<p>⇒ endorsed the proposed process for the Secretariat to lead on the development of a fully fledged proposal for the consideration of the SM21 in 2010, on the development and establishment of an institutional response to Pacific meteorological needs, including any links to hydrological services.</p> <p>⇒ urged the Secretariat to continue [the review or regional met services] and to report inter-sessionally with a view to submitting a final report to Members at the 21SM in 2010.</p>	<p>Proposal for a Pacific Meteorology Council tabled – refer to the working paper.</p> <p>Done – Final review report delivered to Members in March 2010.</p>
10.1 Role of the ministers' forum	281	<p>⇒ decided to establish a high-level segment within the agenda of the 21st SPREP Meeting, and every second SPREP Meeting thereafter, to discuss strategic issues that deserve the consideration of the environment ministers of the region;</p> <p>⇒ directed the Secretariat to consult SPREP Members on the issues to be discussed during the high-level segment at the 21st SPREP Meeting.</p>	<p>Done – refer to the agenda.</p> <p>SPREP Director canvassed issues of interest during discussions with regional environment ministers.</p>
10.2 Procedures for the appointment of the SPREP Director	293	<p>⇒ tasked the Secretariat with:</p> <p>i. proposing amendments to the rules in order to ensure that ... the SPREP Meeting will be provided with a transparent justification of and commentary on the recommendations regarding the candidates ...;</p>	<p>Circulated draft amendments and templates in April 2010 to SPREP Member delegates who had participated in previous Director selection advisory committees and/or had taken the floor on this issue at the 20SM.</p> <p>Updated the paper in June 2010 in light of comments received (refer to working paper).</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. developing a template to guide the selection committee's processes and recommendations to the SPREP Meeting, to ensure that the committee can arrive at a clear order of suitability/preference ... iii. proposing amendments to the rules to ensure that in the event that the most preferred candidate declines the offer of the position, the next most highly ranked suitable applicant should be offered. 	
16. 21st SPREP Meeting	342	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ agreed to tentatively accept the offer of PNG to host the 21st SPREP Meeting ... ⇒ the Secretariat would provide PNG with information on requirements for hosting the SPREP Meeting. 	Done, with the cooperation of the Government of Papua New Guinea and the SPREP PNG focal point.