



SPREP



2005 Pacific Year of Action Against Waste

Frequently Asked Questions

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

What is the Pacific Year of Action Against Waste?

The Year of Action is a SPREP initiative that will strengthen, promote and generate activities that aim to reduce levels of solid waste. The Year of Action will encourage new and existing community initiatives, and showcase regional best practices to support governments in their planning process for solid waste management.

What can SPREP do to support Year of Waste activities?

SPREP is currently working with member countries to develop campaign strategies for the Year of Action. As the Year of Action is owned and driven by member countries, it is crucial to address waste priorities highlighted at a national level. These could include encouragement of a recycling programme, partnerships with local businesses to encourage waste minimisation, or collaboration with key environmental organisations to strengthen community based education.

What resources are available?

SPREP is working with countries to determine the level of support provided towards national campaigns. This is largely dependent on the finalisation of national campaign plans and the proposed budget and timeframe to achieve the campaign objectives.

What initiatives are planned for the region?

SPREP has compiled a list of regional events for the Year of Action. This list does not include national events, although SPREP will support countries in the regional promotion of these events.

How does the Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy fit into the Year of Action?

The finalisation of the Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy is a key component of the Year of Action. The Year of Action is a three-tiered program of support working at community, national and regional levels. The development of a Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy will support the goal of a sustainable Pacific by providing a long-term goal for addressing waste management issues at the regional level. Once finalized and endorsed, the Regional Waste Management Strategy will form a large part of SPREP's work in the region and will be used to develop the various National Waste Management Strategies, plans and/or policies.

Who is coordinating Year of Waste Activities in each country?

The Year of Action is coordinated by Tamara Logan, the Education and Social Communications Officer, Frank Griffin, Coordinator, Pollution Prevention and Steve Menzies, Community Communications Specialist from the International Waters Project.

What is the role of the International Waters Project (IWP) in the Year of Waste?

The International Waters Project is playing an integral role in promoting the Year of Action. IWP is working with 14 Pacific communities to try and understand the root causes of resource management problems, and identify possible low cost solutions that can help countries improve resource management at the national level. Eight of these projects are focused on waste minimisation.

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