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Acknowledgments

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many donors and partners who continue to support the SPREP North Pacific Office and the Secretariat, and the many projects within the Micronesian sub-region.

North Pacific Office

The North Pacific Office ramped up activities during the second quarter of 2026 with high-level accomplishments listed here:

- A number of Members experienced States of Emergency. FSM, Guam and CNMI issued Emergencies after Typhoon Sinlaku struck them. RMI remains in a State of Economic Emergency following the rise in oil and related prices following the US-Israel-Iran war.
- SPREP NPO continued to seek endorsement of foundational documents to formalise mandate.
- Represented SPREP at the PIFS Forum Economic Officials' Meeting.
- Attended the Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting.
- Attended the inaugural meeting of the Pacific Resilience Facility.
- Worked with UNEP-CCC on concept notes for RMI and continue exploring possible sub-regional partnerships.
- Facilitated the launch of PRISMSS RIP invasive rat eradication project in RMI which will continue into Q3.
- Facilitated the release of bioagents on Arno Atoll.
- Participated in initial discussions to progress Palau's State of the Environment Report.
- Participated in numerous tender assessment panels for Member projects.

Fifth SPREP Executive Board Meeting

The Fifth SPREP Executive Board will convene on the 12 and 13 August in Apia, Samoa. The Micronesia sub-group will be represented by the Federated State of Micronesia. The NPO stands ready to assist where needed.

SPREP Sub-regional Activities

SPREP continued to engage directly with Micronesian regional Members providing policy and technical advice, capacity building and training including key projects as detailed below.

Federated States of Micronesia

- LDCC - Addressing Loss and Damage under the Pacific Regional Partnership.
- Adaptation Fund Project Supervisory Mission: Enhancing climate resilience of vulnerable island communities; focus on water security, sanitation, and gender-inclusive livelihoods.
- PRISMSS Exchange Programme.
- National Adaptation Planning (NAP) Support: Ongoing vulnerability assessments and alignment with FSM's updated NDC 3.0.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.

- IICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- BioScapes: Protected Areas Network Policy Framework - Support for implementation and strengthening of governance for protected areas, and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) and ecosystem assessments to improve resilience and biodiversity management. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- GEF Financial and Training Support to GEF OFP in the Pacific on Project Oversight – Ongoing support on the implementation of approved oversight activities as per LOA signed in November 2025.
- AFD Pacific Ocean Initiative, Sustainable Protection and Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems approved and mobilisation under way.
- GEF Pacific Environment Data Project, INFORM + is under donor review.
- GCF Private Sector led Climate Adaptation and Resilience Project Request for Tender in progress.

Kiribati

- Strategic Planning Mission and National Climate Outlook Forum supported by ClimSA.
- SWAP2 Marine Litter Training Session.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- ICCE- Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Kiribati (Christmas Island) SPTO implementation of Tourism Standards and Certification Programme funded by POLP.
- Single-use Plastic Source Inventory and Roadmap contract awarded. Roadmap consultancy in progress.
- Billboards posted in Tobwaan te Rikirake Park, KV20 Park, Te Tongo Park and Bairiki.
- Outreach to communities and church leaders in Bonriki, Te Kawai ae Boou, and Temwaiku on Environment Act and single-use plastics. Also radio campaign.
- Community engagement through coastal clean-up at the Anaanau Causeway. Renovation works at Te Tongo Park progressing, with the site proposed as a future plastic-free park.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- GEF Financial and Training Support to GEF OFPs in the Pacific on Project Oversight – LOA signed on 29 April 2026, followed by disbursement of funds to support implementation of approved oversight activities. Ongoing capacity support where needed.
- AFD Pacific Ocean Initiative, Sustainable Protection and Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems approved and mobilisation under way.
- Adaptation Fund Enhancing the resilience of the outer islands of Kiribati is under donor review.

Nauru

- Early Detection and Rapid Response Simulation Exercises.
- Loss and Damage Dialogues held.
- PCCC conducted training on fundamentals of project development and climate funding access.

- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- ClimSA.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Nauru GEF Readiness II.
- GEF Financial and Training Support to GEF OFPs in the Pacific on Project Oversight – Ongoing capacity support and facilitating procurement required to support implementation of approved activities.
- AFD Pacific Ocean Initiative, Sustainable Protection and Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems approved and mobilisation under way.
- GEF Pacific Environment Data Project, INFORM + is under donor review.

Palau

- COSPPac Steering Committee met.
- PILN7 Meeting held.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- Policy development support for climate resilience and environmental governance.
- GEF ISLANDS.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- BioScapes: Capacity Building for Protected Areas Network (PAN) - Strengthening site-level management and governance for 38 PAN sites and 14 other protected areas, Marine Turtle Nesting Beach Surveys - Implementing long-term monitoring programs, and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Identification - Supporting inclusive processes to identify and manage KBAs.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- GEF Financial and Training Support to GEF OFPs in the Pacific on Project Oversight – LOA signed in April 2026 followed by the disbursement of funds to support implementation of approved oversight activities. Ongoing capacity support where needed.
- AFD Pacific Ocean Initiative, Sustainable Protection and Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems approved and mobilisation under way.
- IKI Restoring Pacific Islands for Nature and People invasive species management approved and preparing agreement.
- GEF Pacific Environment Data Project, INFORM + is under donor review.
- Adaptation Fund Palau Resilience Schools concept note is under development.

Republic of the Marshall Islands

- Landcare Research arranged for bioagent release on Arno Atoll through PRISMSS.
- Island Conservation team on Bokak Atoll for rat eradication.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.

- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- TOR for Consultant to review single use plastics law and enhancement.
- Legal review Consultant recruited.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP) supporting amendments to legislation on single-use plastics.
- RMI GEF Readiness II.
- BioScapes: Coral Reef Fisheries Management - Enhancing management and resilience of coral reef ecosystems, and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) for climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.
- GEF Financial and Training Support to GEF OFP in the Pacific on Project Oversight – Ongoing support on the implementation of approved oversight activities as per LOA signed in November 2025.
- AFD Pacific Ocean Initiative, Sustainable Protection and Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems is approved and mobilisation under way.
- GEF8 Scaling up Invasive Species Management in the Pacific is under donor review.

CNMI and Guam

- Activities to be discussed and confirmed.
