



Inform Project:

Key Results + Impacts

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Funded by the Global Environment Facility and implemented by UN Environment, the Inform project is a four year regional project (2017–2021) executed in fourteen Pacific Island Countries, by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme to improve environmental information for decision making across the Pacific region.

14 Pacific Island Countries Geographical Scope:



- + Cook Islands
- + Federated States of Micronesia
- + Fiji
- + Kiribati
- + Nauru
- + Niue
- + Palau
- + Papua New Guinea
- + Republic of the Marshall Islands
- + Samoa
- + Solomon Islands
- + Tonga
- + Tuvalu
- + Vanuatu



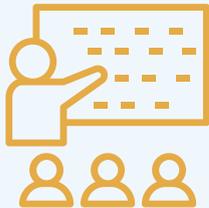
KEY DELIVERABLE 1

A network of national Environmental Data Portals: online data repositories that provide an easy way to store, share, access and reuse national environmental data.



KEY DELIVERABLE 2

A set of environmental knowledge management tools to improve data monitoring and reporting capabilities.



KEY DELIVERABLE 3

National and regional capacity building to monitor, review and report on national development plans such as the State of Environment Assessment and Multilateral Environmental Agreements.



“Information is power. Sharing it will bring us together and enhance everyone’s skills, knowledge and capacity across the board”



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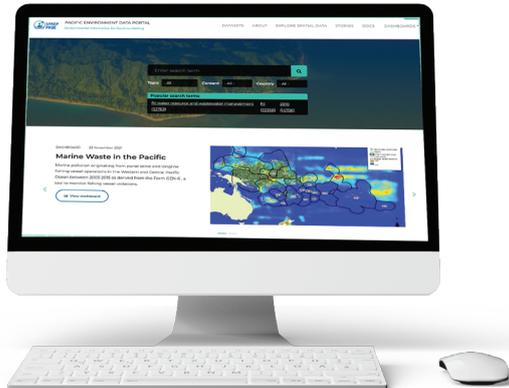


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<https://pacific-data.sprep.org/>

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Network of Environment Portals established



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IMPACT :

- + Increase in the use of data and timely availability for decision making, planning and reporting.
- + Positive uptake of processes, platforms and policies by Pacific Island Countries.
- + New data culture; from local storage to cloud based open data – improve data management, storage and sharing.



“We have a number of reporting obligations at the national, regional and international levels, and the reporting tool will make easier for us to respond to a number of reporting obligations with our partners and most importantly at the national level, to the government and cabinet”



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CEO - MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
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SAMOA

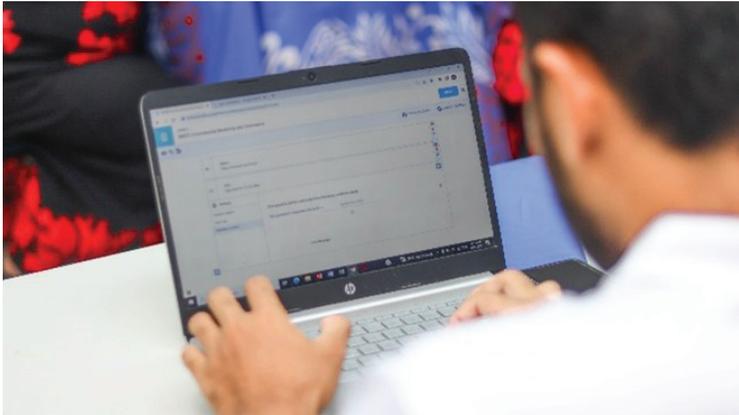


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<https://indicators.sprep.org/user/login>

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The Indicator Reporting Tool



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IMPACT :

+ National capacity for indicator reporting tool in PNG, Cook Islands, FSM, Tonga. The user base is small but uptake in the select locations is progressing well.

KNOW YOUR INDICATORS

ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS | PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES



“This training has been helpful in showing us how to collect scattered environmental information in Tonga so that it can be shared and accessed by those who need it”



MR SIOSIUA LATU
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENT OFFICER
TONGA



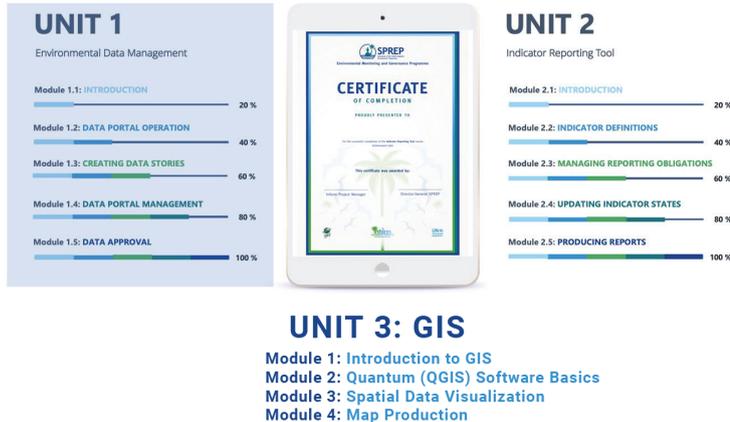
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<https://spreptraining.moodlecloud.com>

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Inform E-learning Series on SPREP Moodle platform

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COURSE OUTLINE



3 course units developed on the use of tools developed by the Inform project:

- + Unit 1 Environment Data Management (Data Portal)
- + Unit 2 Environment Reporting (Indicator Reporting Tool)
- + Unit 3 Introduction to Geospatial Information Systems



IMPACT :

- + Learning modules - an additional toolkit to build regional capacities in the long-term (post project) in line with our members evolving learning needs.
- + Free, cost-effective, bringing together our dispersed members into one platform to learn at their own free time.

“Data is very useful in exposing environmental trends and is vital to help us determine if our environmental work is having a real impact”



MS TAOUEA REIHER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSERVATION DIVISION
KIRIBATI



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<https://soec.sprep.org>

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Interactive State of Environment (SOE) Webpage Platforms developed



IMPACT :

- + Increase accessibility of results of SOE assessments for planning, policy and decision making.
- + Increase availability to and accessibility by the public (academics, researchers, officers).



“Working relationships go a long way for any project to succeed. Particularly with a new project, you rely on those existing relationships to get things done”.



MS CHARLENE MERSAI
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR
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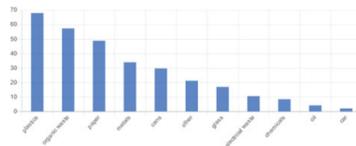
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PEOPLE

National Capacity Built



What types of waste do you see at the dump site?
TYPE: 'COLLECT_ANALYSIS' - All out of 41 responses answered this question. (2 seen without data)



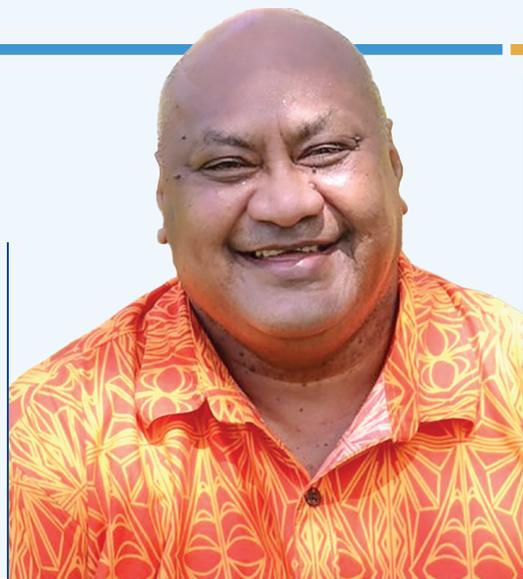
FOCUS:

- + Use of existing data portals for decision making, Indicator Reporting tool, mobile app for data collection, carried out by the team in-person and virtual.

IMPACT :

- + Overall stakeholder engagement has been high with over 200 people at the operational, ministerial, senior, junior levels being trained.
- + Gender mainstreaming - Access to datasets, training and project tools are accessible to all regardless of gender.
- + Train the trainer approach was used so data champions in country can further train others in their respective countries.
- + Growing awareness of the benefits of improved data management.
- + National project focal point and relevant staff are well integrated into project delivery and a two-way flow of communication has been established.

“The Pacific environment data portals will be very valuable for Pacific negotiators at different conferences and venues, as it provides them with real-time access to updated data and information”



MR. SEFANAIA NAWADRA
DIRECTOR GENERAL
SPREP

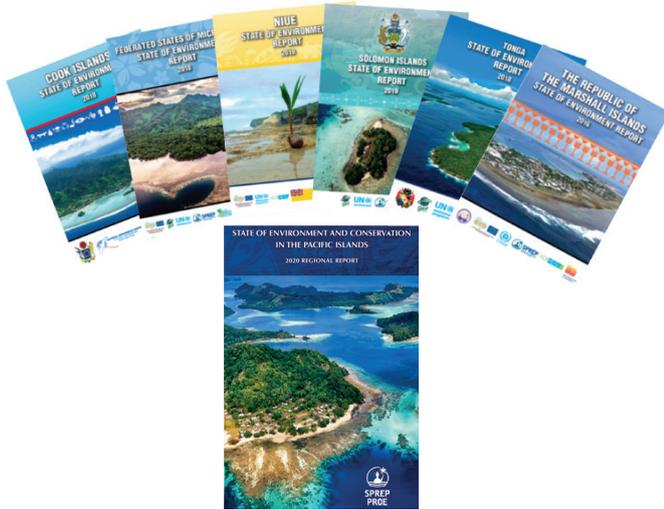


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PROCESSES

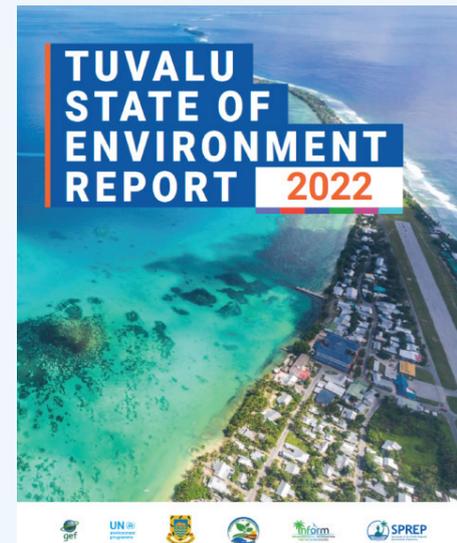
State of Environment Reports developed



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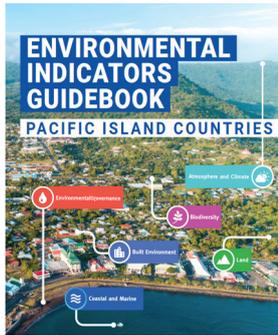
IMPACT :

- + SOE process fully implemented across the region.
- + Countries take ownership of the SOE development processes with the team providing backstopping support.
- + NEMS development process fully informed and integrated to the SOE process.



PROCESSES

Indicators and Indicator Guidebook developed



IMPACT :

- + Increased uptake of standardized environmental indicators by Pacific island countries
- + Links between indicators (regional and global) and reporting requirements are clear



PROCESSES

Communication

Up to 25% of our economy comes from nature.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY BUDGET ALLOCATION

INDICATOR SYMBOL

State of Environment and Conservation in the Pacific Islands: 2020 Regional Report

TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION EQUIVALENT (USD)

<2%

\$2 per person

\$9 per Km2 of waters

\$165 per Km2 of reef

\$215 per Km of coastline

Are We spending enough in our ENVIRONMENT?

READ FACTS

DOWNLOAD THE REPORT

Conservation and Marine

Did you know that people use 50 species of bats in the Pacific islands?

Conservation and Marine

Don't you love coral reefs? They are also home for seafoods and protect our shorelines from erosion

Biodiversity

116 management programmes are targeting priority invasive species in Pacific islands in 2020

Endemism

Half of the 200 migratory species in the Pacific are in decline

Conservation and Protection

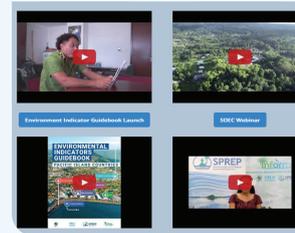
A new SPREP analysis found that 17% of the known Key Biodiversity Areas in the Pacific islands region lie inside the boundaries of protected areas.

Conservation and Protection

There are more than 5.5 million square kilometres of protected areas in the Pacific region

IMPACT :

+ Increased awareness of the network of portals and Inform project; stories, brochures, social media and press releases and videos.



Monthly Inform Update
November - December

In this Issue:

- SPREP through Inform supports Pacific GIS and Remote Sensing User conference 2021
- Interactive webpages providing easy access to information on state of environment dashboard
- Upgraded Portals to improve access to environmental data
- Inform E-learning course review and training with participants from Tuvalu

Resources:

- Inform Plus Concept Note
- Inform e-learning course
- Virtual events

Street Map 1.0 The conference was also supported by the Government of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme through the Global Environment Facility funded Virtual Events.

This year's Pacific conference is a special one, as it is the first conference to be hosted



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“I would encourage people that are working with data to be brave and bold so it can be used as a resource to generate new insight, new value, and to help inform policy making”



MR SIOELI TONGA
PROGRAMME MANAGER
THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY (SPC)



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POLICIES

KEY RESULTS :

- + SPREP data policy developed
- + SPREP Standard of Operating Procedure developed
- + National data policy developed (PNG, RMI and Tonga)
- + National Environment Management Strategy developed
- + Templates developed and available for members to use
 - Standard of Operating Procedure template
 - LOA on data sharing
 - Ministry data sharing policy
 - Open data Act discussion paper

IMPACT :

- + SPREP data governance and coordination improved.
- + Good data management, procedures and clear practices in place for member countries such as PNG, RMI and Tonga.
- + Licenses for data access are in use to protect sensitive data.





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