



**STOCKTAKING
,COORDINATION &
DEVELOPMENT of
MONITORING PLAN :
MEETING FOR ACHIEVING
AICHI BIODIVERSITY
TARGET 11 BY 2020**

**25-27 April 2019
Isl of Vilm , Germany**

**PACIFIC SUB REGION
UPDATE**





Introduction

- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP),
- based in Apia, Samoa
- 26 member countries [5 metropolitan]
- Pacific BIOPAMA Observatory - 2014
- Close to 140 staff, as of April 2019
- Over 40 years old
- 25th anniversary (1993 – 2018)

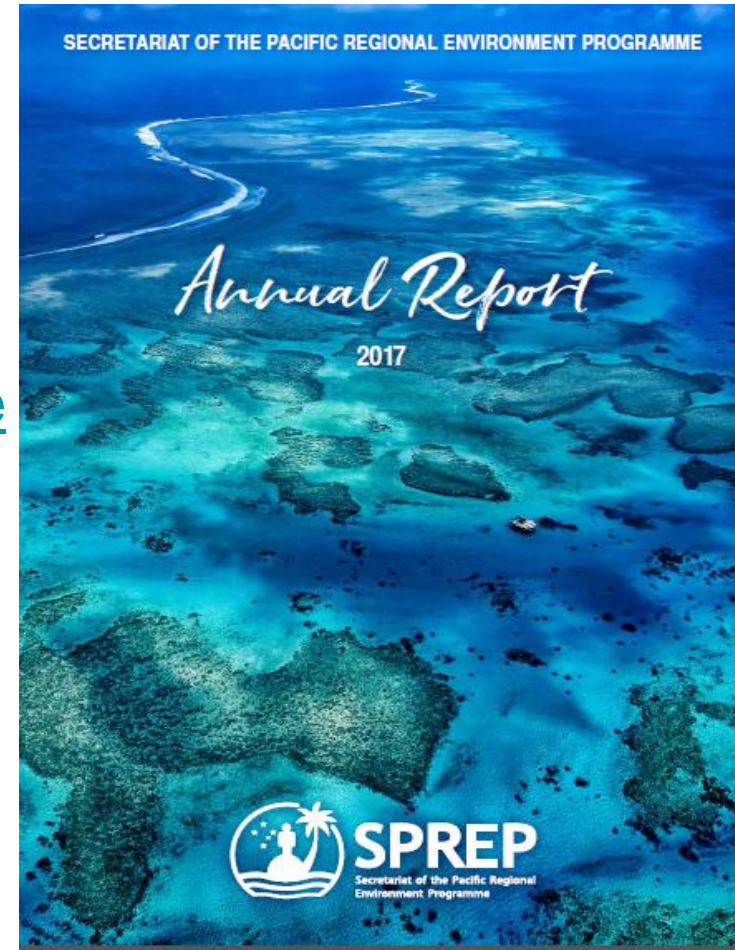




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For more info -

- SPREP Annual Report for 2017 [available](#)
- SPREP website (www.sprep.org)


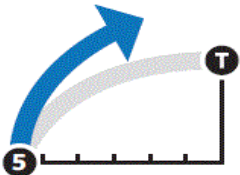








Introduction

- Pacific Protected Areas - portions of land, coastal and marine
- WDPA - 708 protected areas with a total area of 2,224,239 sq. kms (more than 3 times the total area of Asia, Africa and North America combined).
- Largest areas under protection – In the marine realm
- Have many different names, types and exist under numerous management categories and governance arrangements.
- Play a fundamental role - safeguarding natural resources, maintaining ecosystem services and biodiversity, livelihoods and culture.
- Access to reliable, comprehensive and up-to-date information – important issue for the region

Current Status– Pacific

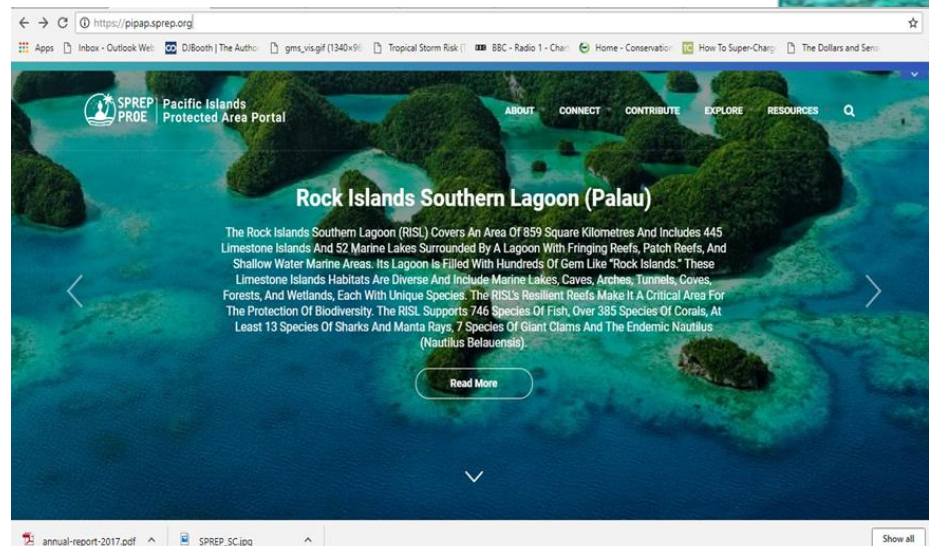
| Elements of Target 11 | Details | Status | Status narrative |
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| Quantitative targets | Terrestrial protected areas on WDPA |  | 5% of land area protected (WDPA) |
| | Marine protected areas on WDPA |  | 22% of marine areas protected (WDPA). Target achieved regionally but not nationally |
| Ecological representation | Endemic or near endemic terrestrial and marine ecoregions protected |  | Marine: 9 of 22 endemic/near endemic ecoregions have 10% protection Terrestrial: 5 of 27 endemic/near endemic ecoregions have 17% protection |
| Areas important for biodiversity | Protected area coverage of Key Biodiversity Areas |  | 20% of KBAs covered by protected areas |
| Management Effectiveness | Effectiveness of protected and conserved areas |  | Majority of countries have not completed, or not reported, Management Effectiveness Assessments. Only 2 so far... |
| Governance and equity | Sites with governance type |  | 22% 'unreported' governance |



Gaps

Gaps have been assessed, identified, and analysed through range of national, regional and global processes Within Pacific -

- State of Conservation-Oceania 2013
- CBD Country Roadmaps 2016
- World Database on Protected Areas
- Pacific Islands Protected Areas Portal
- BIOPAMA Pacific inception workshop, 2018





Gaps

Specific gaps identified for elements of Target 11

- PA coverage – terrestrial PA coverage needs more attention
- Ecological representation - Marine: 9 of 22 endemic/near endemic ecoregions have 10% protection; Terrestrial: 5 of 27 endemic/near endemic ecoregions have 17% protection
- Coverage of areas important for biodiversity – 80 percent of KBAs not yet covered, IBAs in danger[4] are not covered, AZEs [3] are not fully protected
- There are 458 KBAs, 402 are not fully covered by reported protected areas.
- 22 terrestrial ecoregions and 13 marine ecoregions are highest priority candidates for further protection as they occur almost entirely (>90%) in the region and their global protection is less than 17% or 10%, respectively.
- 5 terrestrial ecoregions are high priority candidates for further protection as their occurrence in the region is more than 25% and worldwide protection is less than 17%.



Commitments

Commitments identified which could address specific gaps identified for elements of Target 11

- NBSAPs
- National development strategies
- SIDS S.A.M.O.A pathway - to conserve by 2020 at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas in small island developing States...
- SDGs
- Micronesia challenge – 30 percent nearshore, 20 terrestrial



Opportunities

Specific projects [both country/regional]

- Projects [eg – EU-ACP BIOPAMA, UNDP-GEF Ridge to Reef [R2R] project, individual country projects – eg - GEF 6 Vanuatu ECARE project - increase coverage of Vanuatu's marine ecosystems under protection by at least 5,000,000 ha
- Niue NOW [Niue Ocean wide] project - declare 40 percent of its EEZ as a marine sanctuary by 2020. [156,000 sq. km]
- Tuvalu R2R - increase and enhance Tuvalu's LMMAs, including MPAs, by 15%...
- SPREP – PA data collection, review and update – currently supported by BIOPAMA and partnership with UNEP-WCMC
- Samoa – MAB Proposal for upland Savaii island [25,049 ha]
- Recent CBD COP decision on OECMs [
- 10TH Pacific islands conference on nature conservation and protected areas [April, 2020] – New Caledonia
- WDPA training, July 2019 [Samoa]





Regional Partners

Partnership, Coordination and Networking – Pacific Islands RoundTable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) – Protected Area Working Group (PAWG), Pacific Islands Regional Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas.





Regional Partners

What partners have been identified?

- PIRT Protected Areas Working Group [PAWG] members – SPREP, IUCN ORO, Conservation International, Birdlife International, The Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, Locally Managed Marine Areas Fiji [FLMMA], BIOPAMA [through SPREP/IUCN ORO].

Who is doing what?

SPREP – host and maintain the pacific islands protected areas portal [PIPAP]

SPREP, TNC, CI – country coordination, data collation, review update and analysis

Birdlife – Identify agreed PAs and sites that qualify as OECMs and verify requirements

WCS – establishment of conservation deeds for CAs in PNG – Manus island [29,370ha], 2 terrestrial PAs [38,179ha] and MPA; establishment of national park in Solomon islands [6,938ha]



Regional Partners

What work is ongoing to address specific gaps?

**WORK ON ALL ELEMENTS OF AICHI TARGET ARE COVERED IN
PIRT-PAWG ACTION PLAN**



Regional Action Plan

Pacific islands protected area action plan [updated 2018]

- 30 activities covering all elements of Aichi target 11
- Individual and joint activities in identified target countries
- Links to regional nature conservation/protected areas framework objectives and CBD indicators



Ideas for Monitoring

- Country visits and consultations
- Annual PIRT meetings
- bi-annual SPREP meeting of officials
- 5-yearly Pacific islands NT/PA Conference



WAY FORWARD?

- Garner high level national political support for catalyzing action on PA commitments
- Continue and accelerate country engagement, data collection review and update, working closely with countries and UNEP-WCMC
- Step up efforts of the PIRT-PAWG to implement the Pacific islands PA action plan and further strengthen coordination on joint activities identified