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SUBJECT: **10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas**

Dear Focal Points,

I am pleased to inform you that SPREP, the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) and the Government of New Caledonia as organising partners, will now be hosting the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas **virtually from the 24th – 27th November, 2020.**

SPREP would like to express our appreciation to the Government of New Caledonia for offering to host the 10th Nature Conference and their hard work and commitments in the preparations of the original event which was planned for April. The virtual Conference will maintain a strong New Caledonian feel through the artwork, names of virtual rooms and branding.

The key themes of the Conference will remain the same – **our ocean, our island and our connection with nature** to allow participants to explore the diverse topics addressed during the event.

A virtual High-Level segment hosted by the Government of New Caledonia is organised to be held on the **26th November, 2020** which will focus on endorsing key priorities and commitments for the region post-2020.

The Conference will still deliver the following key outcomes:

- A new Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands Region;
- State of Conservation in Oceania (SOCO) report; and
- High-Level Declaration with regional priorities for nature conservation.

Further updates and information will be published on the Conference website www.pacificnatureconference.com in due course. Please find attached, a concept diagram of the virtual conference for your information.

For any questions and/or queries you may have, please send an email to pacificconference2020@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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