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SUBJECT: **Invitation: 1st Pacific Islands Bat Forum, 10 – 14 August 2021**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in collaboration with the Australasian Bat Society and other regional partners will be convening the 1st Pacific Islands Bat Forum to be held virtually from **10 – 14 August 2021 at 9:00am – 1:15pm (Vanuatu time)**.

This forum provides an opportunity to bring together bat conservationists and key stakeholders together from across the Pacific and the wider Oceania region. The main aim is to share knowledge and identify conservation and research priorities for bats throughout the Pacific region. There will be a range of presentations and workshops pertaining to bat conservation and research in the region.

To register, please complete the online form via this link:

https://whova.com/portal/registration/pacif_202104/. Further information about the forum and agenda can be found at <https://www.ausbats.org.au/pacific-bat-forum-2021.html>.

An inventory questionnaire is attached in **Annex 1** to be completed and emailed back to juneyw@sprep.org

There will also be several local hubs across the Pacific and participants are welcomed to utilize the hubs. Further information about the venues and locations for these hubs will be announced at a later date.

For additional information or enquiry regarding the Bat Forum, please do not hesitate to contact Juney Ward, Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer juneyw@sprep.org or Karen Baird, Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser karenb@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kosi Latu', is positioned above the printed name.

Kosi Latu
Director General

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