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SUBJECT: **Asia-Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group and Online Workshop Series**

TO: SPREP National Focal Points
CROP Organisations
SPREP Partner Organisations
PIRT Members
University Focal Points

Dear Members and Partners,

SPREP is very pleased to be working with the Asia-Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group (APMTGWG) to enhance in-country capacity for marine turtle genetic studies in the region.

From February to June 2022 the working group will run a series of five (5) 2-4 hour long online training workshops for interested Government officers and marine turtle research and conservation practitioners in the Asia Pacific region. An additional workshop will be held during the International Sea Turtle Symposium (ISTS) in March 2022.

This workshop series aims to promote familiarity with field and laboratory genetic techniques, expand and enhance the Working Group to support collaboration and harmonise approaches across the Asia and Western Pacific region.

For further information about the working group and the online workshop series please refer to the enclosed Program Brochure and Terms of Reference or contact the Working Group Secretariat at info@marineturtlegenetics.org.

Interested members of your teams that would like to participate in these workshops and potentially become members of the Working Group are requested to complete this online form: <https://forms.gle/AHGeNwArmG6tMUwR8>.

Yours sincerely,

Kosi Latu
Director General

Attachments:

1. Asia-Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group and Online Workshop Series Terms of Reference.
2. Asia-Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group and Online Workshop Series promotional brochure

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