



## CIRCULAR

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**TO:** CITES Focal Points: Fiji, Palau,  
Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon  
Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu  
Oceania Standing Committee Rep  
CITES Secretariat

**DATE:** 26 July 2022

**CIRCULAR:** 22/63

**SUBJECT:** **Invitation to the Pacific CITES 19 Pre-CoP meeting, 4 – 7 October 2022, Samoa**

Dear Pacific CITES Focal Points,

SPREP with support from the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Secretariat and the Oceania CITES representatives on the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plant Committee, will be holding a four-day meeting from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October, to assist Parties to prepare for the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES from 14 – 25 November 2022 in Panama.

This preparatory meeting will be in a hybrid format, with face-to-face and virtual participation options. SPREP would like to invite two representatives from each of the Parties to attend in-person while others may register and attend online. SPREP will fund travel and per diems for the nominated representatives attending and we would welcome representatives from each of the Management Authority and Scientific Authorities given the significant issues in the marine space relevant to the Pacific including new CITES listings for Appendix II (sharks and sea cucumbers).

To ensure the meeting addresses your priorities and expected outcomes, we kindly seek your input and feedback on the following:

1. Input on the priority items to discuss at the Pre-CoP or where assistance is required particularly for sessions 3 and 4 of the Pre-CoP Meeting Agenda (see **Annex 2**). You may indicate your proposed priority items on the nomination form online or the attached Nomination Form in **Annex 1**. You may also access the CITES CoP19 documentations through this link [CITES CoP19 agenda and documents](#).
2. Contributions from countries who have been developing NDFs (in many cases with support from SPREP's BIEM initiative) by sharing your experiences and challenges associated with these processes specifically for Session 9 of the Agenda. Please advise if you wish to contribute to this session.
3. Complete the accompanying table in **Annex 3**. This relates to Session 14 on marine turtles. Some Parties have already started to complete this table following our turtle workshop on the 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Karen Baird if you require assistance and our team can arrange one-on-one discussion with you.



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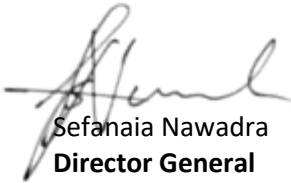
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4. Please [register online](#) or complete the attached nomination form in **Annex 1** and return via email to [karenb@sprep.org](mailto:karenb@sprep.org) with a copy to [junevw@sprep.org](mailto:junevw@sprep.org) by **31 August 2022**. Please provide a valid copy of your passport biodata page for nominees who are attending in person.

For further information or queries please contact Karen Baird, Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser on [karenb@sprep.org](mailto:karenb@sprep.org)

We look forward to your input and active engagement to ensure Pacific priorities for CITES CoP19 are adequately addressed.

Yours sincerely,



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**Director General**

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Encl: Annexes 1, 2, and 3