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TO: Ramsar Convention Oceania Heads of Administrative Authorities and National Focal Points of Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Vanuatu

SUBJECT: Call for nominations for the Ramsar Regional Initiative Oceania Subgroup

Dear Members,

Following the discussions at the Oceania Regional Coordination Meeting on 10 December 2025, a dedicated Oceania Ramsar Regional Initiative (RRI) Sub-group will be established.

The primary objectives of the RRI sub-group are to identify, prepare, and manage the submission of a proposal for a RRI in the region. As the deadline for the proposal's submission is 4 August 2026, we are inviting Oceania Contracting Parties to nominate a representative to join this sub-group. Ideally, this representative should have the capacity to review documents and attend online meetings over the coming months leading up to the submission deadline.

The first meeting will be scheduled shortly after nominations are received to discuss and finalize the drafted Terms of Reference (ToR), roadmap and roles. A draft ToR is attached for your reference (Attachment 1).

Please submit the completed nomination form (Attachment 2) of your nominee to Ms. Nolani Hazelman at nolanih@sprep.org with a copy to Ms. Juney Ward at juneyw@sprep.org no later than **6 March 2026**. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Nolani or Juney.

In other matters, I would like to relay information from the Ramsar Secretariat regarding Pre-Standing Committee (SC67) Intersessional Decision 03, of the approval of the STRP Workplan 2025 – 2028. Further information can be found via this link: <https://contacts.ramsar.org/notification/view/3433>.

I thank you for your continued commitment to the Convention and the advancement of our region's wetlands.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General

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