

# NORTH PACIFIC OFFICE QUARTERLY UPDATE

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- GEF: funds the Islands Pacific Child project, the Regional Invasives Project, and the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change project.
- GCF: funds the BioScapes initiative in the sub-region.
- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Geoscience Australia: provides support for COSSPAC meteorological and climate services.
- New Zealand: funds climate resilience projects among others.
- Republic of the Marshall Islands: contributes the NPO office space, as well as its annual contribution to the NPO.
- European Union: funds ClimSA activities to improve access to and use of climate information, services and applications for decision makers. The EU also funds the BioScapes initiative.

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## NORTH PACIFIC OFFICE

The North Pacific Office kept busy during the first quarter of 2026 with high-level accomplishments listed here:

- SPREP NPO continued to seek endorsement of foundational documents to formalise mandate.
- Preliminary planning started for SPREP mission to RMI for CTSPF signing.
- Courtesy visit from DG SPC to NPO.
- Courtesy visit from Regional Director SPC to NPO.
- Participated in mission to FSM on Loss & Damage and the National Adaptation Plan.
- Represented SPREP at the RMI Development Partner Roundtable meeting.
- Participated in planning for the Pacific Invasives Learning Network (PILN) meeting.
- Supported logistics in preparation for PRISMSS RIP invasive rat eradication project in RMI.
- Moved forward on regional GEF8 preliminaries and support letters.



*SPC Director General, Dr. Paula Vivili, visits the SPREP NPO.*

## SPREP SUB-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

SPREP continued to engage directly with Micronesian regional Members on a number of ongoing projects as detailed below.

### CNMI AND GUAM

- Activities to be discussed and confirmed.

### FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA



*Opening remarks at the National Adaptation Planning workshop in Pohnpei.*

- LDCC - Addressing Loss and Damage under the Pacific Regional Partnership.
- Adaptation Fund Project Extension (Sept 2025–Sept 2026): Enhancing climate resilience of vulnerable island communities; focus on water security, sanitation, and gender-inclusive livelihoods.
- National Adaptation Planning (NAP) Support: Ongoing vulnerability assessments and alignment with FSM’s updated NDC 3.0 (Sept 2025).
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- BioScapes: Protected Areas Network Policy Framework - Support for implementation and strengthening of governance for protected areas, and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) and ecosystem assessments to improve resilience and biodiversity management. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- GEF ISLANDS.
- Ongoing World War II Wrecks project in oil cleanup training.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP).
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.

### KIRIBATI

- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- ClimSA.
- BioScapes: Marine Spatial Planning - Development and implementation of marine spatial plans for sustainable resource use, and Seabird Habitat Protection - Invasive species eradication on Kiritimati Island to safeguard seabird populations. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- GEF ISLANDS.
- ICCE- Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP).
- UKMO - Met Office.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.

## NAURU

- PCCC conducted training on fundamentals of project development and climate funding access.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- Participation in COP30 advocacy through Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion (Nov 2025).
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- ClimSA.
- GEF ISLANDS.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Nauru GEF Readiness II.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP).

## PALAU

- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- Policy development support for climate resilience and environmental governance.
- GEF ISLANDS.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- BioScapes: Capacity Building for Protected Areas Network (PAN) - Strengthening site-level management and governance for 38 PAN sites and 14 other protected areas, Marine Turtle Nesting Beach Surveys - Implementing long-term monitoring programs, and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Identification - Supporting inclusive processes to identify and manage KBAs. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.

## REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

- Building Our Loss & Damage (BOLD) response Project inception.
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 framework: Solid waste management improvements and pollution control strategies.
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project: Community-based early warning systems for disaster risk reduction.
- GEF ISLANDS.
- ICCE - Strengthening Pacific Leadership in International Climate Change Engagement.
- Pacific Development MIA - Minamata Convention.
- Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP) supporting amendments to legislation on single-use plastics.
- RMI GEF Readiness II.
- BioScapes: Coral Reef Fisheries Management - Enhancing management and resilience of coral reef ecosystems, and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) for climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation. In this quarter it included an EU diplomatic mission supported by SPREP and the NPO.
- Weather Ready Pacific - Pacific Met Desk continued to provide forecasts and analyses to Members.



*RMI hosted their Development Partners' Roundtable (photo by Chewy Lin, courtesy of The Marshall Islands Journal)*