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# **STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP) FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE PACIFIC SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**

## **A programme of the Governments of:**

Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands,  
Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands,  
Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

# **What are Pacific Island International Waters?**

It is the ocean system that bonds the islands in the Pacific region

It includes related ecosystems and habitats (coastal estuaries and lagoons, watersheds, lakes and rivers and lenses)

## IWP has two main components:

- oceanic component - focuses on the management and conservation of tuna stocks in the western central Pacific (implemented through SPC and FFA);
- coastal component that focuses on integrated coastal watershed management (implemented through SPREP).

The coastal component involves implementation of 14 community-based pilot projects that address root causes of the degradation of International Waters in coastal regions and address priority environmental concerns within participating countries relating to:

- **Marine and freshwater quality;**
- **Habitat modification and degradation; and**
- **Unsustainable use of living marine resources.**

# **What is a Pilot Project?**

- intended to be a small-scale, community-based demonstration project**
- designed to strengthen capacity and provide lessons for best practice and appropriate methodologies for sustainable resource management and conservation**
- offers the greatest potential for replication across the region**
- GEF considers SAP as extended design phase**

# 14 pilot projects across 4 focal areas:

- The protection of freshwater resources (**4 projects**)
  - Community-based waste reduction (**3 projects**)
  - Marine protected areas (**4 projects**)
  - Sustainable coastal fisheries (**3 projects**)
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- Available budget of approx. \$US 400,000/Pilot Project
  - Opportunities for Pilot Projects to address one or more focal areas
  - Can be new project or work in partnership with existing program/project

## **Implementation Process - Initial Stage:**

- Signing of MOU between SPREP and national govt.
- Recruiting a National Coordinator (country national)
- Establishing a National Task Force
- Review and confirm priority environmental concerns
- Selection of a Focal Area (s)
- Call for Pilot Project Proposals
- Appraisal against selection criteria
- Selection of Project & commence implementation

# **Implementation Status**

- **PCU in process of completing first country visits**
- **Three countries signed MOU and in process of recruiting a National Coordinator**
- **Three countries scheduled to sign MOU by end of month**



# More Information

**Web page – [www.sprep.org.ws/iw](http://www.sprep.org.ws/iw)**

- Project Document
- Frequently Asked Questions Sheet
- Monthly/Quarterly updates
- Communications Strategy
- Guidelines for the Initial Phase
- Social Assessment and Community Participation Strategy  
(under development)

Also....

- Synopsis of Information in four focal areas
- Review of lessons learned & best practice in community-based initiatives

# Linkages

It appears that the Pacific Wastewater Strategic Action Plan, once finalized, will provide a useful reference document for those countries participating in the International Waters Programme that elect to focus on either waste or freshwater as the critical issue to be addressed by their pilot project.

