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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:
Pacific Islands Countries and Territories
Collaborating organizations
Institutional focal points
CROP organizations
Ramsar National Focal Points

SUBJECT: **Mid-term review of the Regional Wetlands Action Plan for the Pacific Islands 2011-2013**

Dear PICT Focal Points and collaborating partners,

In 2010, a new 3-year Regional Wetlands Action Plan for the Pacific Islands (RWAP) was developed for the period 2011-2013 by the Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) with the support of SPREP and other regional partners.

The RWAP sets out agreed activities, responsibility and targets with the goal of furthering the wise use and conservation of wetlands in our region. The RWAP contributes to the implementation of SPREP's Strategic Plan 2011-2015 and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Strategic Plan 2009-2015. The RWAP is intended to be guide for PICTs to use to develop their own specific activities at the national level.

At this point in time, it is important that we review implementation of the action plan and identify current gaps in wetland conservation work at the national level and within our region. Knowledge of these gaps would be instrumental in allowing SPREP and its regional partners to plan and execute initiatives and interventions to address these gaps.

Therefore, please find attached a questionnaire that aims to review and take stock of the RWAP implementation by PICTs and regional partner organizations since 2011. I encourage you all to share information on your relevant projects, programmes and initiatives that you have been implementing or are planning at the national level and within our region and to collaborate with your stakeholders and partners in completing the questionnaire.

I thank you in advance for your assistance with, and support of this timely review.

Yours sincerely

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Attach: RWAP mid-term review questionnaire