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To: All SPREP National Focal Points and Collaborating Partners

Date: 21 January, 2014
Circular No. 14/05

SUBJECT: **Final Consultation on the draft Regional Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands Region 2014 - 2020.**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

Further to the SPREP Circular 13/89, please find attached the final draft of the Framework which is also available on the conference website at https://www.sprep.org/pacific-nature-conference/resources-for-the-9th-conference

Key elements of the draft Regional Framework were the retention, revision and updating of the Principles for Nature Conservation in the Pacific - a Code of Conduct for conservation practitioners and the Objectives from the previous Action Strategy. Importantly, the draft Framework was aligned with the global 2020 Aichi Targets for the Convention on Biodiversity. These targets will shape the conservation programmes of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) of Pacific countries and territories which are currently undergoing revision. The Framework will assist PICT's with this process by demonstrating where the Aichi Targets best align with Pacific conservation objectives.

The draft Regional Framework also addresses the issue of monitoring of progress with conservation efforts across the region. It includes a set of broad key performance indicators which relate to the Aichi Targets and the Framework's objectives and against which progress can be measured in conjunction with other efforts such as the State of Conservation in Oceania report.

The 9th Conference provided an important opportunity for consultation with a wide range of Pacific conservation stakeholders and led to the development of the draft, it is appropriate that there be one further opportunity for final comment by Pacific Island countries and territories, collaborating partners and key stakeholders, and the NGO community through the Pacific Island Round Table for Nature Conservation (PIRT). Accordingly, we are seeking your further input on the draft and particularly comments and suggestions on the elements of the Regional Framework indentified in the table below.

Framework Section	Suggested areas for comment in addition to any general or specific comments you may have.
Title , Purpose and Introduction	General comments welcomed
Vision, Mission and 30 Year Goals	General comments welcomed
Six year (2014 - 2020) Objectives	Can the alignment with the Aichi Targets be improved? - suggestions welcome
Part 1 Principles for Nature Conservation in the Pacific - Code of Conduct for Framework Implementation	Please provide comments on specific Principles as appropriate. Comments or thoughts on how we can work to ensure these are more widely adopted and used would be appreciated.
Part 2 Targets	
Objectives and Aichi Targets	Improvements to the alignment between the 6 year objectives and the Aichi Targets would be welcome.
Performance Indicators	***Identification of additional and/or improved examples of Performance indicators would be very helpful***
Regional Program Linkages	***Identification of additional specific Regional Programme linkages would be appreciated.***
Measuring Progress, Mainstreaming the Framework Communications and Endorsement Mobilising Partnerships and Resources	Comment and ideas on how these aspects of the Framework can be enhanced /improved would be appreciated.

The document is planned for release by mid February and to achieve this, your comments will be required by **4 February 2014**. All comments should be sent to the principal consultant, Mr. Peter Thomas at: peter@tierramar.com.au

I thank you in advance for taking the time to peruse and provide comments on this important regional framework which will guide nature conservation and protected area activities in the region between now and 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General

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