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SUBJECT: GEFPAS Invasive Alien Species (IAS) and Integrated Island Biodiversity (IIB) Projects Midterm Review

Dear Focal Points,

It has been two years now since the GEFPAS Invasive Alien Species (IAS) and Integrated Island Biodiversity (IIB) Projects commenced implementation and according to the project timelines, it is now time to undertake an independent midterm review of the project as per GEF requirements.

The main objective of the midterm review is to assess progress and outcomes achieved to date. In addition, it will also assess issues and challenges experienced and identify practical solutions and adaptive measures to move the project forward to ensure overall project objectives are successfully met.

All arrangements for the midterm review are coordinated and arranged by UNEP as the GEF Implementing Agency. In this regard, please be informed that UNEP has recruited Dr. Jamie K. Reaser to undertake the midterm review and she will be contacting yourselves including the project coordinators and all key stakeholders and beneficiaries for your input. A copy of the consultant's Terms of Reference is attached for your information.

Please note that the midterm review of the IAS and IIB projects are combined with the midterm review of Kiribati UNEP-GEF PIPA project.

Dr. Reaser will be sending out questionnaires via email and undertake three country visits. Specifically, Dr. Reaser will be visiting Tonga and she will look at both the IIB and the IAS projects in Tonga. An outline of the schedule of country visits is attached for your record and information. She will be visiting Samoa and Kiribati to look at the IAS project.

For additional information on the midterm reviews, please contact Dr. Greg Sherley of UNEP on greg.sherley@undp.org, Easter Galuvao of SPREP on easterg@sprep.org, David Moverley davidm@sprep.org Gianluca Serra gianlucas@sprep.org and copy Anna Bertram annab@sprep.org

Your cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated, and in particular, your input into the midterm review.

Yours sincerely,

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