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Subject: Introducing Ms. Penina Solomona, Convention on Migratory Species Pacific Officer (CMSPO).

SPREP is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Penina Solomona to the position of Convention on Migratory Species Pacific Officer (CMSPO). Ms. Solomona is a national of Fiji and she joins SPREP from WWF South Pacific Programme, Fiji where she has been working as the Marine Species Programme Coordinator since 2002. Ms. Solomona holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She started official duties on Monday 9 January 2012. She is joined in Apia by her husband Joeli.

The CMSPO will contribute to the implementation of CMS and relevant instruments in the region, including the MoUs for the conservation of Pacific Islands Cetaceans, Dugongs, Sharks and their related Action Plans. The role also contributes to the implementation of the SPREP and CMS Joint Work Plan; and any other work programme activities relating to issues of common interest in the countries of the Pacific Islands region. Ms. Solomona will work closely and collaboratively with Mr. Lui Bell, M arine Species Adviser to support the SPREP regional marine species programme.

We welcome Ms. Solomona to SPREP and look forward to this position increasing relevant support and services to the region regarding marine species issues.

Yours sincerely,

David Sheppard
Director General

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