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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
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Subject: SPREP Meeting Field Trips

The Government of New Caledonia - the host of the 23 SPREP Meeting will be organizing 2 field trips for delegates during the duration of the SPREP meeting.

1. FIELD TRIP TO THE NORTHERN PROVINCE (GOOPA TRIBE – REFORESTATION AND CONSERVATION INITIATIVES)

The first field trip will be held on **Saturday 1st September**, and will involve a bus trip to the Northern Province to view the reforestation initiatives and nursery sites of the GOOPA tribe. This field trip will be held just prior to the start of the SPREP meeting. The SPREP delegates will meet with members of the GOOPA tribe, and a traditional welcome will be held. Additional information is attached.

Schedule:
6.00 am: Departure from Nouméa
9.00 am: welcoming- customary ceremony- breakfast- presentation on the work accomplished over the past 8 years with the collaboration between Goopa tribe, WWF and the South Province
10.00 am: field trip starts

- ☐ Visit of the nursery
- ☐ Visit of the Barthelemy's plantation
- ☐ Visit of the Ne Wapwi reforestation site guided by a representative of the tribe

1.00 pm -2.30 pm: Lunch hosted by the tribe and the WE-ERETEU association
3.00 pm: Closing and customary ceremony
6.00pm: Arrival in Noumea

2. FIELD TRIP TO SOUTH (OUEN ISLAND)

The second field trip will be held on **Friday afternoon the 7th September** at the conclusion of the Ministerial segment. This field trip will involve a short boat trip to Ouen Island where delegates will be able to visit and observe amongst other interesting sites, a UNESCO registered heritage site, a Marine Protected Area and a whale sanctuary. Delegates will also have an important opportunity to meet with people of the local community. A traditional welcome will be held to meet with SPREP delegates.
12.30 pm Departure from the SPC to Noumea Warf (downtown)
1.00 pm Depart from Noumea / Lunch box taken on board
2.00 pm Arrival in Ouen Island
2.15 pm Customary ceremony with Ouen Island tribe

2.30 pm Visit options: Please select one of the three visits

1) Visit of the Ouara church and tribe

Duration: 30 minutes

Level of difficulty: ☆

2) Overlooks to the tribe at the Calvaire point of view

Duration: 1 hour

Level of difficulty: ☆☆

3) Whale watching at the Mékignant point of view

Duration: 1.30

Level of difficulty: ☆☆☆

4.00 pm End of the visit-followed by Tea/ Coffee organised by the tribe

5.00 pm Departure from Ouen Island

6.00 pm Arrival in Noumea

Requirements for the field trips: Good walking shoes, raincoats, hats and sunscreens.

A nomination form is attached for all SPREP delegates who are interested in being part of these field trips to register their attendance. This is necessary in order for the organizers for confirm transportation to the sites.

The deadline for submitting nomination forms is **Friday 10th August**. Please send all nomination forms to Anne-Claire Goarant at anne-claire.goarant@gouv.nc.

Yours sincerely,

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