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TO: SPREP National Focal Points of Parties to Noumea Convention

SUBJECT: *Prioritizing list of activities for operational budget of the Noumea Convention.*

Dear Focal Points,

At the 11th Conference of the Parties for the Noumea Convention, held in Noumea, New Caledonia, Parties "**Directed the Secretariat to solicit party recommendation and comments on priority activities for use of the operational funds.**"

The attached list is proposed by the Secretariat for consideration by Parties, for prioritization and suggestion of additional potential activities.

After receiving comments, the Secretariat will circulate a revised list of prioritized activities, indicating those that will be implemented with currently available funds during the current term.

Please provide comments and your prioritization by 8th February to: Mr. Tim Carruthers, timc@sprep.org SPREP Coastal and Marine Adviser.

We thank you kindly for your input and comments.

Yours sincerely,

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LIST OF POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES

(please return with activities numbered in priority order)

Priority	Activity	Justification	Cost
Endorsed at Noumea COP 11	**Regional Workshop on Environmental perspectives on Deep Sea Mineral activities**	**Article 13: Mining and Coastal Erosion** **Article 8: Pollution from Seabed activities** **Identified area of interest for Parties**	**$60,000**
	Support to workshop to develop a Samoan Archipelago MPA network (Oceanscape)	Article 14: Protection of flora and fauna	$8,000
	Seed funding to initiate a Pacific wide Marine Protected Area 'network of networks' (Oceanscape)	Article 14: Protection of flora and fauna	$20,000
	Synthesis report on the current and historic trends in Crown of Thorn outbreaks in Pacific Islands	Article 14: Protection of flora and fauna	$15,000
	Update 1993 wetland inventories for up to 11 Pacific Island Countries (Ramsar convention)	Article 14: Protection of flora and fauna	$10,000 per country (required in 11 PICs)
	Develop wetland inventories for up to 2 Pacific Island Countries (Ramsar convention)	Article 14: Protection of flora and fauna	$50,000 per country (required in 2 PICs)
	Carry out a Risk assessment for Marine Pollution by reviewing the Shipping patterns in the region (MV and FFV)– this will provide operational funds for an AMSA secondment.	Article 6 – Pollution from Vessels Article 10 – Disposal of wastes Article 15 – Co-operation in combating pollution in cases of emergency	$60,000
	Marine invasive species activity – carry out Risk assessment, National strategy and economic assessment for up to 3 countries for IMS from ballast water and hull bio-fouling.	Article 6 – Pollution from Vessels Article 16 – Environmental Impact Assessments	$15,000 per country (required in 3 PICs)
	Marine plastic litter, status and recommendations for Pacific based research and action	Article 6 – Pollution from Vessels Article 10 – Disposal of wastes	$50,000
	Environmental Policy and legislative review, with guidebook on environmental laws for one Pacific Island Country	Article 17 Scientific and Technical Co-operation Article 18 Technical and other assistance Article 19 Transmission of information	$20,000
	Develop guidelines and training materials on Environmental Impact Assessment for senior fisheries staff, specifically on issues relevant to fisheries and aquaculture. Including impacts of development on fisheries and impacts of fisheries/aquaculture activities.	Article 16 – Environmental Impact Assessments Article 18 Technical and other assistance Article 14: Protection of flora and fauna	$25,000
	Review of SPREP guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment	Article 16 – Environmental Impact Assessments	$30,000
	Draft regional environmental guidelines for mining	Article 13: Mining and Coastal Erosion Article 16 – Environmental Impact Assessments	$20,000
	Draft regional environmental guidelines for Coastal Development, particularly tourism developments	Article 13: Mining and Coastal Erosion Article 7: Pollution from land based sources Article 16 – Environmental Impact Assessments	$20,000