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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

SUBJECT: **2013 Year of Natural Solutions for a Resilient Pacific**

Dear Focal Points,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce 2013 as the SPREP "Year of Natural Solutions for a Resilient Pacific." This theme has been put forward by SPREP staff and endorsed by the SPREP Chair.

The "2013 Year of Natural Solutions for a Resilient Pacific" is an exciting theme as it cuts across all thematic areas of work for SPREP. In particular, it has strong links with our work in nature conservation and climate change, key areas of focus for the coming calendar year.

Importantly this theme reinforces the SPREP's 9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas which will be held in Fiji, November 2013. The theme for this regionally significant conference is "Natural Solutions: Building Resilience for a Changing Pacific." The parallel between the two themes will assist in raising awareness and drive for adopting natural solutions to the environmental threats we face in the Pacific.

A core team of SPREP staff will develop resources to promote 2013 as the SPREP "Year of Natural Solutions for a Resilient Pacific;" these will be distributed to all SPREP members as soon as they are available.

Yours sincerely

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