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SUBJECT: Introducing our new staff:

- Mr. Fred Patison (Ecosystem-based Adaptation Officer)
- Ms. Amanda Wheatley (Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer)

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments within the Secretariat:



Mr. Fred Patison has been appointed to the position of Ecosystem-based Adaptation Officer within the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management Division. Fred is a Solomon Island national and holds a Masters of International Environmental Law from Macquarie University, Australia and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. He joins SPREP from UNDP, Solomon Islands, where he has been working as the UNREDD Programme Manager for the last 2 years. Previous experience includes Summitomo Metal and Mining and as Chief Environment Officer for Solomon Island's government. He is married to June Obrien and has 3 children. Fred starts official duties on Monday 9th of June 2014 and will be based in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The Ecosystem-based Adaptation Officer will implement a USAID-funded EbA project in Choiseul Province in the Solomon Islands, and will contribute to implementation of other EbA projects in the region. The post will also provide technical support, work with key partners, regional agencies and countries, to identify and prioritise climate change threats, related vulnerability and determine Ecosystem-based Adaptation options. This position is funded by the USAID – Department of Environment.



Ms. Amanda Ozolins-Wheatley has been appointed to the position of Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer. Amanda is an Australian national and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Resource and Environmental Management from the Australian National University, Australia. She joins SPREP from Sunshine Coast Council, Australia, where she has been working in the last 9 years in the biodiversity and sustainability fields. Amanda also worked for the Wildlife Australia Branch of the Department of Environment in Australia as well as spending a year in Samoa's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment as Biodiversity Officer under Australia's Youth Ambassadors programme. She

is married to Andrew Wheatley and has 2 daughters. Amanda will start official duties on 16th June 2014 and will be based with the rest of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management Division at Module E.

The Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer provides technical advice and support to Pacific island members on biodiversity and ecosystem conservation and management. This position is funded by the Australian Government.

We welcome our new staff members to SPREP and looking forward to these positions increasing relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,

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Officer In Charge