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TO: SPREP National Focal Points: Pacific Islands Countries and Territories

SUBJECT: **Lui Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund – Call for Applications**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat is now inviting applications for the second year of the Lui Bell Memorial Scholarship, which has been established to honour the life and work of Lui Bell and his commitment to the conservation of marine species in the Pacific Islands. The scholarship is designed to support the delivery of the SPREP 2013 - 2017 Marine Species Action Plan[1] (MSAP) and aims to develop the expertise of Pacific Island nationals in areas related to the conservation and management of dugongs, marine turtles, sharks and cetaceans.

The scholarship is open to Pacific island students from SPREP member countries[2] to obtain postgraduate qualifications in the disciplines of marine biology, environmental science, marine science, climate change and environmental law or such other disciplines as may be relevant. Applicants must be under 40 years of age, and willing to undertake full time post-graduate studies in marine species conservation at a recognized institution.

Further details of the Scholarship and an Application Form are attached. Nominations will close on 31 May, 2015 and a decision on the successful applicant or applicants will be made in June. Applications should be submitted electronically to Michael Donoghue, Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser: michaeld@sprep.org

Please distribute this Circular through your usual networks. We look forward to receiving applications for this Scholarship.

Yours sincerely,

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[1] www.sprep.org/attachments/Publications/Marine_Species_Programme_2013-2017.pdf
[2] American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna.