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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
CROP Organisations
SPREP Partner Organisations

SUBJECT: **Extension of the Regional Invasive Species School Challenge**

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

Further to the circular 16/20 dated 13 April 2016, we are pleased to announce that we have extended the timeline for our regional Invasive Species Schools Challenge to ensure that our northern Pacific schools are able to participate. The new final submission day is the 30 November 2016. Again, we would like to ask you for your help in implementing the Schools Challenge in your country.

As per last year, this will be held at two levels – we are redistributing our electronic School Challenge Toolkit including all resources and kindly ask that you implement this in your country as the National Invasive Species Schools Challenge.

The way you implement the Schools Challenge and rules set are up to you, but we kindly ask you to get your three best entries to us latest on **30 November 2016** to allow schools from the whole Pacific region to be part of the Invasive Species Schools Challenge for which we will provide the top three entries with a cash prize. Final entries from countries can be sent in at any time up until this date and we may use those that arrive early at regional fora.

All entries will be judged by a special panel who will announce the regional first, second and third place winners of the regional competition by the **15 December 2016.**

The success of this competition will help raise awareness on the harmful impacts caused by Invasive Species and the actions that can be taken to help stop or reduce their spread. We hope the lessons and information learnt through these challenge activities will help enforce the message that "Invasive Species are everyone's Responsibility".

An overview of the Regional Invasive Species School Challenge is attached, and will accompany the Invasive Species Resource Tool Kit. For any further information, please contact Invasive Species Adviser, David Moverley at davidm@sprep.org and copy to Invasive Species Technical Assistant, Anna Bertram at annab@sprep.org and Outreach Support Officer, Leilani Curry at leilani.curry@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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