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SUBJECT: **Joint UN Environment and SPREP Fact Sheets on Oceans**

Dear Members,

SPREP has partnered with UN Environment to develop fact sheets to support the regional preparations for the Oceans Conference 'Our Oceans, Our Future: Partnering for the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14' to be held at the United Nations in New York from 5 – 9 June 2017.

Twenty seven (27) fact sheets have been developed and are thematically linked to climate change; human society; Pacific biodiversity; economy and development; and knowledge and management. The complete list of fact sheets available from the SPREP website https://www.sprep.org/pacific-voyage-un-ocean-conference-2017/our-journey-pacbriefs are as follows:

- **Climate and Ocean**
  - Blue Carbon: carbon capture by Pacific marine ecosystems
  - Climate and weather hazards: Pacific island and ocean perspective
  - Climate change, carbon emissions, and the ocean
  - Ocean acidification in the Pacific
  - Pacific islands and sea-level rise
  - Temperature and the Pacific ocean

- **Economy Opportunity**
  - Bioprospecting, biotechnology, and marine genetic resources
  - Pacific coastal and marine development
  - Pacific deep-sea mineral activities
  - Pacific Fisheries: general overview
  - Pacific marine and coastal tourism Valuing the ocean: Pacific Blue Economy

- **Knowledge and management**
  - Pacific ecosystem based management (EBM) and adaptation (EbA)
  - Pacific Environmental Impact Assessments
  - Pacific Marine and Managed Areas
  - Pacific marine knowledge and research

- **Ocean Biodiversity Conservation**
  - Pacific biodiversity including marine and coastal life

- Pacific coastal wetlands: marshes, mangroves, seagrasses, coral reefs
- Pacific coral reefs
- Pacific marine invasive species
- Threatened mobile and migratory species in the Pacific

- **Pollution and Debris**
  - Marine debris, microplastics, and pollution
  - Mercury (Hg) in Pacific ocean ecosystems
  - Pacific renewable energy (RE) including marine energy
  - Protection and Management of Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) for sustainable development in the Pacific
  - Sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in the Pacific
  - Sustainable Pacific Shipping: environmental considerations

This close partnership between UN Environment and SPREP is to provide all Members with current and relevant information on oceans for our Pacific region in the lead up to the regional preparations for the UN Oceans Conference.

For more information and or assistance regarding the fact sheets please contact Dr. Tommy Moore, PI-GOOS Officer via email tommym@sprep.org.

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