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PROTECT PACIFIC WHALES – OCEAN VOYAGERS

The Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.

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SUBJECT:	**SPREP Strategic Plan 2017 – 2026**		

Dear SPREP Members,

I am pleased to share the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 approved by the 27th SPREP Meeting in Niue in September of last year:

https://www.sprep.org/library-information-resource-center/publications

The new Plan is the culmination of vast consultation and input from SPREP Members, Partners and the Secretariat throughout 2016 and with the close support of the Friends of the Chair and the Australian funded Regional Advisory Services.

The new Plan reflects the SPREP vision of '*A resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures'.*

The new Plan includes the following high level regional goals:

- Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change.
- Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems.
- Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control.
- Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance.

Across the work of SPREP our principal concern is Climate Change, and Oceans as a high level cross cutting theme. The strategic priorities include:

- Climate Change Resilience
- Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection
- Waste Management and Pollution Control
- Environmental Governance

We remain committed to ensuring we serve our mandate *'to promote cooperation in the Pacific region, provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment, and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations'.*

We extend our sincere appreciation to all our Members and Partners for your invaluable input and support with the development of our new SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026. The Secretariat looks forward to working alongside you in helping to achieve our new strategic vision and goals.

Kind regards,



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