DRAFT AGENDA

PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT FORUM (PEF)

17th September 2016, Millennium Hall, Matatauhafaga, Alofi, Niue

The 2016 Pacific Environment Forum will be hosted by the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management Division and will be in two sessions. The morning session will focus on invasive species and the afternoon session will focus on whales.

TIME	SESSION	Presenters
9.00-12.00	**INVASIVE SPECIES** • The state of invasive species and management in the Pacific - What the SPREP Invasive Species Programme is doing to step up management action. - Launch of regional support system components. • Niue country project GEFPAS "Prevention, control and management of invasive species in the Pacific" **MORNING TEA break** • Future Opportunities - Mainstreaming uptake of invasive species management as a tool for Ecosystem Based Adaption to Climate Change in the Pacific. - Predator Control - Addressing landscape-scale weed invasions	David Moverley Huggard Tongatule David Moverley
1200-1.00	**LUNCH break - SIDE EVENT**- please refer side event schedule	
1.00-4.00	**WHALES** **Year of the Whale in the Pacific islands** • Key messages of the Year of the Whale; • Oma Tafua - a community-based conservation organisation in Niue; • Significance of humpback whales to the economies of Niue and other SPREP Members; • Best practice whalewatching for the benefit of both whales and communities. **AFTERNOON TEA break** **Emerging threats to whales** • By-catch and entanglement in fishing gear, especially FADs; • Potential impacts of climate change and other emerging threats; • Impacts of noise on whales	Mike Donoghue Fiafia Rex Mike Donoghue, Niue Tourism Authority and audience Fiafia Rex, John Pule, Mike Donoghue, and audience Mike Donoghue and audience Mike Donoghue and audience Documentary – Sonic Sea