Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation

Society for Conservation Biology Oceania

GLOBAL MISSION: The Society of Conservation Biology advances the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity

OCEANIA MISSION: We promote effective conservation in Oceania, underpinned by science. We achieve our vision by:

- Promoting, performing, and synthesising conservation science;
- Collaborating with governments, managers, conservation organisations, and communities;
- Improving the capacity of local communities to engage in conservation; and
- Influencing policy and management of biological diversity and ecosystems with conservation science and practice.

"Oceans at a tipping point –from global commitments to regional actions"

PROMOTING CONSERVATION SCIENCE

- Brisbane conference 2016 – 486 participants. Plenary on Conservation in Melanesia. Symposia relevant to Pacific conservation.
- Wellington conference 2018 – 2-6 July 2018. Pacific relevant symposia? Sponsorship of Pacific Island participation
- 2020 conference – Solomon Islands???
- Maintain website (scboceania.org) and list-server (OceaniaList@conbio.org)

INFLUENCING POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

- Regional journal: Pacific Conservation Biology
- Dedicated special issues with relevance to Pacific- e.g., Faunal species conservation in the Melanesian Pacific Islands
- Policy briefs and submissions (to date has mainly focused on Aus/NZ issues)
- New chapters starting in Solomon Islands and PNG





Opportunities for collaboration with PIRT partners

- Sponsoring Pacific Islander (student, young scientist) attendance at SCBO Wellington meeting. Consider hosting a symposium featuring Pacific-relevant conservation topics
- Supporting activities of Pacific chapters of SCBO
- Working on a Pacific relevant policy statement that could be branded with SCBO label
- New special issue of PCB?