Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation

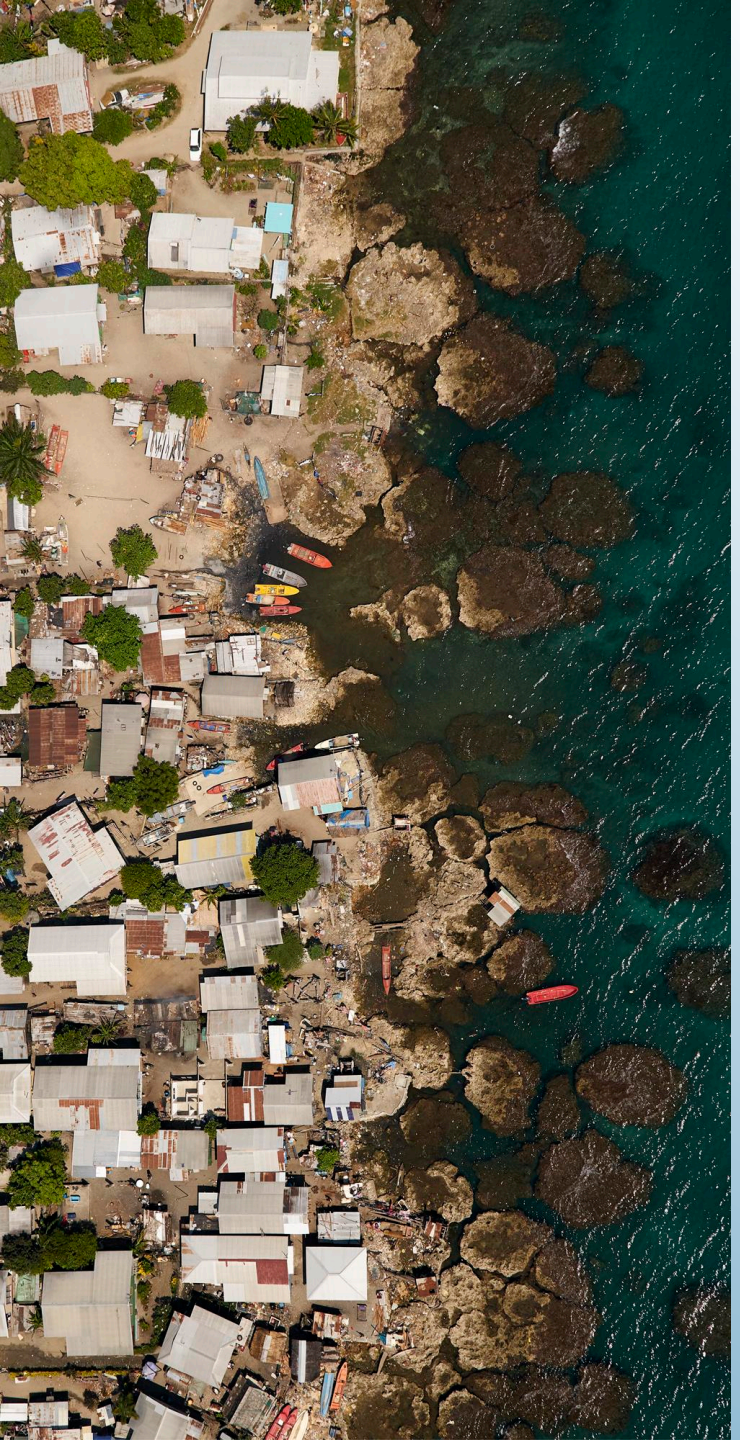
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Key activities in 2016/2017:

Implementing the *Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas* and Aichi Targets





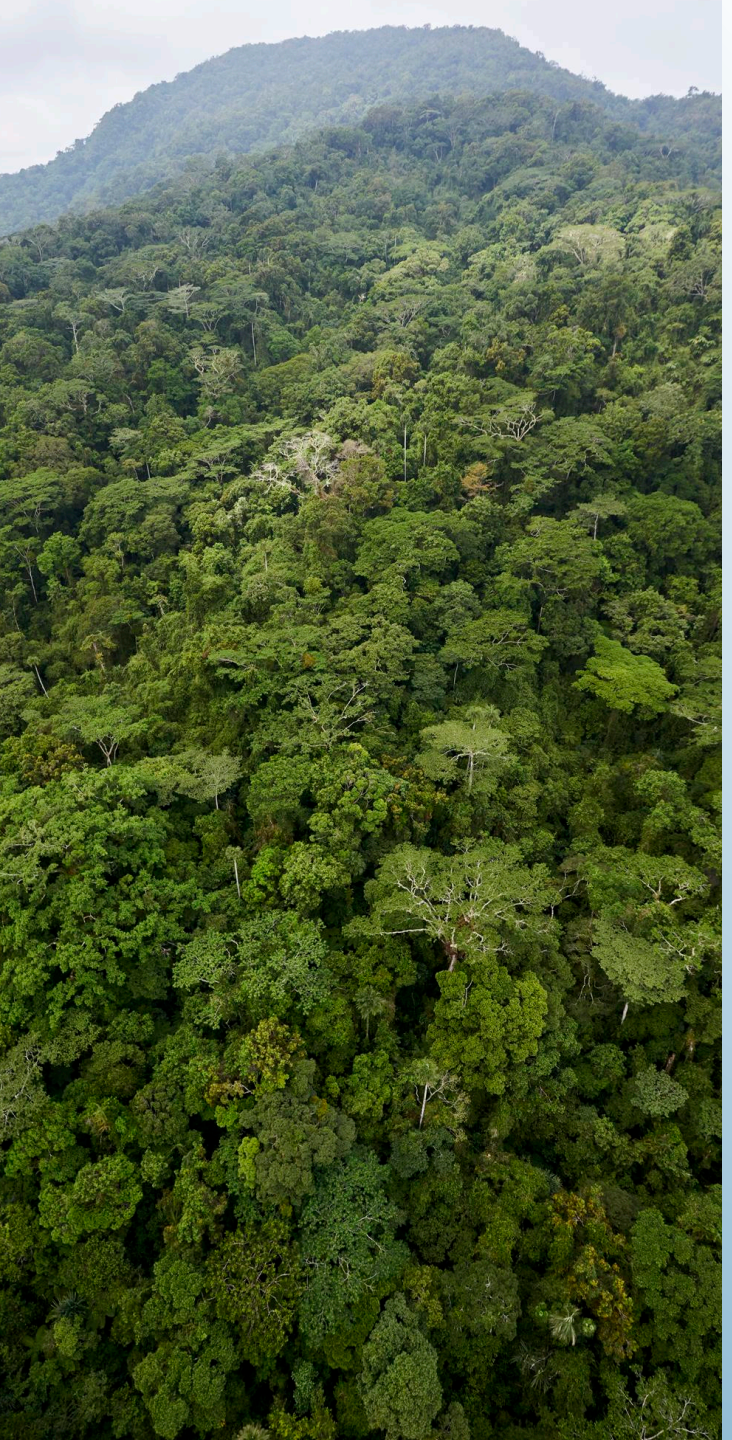
Objective 1: *People are aware of the value of biodiversity and steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably*

- Showcased Year of the Whale and ecotourism based on threatened species at IUCN World Conservation Congress in Hawaii
- Participatory Three Dimensional (P3D) Models were completed in Nauru, Rarotonga, and Eua Island of Tonga, as tools to guide planning and decision making processes
- Completion and successful evaluation of the GEFPAS Project Integrated Island Biodiversity
- Ecological and socio-economic resilience assessment mapping (PEBACC project) in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji



Objective 2: *Both economic development and biodiversity conservation recognise and support sustainable livelihoods, cultural heritage, community resilience and sustainable development*

- Regional EIA Guidelines published in English and French to support sustainable and resilient economic development. EIA Guidelines provide a foundation for national EIA training and capacity-building
- EIA Guidelines for Coastal Tourism Development have been drafted
- Integrated coastal management component of EU EDF-11 PEUMP project



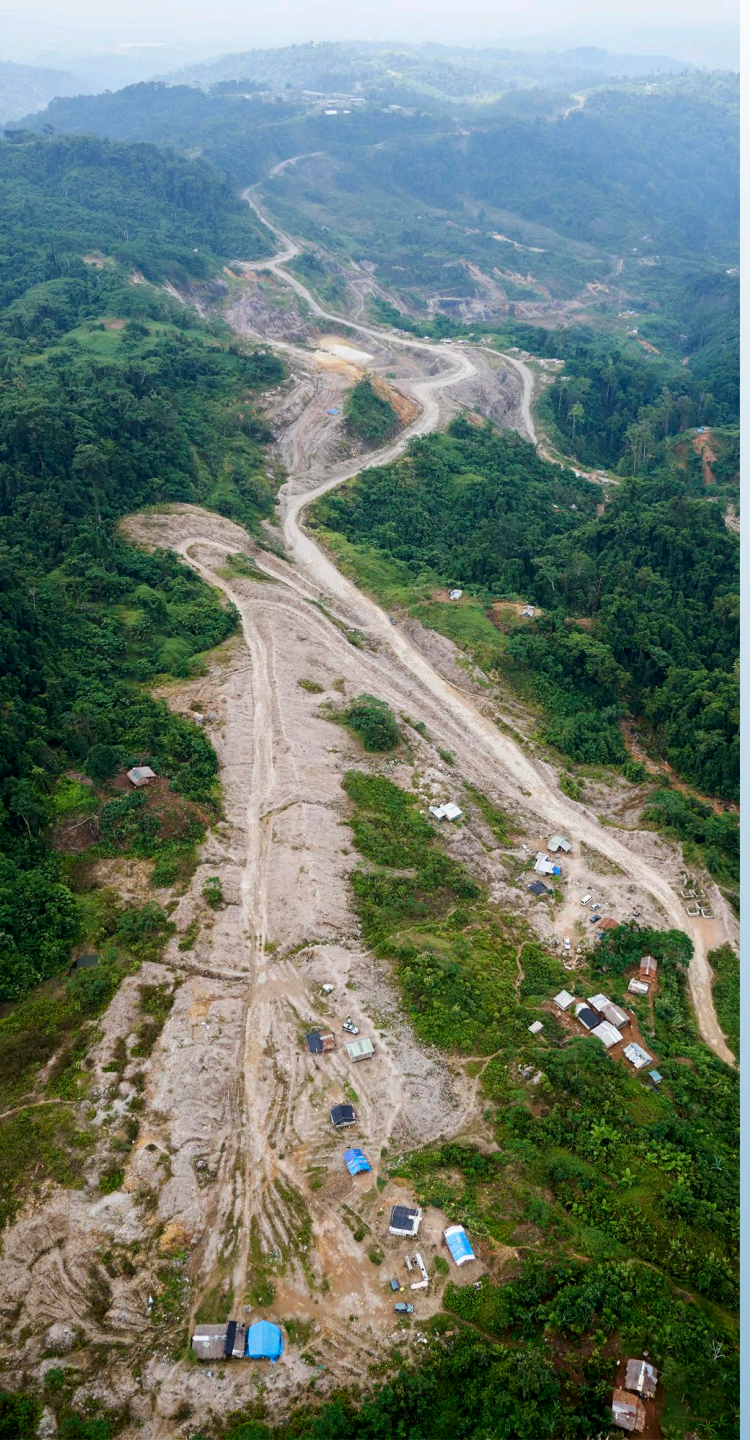
Objective 3: *Identify, conserve, sustainably manage and restore priority sites, habitats and ecosystems including cultural sites.*

- Successful assessment of protected area management effectiveness in Papua New Guinea
- Nauru completed its first national wetlands inventory and also a management plan for the conservation of the Anabar-Ijuw wetland sites
- CBD Capacity Building Workshop on Aichi Targets 11 and 12 which produced draft national roadmaps for protected areas
- Supported PI CITES Parties for COP 17 where 9 species of mobula rays, 4 species of sharks and the family Nautilidae were listed on Appendix II
- Participation in EU-IUCN BIOPAMA project



Objective 4: *Protect and recover threatened species and preserve biodiversity focussing on species of ecological, cultural and economic significance*

- Implemented Year of the Whale, including Whales in a Changing Ocean Conference in Tonga
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- EIA templates (in Regional EIA Guidelines) emphasise the importance of minimising impacts on biodiversity and protecting threatened species. Templates being used and adapted by Member countries
- Design of fisheries by-catch component of EU EDF-11 PEUMP project



Objective 5: *Manage threats to biodiversity, esp climate change, invasive species, over-exploitation and habitat loss and degradation*

- Development of Pacific Invasive Species Battler Series including the first nine publications of common invasive species issues in the Pacific
- Development of Invasive Species Resource Base to improve the quantity and search ability of invasive species resources via the SPREP website
- Development of Coastal and Marine Resilience Project with IUCN for submission to the GCF
- New Zealand Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification working to build resilience to ocean acidification in Pacific island communities and ecosystems. Adaptation work is being focused on pilot sites in Fiji, Kiribati, Tokelau and Vanuatu



Objective 6: *Build capacity and partnerships that strengthen synergies*

- Regional Pacific Ocean Alliance (POA) Meeting and Sustainable Oceans Initiative (SOI) Workshop on integrated ocean management held in Apia with key industry sectors, CROPs and all SPREP Members, for multi-sector planning and management at EEZ and regional scales
- Design of EU EDF-11 PEUMP Project with multiple partners

Opportunities for collaboration with PIRT partners

1. **Ongoing**

- PEBACC project
- NZ OA project
- Invasive species programme
- Protected areas programme

2. **In Development**

- EU EDF-11 PEUMP project
- GEF-6 invasive species project
- IKI Blue Carbon proposal with GIZ

