Pacific Islands Voluntary Commitments from the UN Oceans Conference

Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation

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

Selecting a subset of the Pacific Island Voluntary Commitments for PIRT session

- 130 Pacific Island Voluntary Commitments in total
- 65 Voluntary Commitments made by Pacific Island governments

- Prioritisation criteria:

✓Commitments made **by Pacific Island governments**

✓Commitments **relevant** to PIRT agencies

✓Commitments **without a PIRT agency** as partner

= 26 relevant 'Voly Comms' made by PI countries without a PIRT partner

STEP 1: Getting familiar with the subset …..
(26 commitments)

30 second snapshot for each commitment

Each snapshot will have:

- Country
- Title
- Nominee
- Other partners
- PIRT ‘Voly Comm’ reference number (1 to 26)
- Thematic area (Marine debris, MPAs, Governance, Development, Coastal and marine, Migratory and threatened species)

STEP 1: Getting familiar with the subset …..
(26 commitments)

Your task:

When you hear a Voluntary Commitment of interest take note of the PIRT Reference Number……..

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Circle the reference number of interest on your *Voly Comm* BINGO sheet.

Not your normal Bingo game:
Don't select every number, just so you win!
Remember to focus on Voly Comms that fit within your current priorities and work plans
If you fill a row, yell BINGO!



Lets begin……

Title: Chuuk Lagoon Pacific Ocean Emergency Response - Safeguarding Underwater Cultural Heritage

Country: Federated States of Micronesia

By: FSM National Archives, Historic Preservation & Culture Office (Government)

Other partners: Relevant National Organization/Agency; Chuuk State Government; University of Guam; UNESCO

Thematic area: Coral reef and lagoon

PIRT ref. no

1

Title: A Jurisdictional Implementation of the Micronesia Challenge

Country: Federated States of Micronesia

By: Federated States of Micronesia National Government

Other partners: Micronesia Challenge agencies

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

2

Title: Federated States of Micronesia's Shark By-Catch Amendment (FSM Public Law 19-167)

Country: Federated States of Micronesia

By: National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA)

Other partners: Relevant National Organizations/Agencies; Civil Society; Regional/International Partners

Thematic area: Migratory and threatened species

PIRT ref. no

3

Title: The Incorporation of Ocean Information into the VanuaGIS Platform

Country: Fiji

By: Ministry of Land & Mineral Resources

Other partners: Ministry of iTaukei Affairs and other relevant government departments; Private Sector -Sugar Industry ; Regional Organisations –SPC (Geoscience Division).

Thematic area: Resource management

PIRT ref. no

4

Title: Introduction of a Plastic Shopping Bag Reduction

Country: Fiji

By: Department of Environment

Other partners:

- Range of Government Ministries
- Private Sector: Recycling Companies; tourism partners
- Staff Technical Expertise: Ministry of Local Government Housing and Environment; Office of the Solicitor General; Ministry of Economy; Fiji Revenue; Customs Authority and Fiji Academic Institution
- Other: Fiji Recycling Industry; Beverage Industries and Collection Agencies; Fiji Plastic Bag Manufactures; Importers and Retailers

Thematic area: Marine debris

PIRT ref. no

5

Title: Prohibition of Destructive Offshore Fishing Practices

Country: Fiji

By: Ministry of Fisheries

Other partners:

Ministry of Economy; Fijian Navy; and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Fiji Fishing Industry Association (FFIA)

Thematic area: Resource management

PIRT ref. no

6

Title: Ensuring Samoa's EEZ is free from destructive fishing through prohibition and regulation of fishing methods and gear

Country: Samoa

By: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Other partners: Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency , and Pacific Community

Thematic area: Resource management

PIRT ref. no

7

Title: Community Integrated Management Plans

Country: Samoa

By: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

Other partners: Adaptation Fund; Climate Investments Fund; Electric Power Corporation; Land Transport Authority; diverse range of Ministries; Samoa Water Authority

Thematic area: Resource management

PIRT ref. no

8

Title: Nauru Awareness and Beach Clean-up Campaign

Country: Nauru

By: Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment

Other partners: Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment; Department of Education, Department of Women's Affairs; Department of Home Affairs; Department of Health (Civil Society); District Community Groups; Nauru Rotary; Youth Groups; Nauru Surf Club; and Fishermen Association

Thematic area: Marine debris

PIRT ref. no

10

Title: Implementing Outcomes from RMIs 1st National Ocean Symposium

Country: Marshall Islands

By: Ministry of Resources & Development (Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority)

Other partners: Marshall Islands Coastal Management Advisory Council, and key stakeholders

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

11

Title: Blue Fee for coastal and marine resource sustainable management

Country: Republic of the Marshall Islands

By: Ministry of Resources & Development (Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority)

Other partners: Marshall Islands Coastal Management Advisory Council and key stakeholders

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

12

Title: Application of Ridge to Reef Concept for Biodiversity Conservation and for the Enhancement of Ecosystem Services and Cultural Heritage in Niue

Country: Niue

By: Niue Ministry of Natural Resources

Other partners: UNDP; Office of the Premier; Department of Education; Taoga Niue (Government); Department of Public Works–Water

Thematic area: Coastal and marine

PIRT ref. no

13

Title: Implementation of Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing which support Target 14.4 and 14.6

Country: Tonga

By: Ministry of Fisheries

Other partners: United Nation Food and Agricultural Organisation; Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and World Bank

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

14

Title: The Palau National Marine Sanctuary

Country: Palau

By: National Marine Sanctuary Office

Other partners: -

Thematic area: MPAs

PIRT ref. no

15

Title: Bootless Bay Managed Marine Area

Country: Papua New Guinea

By: Conservation and Environment Protection Authority

Other partners: Conservation Village Environment Services; Central Provincial Administration; National Fisheries Authority; University of Papua New Guinea; Seventh Day Adventist Church; PNG Dive Center; Pari Women's Association

Thematic area: MPAs

PIRT ref. no

16

Title: Designation of the Jomard entrance as a particularly sensitive sea area

Country: Papua New Guinea

By: Papua New Guinea National Maritime Safety Authority

Other partners: Conservation and Environment Protection Authority; National Fisheries Authority; Milne Bay Provincial Administration; PNG Ports Corporation; PNG Customs Services; Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Thematic area: MPAs

PIRT ref. no

17

Title: Integrated Papua New Guinea Oceans Policy

Country: PNG

By: Department of Justice and Attorney-General and Department of Foreign Affairs, Papua New Guinea

Other partners: Government of Papua New Guinea, Commonwealth Secretariat and other bilateral and multilateral development partners

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

18

Title: Support community based resource management in Solomon Islands

Country: Solomon Islands

By: Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources

Other partners: Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology and Solomon Islands Locally Marine Managed Areas Network.

Thematic area: MPAs

PIRT ref. no

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Title: Review Pollution control component of the Environment Act by 2018

Country: Solomon Islands

By: Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology.

Other partners: Honiara City Council and Provincial Governments

Thematic area: Marine debris

PIRT ref. no

20

Title: Integrated National Oceans Policy and Marine Spatial Plan for Solomon Islands

Country: Solomon Islands

By: Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Solomon Islands

Other partners: Diverse range of other government departments

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

21

Title: Tonga develops a marine spatial plan

Country: Tonga

By: Tongan Government MEIDECC

Other partners: Ocean 7 (national multi-stakeholder technical group); Governor of Vava'u; Waitt Institute; Vava'u Environmental Protection Association (VEPA); and Ocean 5

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

22

Title: 30% MPAs within Tongan waters

Country: Tonga

By: Ministry of MEIDECC and Ministry of Fisheries

Other partners: Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (Partnership)

Thematic area: MPAs

PIRT ref. no

23

Title: Tonga advances science to inform decision-making

Country: Tonga

By: Tongan government

Other partners: MEIDECC; Ministry of Fisheries; Governor of Vava'u; Waitt Institute (Private Sector); Vava'u Environmental Protection Association (VEPA) (NGO)

Thematic area: Governance

PIRT ref. no

24

Title: Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project

Country: Tuvalu

By: Climate Change Policy & Disaster Coordination Unit, Tuvalu Government.

Other partners: Climate Change Policy Unit; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Green Climate Fund

Thematic area: Coastal and marine

PIRT ref. no

25

Title: Establishing a network of MPA's and LMMA within Tuvalu Maritime Zone

Country: Tuvalu

By: Office of the Prime Minister

Other partners: Fisheries Department; Environment Department; and Kaupule's on each island

PIRT ref. no

26

Thematic area: MPAs

Title: Phoenix Islands Protected Area: Bring PIPA Home

Country: Kiribati

By: The Phoenix Islands Protected Area Conservation Trust

Other partners: Phoenix Islands Protected Area; Waitt Foundation; Oceans5; The Government of Kiribati; Local communities; Conservation International; New England Aquarium; Boston University and Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Thematic area: MPAs

PIRT ref. no

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Step 2: Freeflow session for ‘Voly Comms’ that fit your interest

- Voly Comms are distributed around the room, clustered by thematic area.
- More details on each Voly Comm is on your USB slapband

- Find each Voly Comm you had on ‘BINGO’ to the sheet of paper with the related Voly Comm on the wall.

- On a sticky note, write your agency’s name and details of relevant activities or initiatives that your agency is undertaking that could assist a country achieve its commitment.