2nd Pacific Islands Species Forum

Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th July 2015

University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji

Recap



Key discussions during the Forum…

- Species Conservation Status
- Ecosystem status
- Progress in data management and storage
- Networking, opportunities for joining IUCN SGs
- Sustainable Use and CITES
- Other threats such as logging, invasive species, climate change
- Communicating information to communities and governments
- Conservation actions – planning, species recovery, involving communities, TEK

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Key points

- Lots of high quality studies
- Networking and discussions
- Need for sharing: data, research findings, management approaches
- Engaging communities and making conservation locally relevant
- Peer-to-peer learning at the community level
- Communication strategies – mascots, video



Species Working Group of the Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation (PIRT)

Function: to enable networking, sharing of information, potential for collaboration, coordinate species conservation efforts

- How? Listserve/email – Core team will start it off again. Please use it to share your results, your news….
- Who? Core team consists of PIRT member organizations. All are encouraged to get involved
- What? Aside from listserve, suggest that the key activity of the SWG is a biennial Species Forum.
  - PIRT members should take turns hosting, and the core team will assist with organization and looking for funding/hosting support
  - Possibility for USP to host in 2017, potentially on another campus, such as Port Vila - need another partner to commit to host in 2020.

We would welcome comments on how best to raise the profile of species conservation in the region at the Government level. e.g. to feed into policy and help with meeting species targets.