

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The International Union for Conservation of Nature – French Committee (IUCN-FC)

and

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

SPREP is a regional, intergovernmental organisation comprising 26 members consisting of 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and four developed Countries with direct interests in the Pacific Region. The purposes of SPREP are to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

IUCN French Committee (IUCN-FC) is a non-governmental organisation that is an integral part of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It is the network of IUCN organisations and experts in France and its overseas territories, working under seven thematic Programs to implement IUCN's global programme at a national level. One of these Programs is the Overseas Program, which specifically targets French overseas countries and territories in the three oceanic regions: Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific.

And whereas

SPREP is the leading organization for the environment and sustainable development in the Pacific Region.

Whereas

IUCN-FC is the network of organizations and experts working on biodiversity conservation in France and its overseas territories, including in the Pacific Region.

The Parties to this MoU agree as follows:

1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formally recognizes the intent of SPREP and IUCN-FC to work together on environmental issues.

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework of cooperation between SPREP and IUCN-FC in the fields of environmental conservation related to programs and projects in the French Pacific territories, and more widely in the South Pacific region on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

2. Objectives

The main objective of this agreement is to develop a partnership between the Parties.

The Parties will collaborate to enhance capacity building and more broadly, assist with best practice in environmental policies and their implementation in the South Pacific region, to ensure international/regional conservation objectives and commitments are met. Particularly, the Parties will seek through their collaboration to:

- Enhance the conservation of biodiversity in the South Pacific Region.
- Enhance climate change resilience in the South Pacific Region.
- Promote environmental networks within the South Pacific Region.
- Enhance French territories involvement in environmental issues in the Pacific Region.
- Develop and implement projects and programmes as appropriate to meet the above objectives.
- Collaborate on, participate in and support special events at global and regional levels relating to the conservation and management of biodiversity. Share information, methodology, data, and resources that will improve the effectiveness of both organisations with their objectives to conserve and manage terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems.

Participants will collaborate to enhance capacity building and more broadly, assist with best practice in environmental policies and their implementation in the South Pacific Region to ensure international/regional conservation objectives and commitments are met.

Both organizations will ensure that this collaboration is fully consistent with previous agreements signed between SPREP and other IUCN entities operating in the Pacific region.

3. Collaborative activities

The Parties agree, to the extent possible, but without limitation, as appropriate and in the frame of their respective mandates, to:

- Consult each other as appropriate on environmental matters of mutual concern.
- Exchange information on developments and current activities in relation to the environment.
- Extend to each other standing invitations to be represented as observers at appropriate meetings.
- Collaborate and support awareness-raising efforts in relation to the environment.
- Collaborate on the actions implementation of in addressing the global and regional priorities in relation to the environment.
- Collaborate on linkages and alignment of territorial work efforts to other Pacific island countries and territories.
- Keep respective memberships informed of cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU.
- Exchange technical information, scientific data and practical experiences regarding biodiversity management.
- Develop activities and projects in the area of biodiversity in French Pacific territories and in the Pacific Region.
- Collaborate on, participate in and support the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in 2020.

Additional fields of cooperation may be determined with the interest of both parties and through mutual agreement.

4. Termination and Amendments

- i) This MoU will come into effect upon signature of the Parties and will remain in effect until 5 years from the date of signature.
- ii) This MoU may be amended by written agreement of the Parties.
- iii) Either Party may terminate this MoU, by giving 10 weeks written notice to the other Party.

5. Relation of the Parties

This MoU constitutes an expression of mutual good faith by the Parties who commit to carrying out their responsibilities to the best of their abilities. Nothing in this MoU shall render either Party liable for any debts or obligations incurred by the other. Neither Party may make representations on behalf of the other.

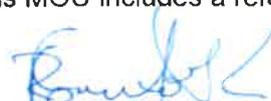
Each Party will name and keep updated designated focal points, to oversee and facilitate implementation of this MOU, in association with other appropriate administrators at the respective institutions, and to co-ordinate the cooperation called for in this MOU, and as at the date of execution of this MOU:

- IUCN-FC designates Mrs Anne Caillaud, overseas program manager.
- SPREP designates Mr Franck Connan, Marine environment and conservation specialist.

6. Annexes

Specific work once agreed to may be attached as an Annex to this MOU.

Such Annex shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.


for **Mr. Kosi Latu**
Director General,


Mr. Sébastien Moncorps
Director

SPREP

Date: 30/5/19

IUCN-FC

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