



Strategic Partnership Framework
2024–2026

between the

Government of Vanuatu

and the

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

1. Background

This Strategic Partnership Framework has been developed between the Government of Vanuatu and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to guide and coordinate SPREP's activities in Vanuatu. It responds to decisions of the SPREP Governing Council regarding the strengthening of the Secretariat's engagement with Pacific island Members.

At the 2nd Executive Board Meeting in 2020, Members endorsed a process for developing Country and Territory Strategic Partnership Frameworks (CTSPFs) with the Secretariat. At the 31st SPREP Meeting in 2023, Members reconfirmed their commitment to developing CTSPFs as high-level agreements that identify Members' environment and resilience priorities, and that confirm mutual commitments between Members and the Secretariat for addressing these priorities.

2. Key objectives

The objectives of the Vanuatu and SPREP Strategic Partnership Framework are to:

- a) Provide a high-level strategic guide for all interactions between the Secretariat and Vanuatu.
- b) Strengthen Vanuatu's engagement, leadership, and ownership in the effective development and implementation of activities by the Secretariat.
- c) Promote greater alignment of strategic regional and national environment and resilience priorities.
- d) Confirm agreed mutual commitments to existing and planned national and regional strategic priorities and actions.
- e) Leverage new opportunities for further collaboration, for example, through project development and donor funding.
- f) Acknowledge other development partners' engagement in country and facilitate coordination to ensure complementarity of efforts.
- g) Facilitate strategic programme and project level dialogues to promote and support sustainability of outcomes and results.
- h) Enhance visibility of outcomes and results achieved by the Secretariat and Vanuatu.
- i) Support and contribute towards Vanuatu's efforts in improving its environment and resilience.

3. Guiding principles

The Strategic Partnership Framework will be guided by the following principles:

- a) Contribute positively towards national, regional, and relevant global environment goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals.
- b) Implement the Strategic Partnership Framework in line with shared values, mutual respect, and responsibility.
- c) Support meaningful, positive, equitable, and mutual benefits for Vanuatu and SPREP.
- d) Enhance accountability for the actions of SPREP and Vanuatu to address Vanuatu's environment and resilience priorities.
- e) Promote gender mainstreaming and social inclusion across all areas of work.

4. Priority areas for collaboration

Priority areas for collaboration between SPREP and the Government of Vanuatu are based on the four regional goals in the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017–2026,¹ and aligned goals in Vanuatu 2030: The People’s Plan, Vanuatu’s National Sustainable Development Plan 2016–2030.² Table 1 shows the alignment between the regional and national plans. Some of the goals in Vanuatu 2030: The People’s Plan align to more than one regional goal.

Table 1: Alignment between the SPREP and Vanuatu strategic planning documents.

SPREP Strategic Plan 2017–2026	Vanuatu 2030: The People’s Plan
Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change.	ENV 3: A strong and resilient nation in the face of climate change and disaster risks posed by natural and man-made hazards.
Goal 2: Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems.	ENV 3: A strong and resilient nation in the face of climate change and disaster risks posed by natural and man-made hazards. ENV 4: A nation which utilises and sustainably manages our land, water and natural resources. ENV 5: A nation committed to ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of our biodiversity and ecosystems.
Goal 3: Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control.	ENV 2: An economy which fosters sustainable growth and development through low impact industries and modern technologies to ensure the well-being of future generations
Goal 4: Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance.	ENV 2: An economy which fosters sustainable growth and development through low impact industries and modern technologies to ensure the well-being of future generations. ENV 4: A nation which utilises and sustainably manages our land, water and natural resources. ENV 5: A nation committed to ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of our biodiversity and ecosystems.

Through consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), Department of Climate Change, Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department, National Disaster Management Office, Fisheries Department, and Department of Ports and Harbour, nine high priority areas for collaboration have been identified for this Strategic Partnership Framework:

1. Institutional strengthening of the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), with a particular focus on improving EIA and GIS processes, and national coordination for development permitting processes.

¹ https://www.sprep.org/attachments/Publications/Corporate_Documents/strategic-plan-2017-2026.pdf

² <https://www.gov.vu/images/publications/Vanuatu2030-EN-FINAL-sf.pdf>

2. Strengthen coordination between the Vanuatu CITES Management Authority (DEPC), Scientific Authority (Department of Fisheries) and other agencies to improve implementation of CITES, particularly with regard to trade in marine species. For the current CITES legislation review supported by SPREP, consider ensuring interoperability with fisheries legislation. CITES coordination will be further supported by the implementation of an electronic CITES platform facilitated through SPREP.
3. Successful implementation of the Van-KIRAP project, including the scaling up and replication of tools, information and products developed by Van-KIRAP across other sectors and other communities in Vanuatu, as well as the wider dissemination and sharing of lessons with other Pacific island countries and territories. This will also include raising the visibility of results, outcomes and impacts of the Van-KIRAP project.
4. Successful implementation of COSPPac phase 2 activities, and continuation of COSPPac phase 3 project. This will continue to strengthen the Vanuatu Climate Early Warning System including seasonal prediction, climate monitoring, data management, climate Information system, and build the capacity of climate officers.
5. Continue to support the delivery and implementation of existing SPREP projects, with results, outcomes and impacts reported on through the Strategic Partnership Framework monitoring, evaluation, reporting, and learning process.
6. Explore opportunities for developing new projects to address key priority areas for Vanuatu that are in line with SPREP's strategic priorities, including provision of support for the development of Van-KIRAP phase II, and the Enhancing hydrometeorological services for climate resilient water security in the Pacific SIDS project.
7. Assist with Post Disaster Needs Assessment of impacts on the environment (including technical support) following a disaster in Vanuatu.
8. Monitoring and evaluation capacity-building, including monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning support for the Vanuatu National Environment Policy and Implementation Plan, and Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan.
9. Consider appointing a national-level officer to coordinate SPREP's in-country work, and / or dedicated national-level officers for new projects, to increase national-level capacity for project delivery.

Annex 1 details current, ongoing and proposed collaborative activities for the Strategic Partnership Framework. These activities are informed by SPREP's Performance Implementation Plan 4 (PIP4), and specific requests for assistance identified by Vanuatu Government Departments. The activities are aligned with priority objectives in Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan. Annex 1 will be updated to reflect new activities as they arise.

Annex 2 lists SPREP projects and programmes currently being implemented in Vanuatu. The details of specific project activities are reflected in individual project agreements or workplans. Annex 2 will be updated to include new projects as they arise.

Figure 1, below, shows that the Strategic Partnership Framework is a coordination mechanism that is based on, and responds to, regional and national environment and resilience priorities. The Strategic Partnership Framework also influences and reflects delivery pathways for these priorities, expressed in the SPREP Performance Implementation Plan, Ministry and Department work plans, and other Programme and project plans.



Figure 1. The Strategic Partnership Framework is a coordination mechanism for collaborative activities between the Government of Vanuatu and SPREP.

5. Implementation and management arrangements

Implementation of the Strategic Partnership Framework will be managed and coordinated by operational and technical focal points (Director General for the Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management; Director DEPC), with the support of the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation and the Department of Climate Change. SPREP will coordinate its activities through the Department of Strategic Planning, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation (DSPPR), who will work with SPREP's technical Programmes.

Successful implementation of the Strategic Partnership Framework and the achievement of its objectives will be supported by the following:

Commitment

The Parties commit to collaborate fully in the implementation of agreed priorities and activities identified in this Framework.

Vanuatu will:

- Lead in-country implementation of activities under the Strategic Partnership Framework.
- Coordinate with key stakeholders and partners in-country to ensure complementarity of efforts, including through the incorporation of specific activities in Ministry and Department corporate and business plans.
- Ensure the priority areas for collaboration and activities are aligned with and contribute to national priorities in Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan, including relevant national thematic strategies and plans on climate change, environment, and waste management.
- Facilitate sharing of information and progress reports through relevant national coordinating mechanisms.
- Raise awareness and visibility of the outcomes and results of the Strategic Partnership Framework at all levels of government and with communities and partners.

SPREP will:

- Provide responsive high quality technical advice and back-stopping, and capacity building and training initiatives, linked to the priority areas for collaboration and activities under the Strategic Partnership Framework.
- Support communication and advocacy on environment and resilience issues at national and regional levels.
- In collaboration with Vanuatu, broker partnerships and collaborations to support the delivery of activities under the Strategic Partnership Framework.
- Provide and manage repositories of environmental data and information as requested by Vanuatu, for example, through the Pacific Environment Portal, Pacific Climate Change Portal, and the Pacific Islands Protected Areas Portal, and build national-level data management and data analysis capacity.
- Facilitate reporting on the Strategic Partnership Framework through the SPREP Performance Implementation Plan process, for reporting to the SPREP Meeting and Executive Board Meeting.

Risk management

The following risks will be monitored, and mitigating measures developed during the timeframe of the Strategic Partnership Framework:

Risk type	Mitigating measure
Strategic Agreed priorities may not be fully achieved	Regular dialogues to review, monitor and track progress, with adjustments made to the implementation approach as needed.
Political Lack of political support and commitment	SPREP Focal Points to keep SPREP informed of any changes within Government that may affect implementation of the Strategic Partnership Framework.
Civil unrest	If a formal request for assistance is received from our focal points, SPREP to provide technical guidance and assistance in line with our mandate and the principles of this Partnership Framework.
Environmental Disasters that may affect the delivery and implementation of Strategic Partnership Framework priorities	Develop contingency plans to mitigate risks due to disasters.

Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning

The Strategic Partnership Framework will be reviewed by a joint Vanuatu and SPREP high-level forum on a biennial basis, in line with the SPREP Performance Implementation Plan (PIP) monitoring and reporting process and timelines, and the Vanuatu 2030 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.³ This high-level forum will consist of the SPREP national political focal point, national operational and

³ <https://www.gov.vu/images/publications/NSDP%20M&E%20Framework.pdf>

technical focal points, relevant senior government officials, SPREP Senior Leadership and SPREP DSPPR and Programme representatives.

The review will assess the value and effectiveness of the Strategic Partnership Framework, as well as progress and outcomes achieved against the agreed priorities. The information gathered from the review will provide input to the PIP report to the SPREP and / or Executive Board Meetings, and allow for the Strategic Partnership Framework to be adjusted as appropriate, to ensure it remains relevant.

6. Conflict of interest

During the execution of this agreement, Parties must not engage in any work, paid or unpaid, that creates an actual conflict of interest with this agreement. If the Parties have any questions as to the actual or apparent potential for a conflict of interest, either shall raise the issue formally to the other, and if appropriate and necessary the issue shall be put to the independent body of the agreement or the Audit Committee for consideration and approval or non-approval, which approval or non-approval the Parties agrees shall be binding on them.

7. Anti-corruption

In connection with this agreement, each Party agrees that it has not accepted or been offered any cash, gift, bribe, kickback, or other inappropriate or unlawful thing from any of SPREP's employees or agents. Gifts and entertainment given in the regular course of business are acceptable and do not breach the aforementioned prohibition. Parties shall make reasonable endeavours to quickly notify the other party of any violations of the aforementioned restriction.

8. Intellectual property rights

Nothing in this agreement is intended to affect each Party's pre-existing intellectual property and other property rights.

Pre-existing intellectual property and other property rights shall remain with their originating Party.

Each Party shall ensure that intellectual property rights and other property rights of the other Party or third parties are not infringed during the course of this agreement and each Implementing Agreement.

9. Visibility and communication

Outcomes and results achieved through the Strategic Partnership Framework will be documented and promoted widely through relevant national and regional mechanisms, networks, and approved media outlets. Communication products will be developed jointly by the SPREP Secretariat and the relevant national focal points.

10. Timeframe

The Strategic Partnership Framework is aligned with the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017–2026, and its timeframe will be for the years 2024–2026. The Framework will take effect from the date of signature.

11. Amendments and termination

The Strategic Partnership Framework may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by the Parties.

12. Annexes

Annex 1: Collaborative activities for the Strategic Partnership Framework.

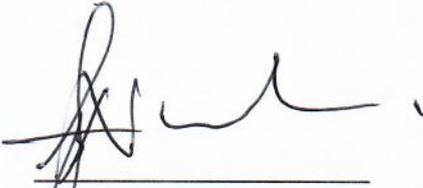
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Annex 1: Collaborative activities for the Strategic Partnership Framework

Listed below are current, ongoing and proposed activities for the Strategic Partnership Framework. These activities are aligned with the four regional goals of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017–2026 (column 1), and with national priorities from Vanuatu 2030: The People’s Plan (column 3). Policy objectives from Vanuatu 2030 are listed in brackets next to each activity, where relevant.

The activities listed under Performance Implementation Plan 4 (PIP 4) were approved at the 31st SPREP Meeting in 2023. ‘Other activities’ reflect specific requests for assistance identified by Vanuatu Government Departments, or additional SPREP activities that are not reflected in PIP4.

SPREP SP 2017–2026, Regional Goals	Current, ongoing and proposed collaborative activities for 2024–2026, based on SPREP PIP 4 and other activities identified by the Government of Vanuatu	Vanuatu 2030: The People’s Plan
<p>Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change.</p>	<p><u>PIP 4:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a C-band weather radar system in Vanuatu through the VanKIRAP project (ENV 3.2) • Support 14 PSIDS in negotiations in the lead up, during and after UNFCCC COPs and related meetings (ENV 3.1) • Review of El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Directive to strengthen monitoring of climate extreme events (ENV 3.2) • Provide support with review of Monthly Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum reports and discuss the climate drivers and seasonal predictions (ENV 3.2) • Support the update of SCOPIC software and ACCESS-S platform for seasonal forecasts • Support with update on CliDE database • Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum (April and November) (ENV 3.2) • National Climate Outlook Forum to discuss seasonal cyclone outlook and climate predictions for the next three and six months (ENV 3.2) • Capacity building on climate seasonal prediction platform, climate science and services (ENV3.2) • Inception phase followed by implementation of Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change Phase 2 (PEBACC+) project funded by Kiwa Initiative (ENV 3.4) • Building Our Loss and Damage Project funded by IKI, to be implemented from early 2025 (ENV 2.6, 3.5) 	<p>ENV 3: A strong and resilient nation in the face of climate change and disaster risks posed by natural and man-made hazards.</p>

SPREP SP 2017–2026, Regional Goals	Current, ongoing and proposed collaborative activities for 2024–2026, based on SPREP PIP 4 and other activities identified by the Government of Vanuatu	Vanuatu 2030: The People’s Plan
<p>Goal 2: Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island</p>	<p><u>Other activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building for implementation of climate mitigation policies (ENV 3.1) • Capacity building for implementation of carbon markets; including functions, operationalisation, monitoring (ENV 3.1) • Technical assistance for climate finance priorities identified for PCCR, to develop pipeline proposals to mobilise resources for implementation (ENV 3.5) • Upscaling of Traditional Knowledge component of VanKIRAP project to support early warning systems (ENV 3.2) • Port Vila Greening Master Plan – funding strategy to implement the Master Plan to support climate change resilience (ENV 3.4) • Capacity building to reach the last mile communities including targeted capacity building for communication officers to translate and package tailor made information and knowledge products for local communities in local language and dialect (ENV 3.1) • SPREP initiatives to include a focus on building resilience of coastal communities to the impacts of sea level rise, including site modelling to guide appropriate development planning (ENV 3.4) • More engagement of youth in climate change initiative and action • Training on project proposal development, resource mobilisation and project implementation, including for local authorities to access and implement small grants projects (ENV 3.1) • Targeted capacity building for key stakeholders in Vanuatu to better understand Loss and Damage (ENV 3.1) • South south cooperation with other PICTs to share experiences on climate change, including secondment or internship opportunities with other Governments (ENV 3.1) • Continue to provide negotiation training to help prepare Vanuatu Government representatives for COP, and include training for media journalists (ENV 3.1) 	
<p>Goal 2: Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island</p>	<p><u>PIP 4:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement integrated coastal management at watershed scale at sites in Vanuatu through EDF-11 funded Bycatch and Integrated Ecosystem Management (BIEM) Initiative as part of 	<p>ENV 3: A strong and resilient nation in the face of climate change and disaster risks posed</p>

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<p>and ocean ecosystems.</p>	<p>the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership programme (‘ridge to reef’ approach) (ENV 4.2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigate the impacts and threats to coastal ecosystems through implementation of integrated coastal management and ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change components of the BIEM project in Vanuatu (ENV 3.4, 4.2) • Investigate Vanuatu Wedge-tailed Shearwater as a potential ‘sentinel species’ for monitoring of plastic pollution ingestion rates of seabirds in the Southern Hemisphere and tropical Pacific through Pacific BioScapes Programme (ENV 5.1) • Develop guidelines for turtle tourism in Vanuatu through Pacific BioScapes Programme (ENV 5.1, 5.5) • Implement activities through the By-catch and integrated Ecosystem Management (BIEM) Initiative to address by-catch of threatened species in commercial fisheries in Vanuatu (ENV 5.3) • Implement activities to support Nature-based solutions mainstreaming into national policy frameworks, into development plans, policies, legislation, and/or regulations for selected sectors, through the Promoting Pacific Islands Nature-based Solutions (PPIN) Project (ENV 4.1) • Implement activities to strengthen capacities of Government stakeholders and communities on planning and implementing Nature-based Solutions through the Promoting Pacific Islands Nature-based Solutions (PPIN) Project (ENV 4.7). • Increase Awareness, visibility and accessibility to Pacific Nature-based Solutions content and data through the Promoting Pacific Islands Nature-based Solutions (PPIN) Project (ENV 5.6) • Develop national mapping for seagrass and mangroves and implement activities to quantify ecosystem services for these habitats, in particular carbon reduction and emission potential, as well as anthropogenic threats through the Management of Blue Carbon Ecosystems in Pacific Island Countries (MACBLUE) (ENV 2.1, 5.1 and 5.6) • Implement local conservation management approaches for seagrass and mangroves through the MACBLUE project (ENV 4.7, 5.1) 	<p>by natural and man-made hazards.</p> <p>ENV 4: A nation which utilises and sustainably manages our land, water and natural resources.</p> <p>ENV 5: A nation committed to ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of our biodiversity and ecosystems.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement activities to support the strengthening of legal guidelines for incentives and sustainable approaches for the protection and rehabilitation of seagrass and mangrove populations – MACBLUE project (ENV 5.1) • PRISMSS Natural Enemies Natural Solutions Programme support is ongoing through the PRISMSS Restoring Island Resilience (RIR) project focused on managing widespread weeds through biological control (ENV 5.1) • PRISMSS Resilient Ecosystems-Resilient Communities Programme initiated in Nusumetu Community Conservation Area to restore the ecological values and increase climate resilience through the PRISMSS Restoring Island Resilience (RIR) project (ENV 5.1, 5.2) • Participation in the 6th and 7th Pacific Invasive Learning Network (PILN) (2024 and 2026) and the New Zealand PRISMSS Study Tour in 2024 (ENV 5.1) • Ongoing training and support for engagement with the regional invasive species mechanisms (Pacific Invasive Species Indicators, PRISMSS, Navigator System, PILN, regional initiatives) (ENV 5.1) • Convene pre- and post-COPs meetings for the Pacific islands region relating to the CBD, including implementation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (ENV 2.5) • ABS technical support available during regional pre- and post-COP meetings utilising regional expertise (ENV 2.5) • Support Parties to CITES at pre-COP and COP meetings (ENV 2.5) <p><u>Other activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRIORITY: Implement Vanuatu’s NBSAP in alignment with the GBF (Vanuatu to engage a consultant using their Early Action Support Grant to review and update the NBSAP, plus SPREP and Vanuatu jointly awarded a Facilitator under the NBSAP Accelerator initiative to work nationally and regionally, based in Vanuatu sub-regional office) (ENV 2.5, 5.1) • Explore further opportunities for Vanuatu through SPREP PRISMSS (Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service) (ENV 5.1) • Vanuatu State of Environment report to inform reporting to Biodiversity MEAs including Ramsar Convention (ENV 2.5, ENV 5.6) • Explore opportunities for Vanuatu through the Pacific Coral Reef Action Plan to build on and increase capacity to monitor, protect and improve the health of coral reefs, including 	

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<p>Goal 3: Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control.</p>	<p>restoration of critical reef habitats and support the implementation of community-based management initiatives such as MPAs, LMMAs (ENV 4.7, 5.2, 5.6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support VU to review their CITES Act and implement an electronic CITES platform (funded through ACPME3 and Pacific BioScapes) (ENV 2.5) • Continue to support Vanuatu to effectively meet obligations under CITES with technical advice and support – see priority activities on pg. 3 for details (ENV 2.5) • Support or develop an implementation plan for the National Plans of Action being developed through BIEM on Sea Turtles, Sharks and Rays, and Seabirds (ENV 5.1) • Although not a party to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Vanuatu is a signatory to the Pacific Cetacean MOU, Sharks and Rays MOU and the Dugong MOU, demonstrating commitment to protection of migratory species. Vanuatu could investigate joining CMS particularly as Gadfly Petrels are likely to be added at the next COP and Vanuatu has several threatened species in this group (ENV 2.5, 5.3) • Investigate ways to establish monitoring and increasing protection for dugong (ENV 5.3) • SPREP to provide recommendations for accommodation bookings for Pacific representatives for the CBD, CITES, CMS COPs to better coordinate meetings and discussions amongst all representatives <p><u>PIP 4:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Vanuatu to improve waste management practices and improve management of waste disposal sites and storage facilities under PacWastePlus, SWAP and ISLANDS projects (ENV 2.4) • Improve or establish material resource recovery infrastructure (facilities, plant, and equipment) in Vanuatu under the PacWastePlus and ISLANDS projects (ENV 2.4) • Specific activities under PacWastePlus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development of legislative frameworks to establish Product Stewardship Schemes in Vanuatu - initial waste streams to be targeted are beverage containers (plastic, aluminium, glass) (ENV 2.4, 2.5) ○ Community engagement on Product Stewardship Schemes (ENV 2.4) ○ Establishment of an Environment Sector Working Group to integrate into Emergency Management Preparedness and Response (ENV 2.4) 	
		<p>ENV 2: An economy which fosters sustainable growth and development through low impact industries and modern technologies to ensure the well-being of future generations.</p> <p>ENV 5: A nation committed to ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of our biodiversity and ecosystems.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional (likely but not confirmed) activities under PacWastePlus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislation to ban asbestos (ENV 2.4, 2.5) ○ Code of Practice to Manage Asbestos (ENV 2.4, 2.5) ○ Improvements to organics management systems and infrastructure throughout rural villages (ENV 2.4) • SWAP is providing technical and financial support to DEPC for the establishment of a public-private partnership that aims to collect, store and reprocess used oil through pyrolysis technology (ENV 2.4) • Assist Vanuatu to strengthen relationships between public-private entities through support for the National Recycling Association and project activities supporting Public-Private Partnerships including through the Moana Taka Partnership with Swire Shipping (ENV 2.4) • PACPLAN Maritime Spill Preparedness Improved Self-Reliance Programme 2022-25 (PACPLAN Resilience Project): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support development of the Vanuatu Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan, including Gap Analysis using international RETOS tool (ENV 2.4, 2.5) ○ Review and audit of the maritime convention status and domestic maritime legislation (ENV 2.4, 2.5) ○ Capacity building in supplying funding for new Marine Pollution Officer for three years, and local and international trainings (ENV 2.4, 2.5) ○ Capacity building and training of staff in local trainings and exercises (ENV 2.4, 2.5) • Assist PICs to develop global agreement to end plastic pollution including in the marine environment under the AU INC Project (ENV 2.4, ENV 2.5) <p><u>Other activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Vanuatu’s implementation of marine litter projects, with a focus on waste from the shipping sector and ghost gear • Build data analysis capacity for water quality monitoring (relevant to Wastewater Taskforce) (ENV 5.6) 	

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<p>Goal 4: Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with the implementation of a Waste Monitoring System, based on the Regional Data Collection, Monitoring and Reporting Framework developed by PacWastePlus (ENV 5.6) To be confirmed: SPREP may sign an agreement with Indonesia Aid to help Vanuatu prepare for the upcoming cyclone season Develop a legislative framework to establish a Product Stewardship Scheme for e-waste (ENV 2.4, 2.5) <p>PIP 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Vanuatu to update and develop its National Environment Policy Implementation Plan (NEPIP) to integrate into MEA commitments and mainstream it into national planning processes. Include gender mainstreaming in the programme (ENV 2.5) <p>Other activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional strengthening of the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), with a particular focus on improving EIA and GIS processes, and national coordination for development permitting processes (ENV 2.5, ENV 4.1) Capacity building and training on EIA, including strengthening the implementation of EIA in Vanuatu through setting of national standards to enhance the EIA process, and to support climate resilient development (ENV 2.5, ENV 4.1) Capacity building and training on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (ENV 5.6) Launch of the State of Environment Report and capacity building on the use of the SoE Report to inform reporting to MEAs (ENV 2.5) Explore ways to support the uptake and the use of the Vanuatu Environment Data Portal, including commitment of finance / resources for a dedicated officer to administer and manage the Portal (ENV 5.6) 	<p>ENV 2: An economy which fosters sustainable growth and development through low impact industries and modern technologies to ensure the well-being of future generations.</p> <p>ENV 4: A nation which utilises and sustainably manages our land, water and natural resources.</p> <p>ENV 5: A nation committed to ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of our biodiversity and ecosystems.</p>

Annex 2: List of current SPREP projects and programmes in Vanuatu

SPREP SP 2017–2026, Regional Goals	Project / programme name	Timeframe	Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan
Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change	Climate Information Services for Resilient Development Planning in Vanuatu (Van-KIRAP) Project	2017-2025	ENV 3.2
	Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change Phase 2 (PEBACC+)	2022-2026	ENV 3.4
	COSPPac and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific Phase 3 (COSPPac 3)	2023-2027	ENV3.2
Goal 2: Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems	Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change Phase 2 (PEBACC+)	2022-2026	ENV 3.4
	Bycatch and Integrated Ecosystem Management (BIEM) Initiative	2018-2025	ENV 3.4, 4.2, 5.3
	Pacific BioScapes Programme	2021-2026	ENV 5.1, 5.5
	Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS)	2019-ongoing	ENV 5.1, 5.4
	PRISMSS-Restoring Island Resilience Project	2023-2026	ENV 5.1, 5.2
	Pacific Invasive Learning Network (PILN)	2007-ongoing	ENV 5.1
	Promoting Pacific Islands Nature-based Solutions (PPIN) Project	2023-2026	ENV 3.4
	Management of Blue Carbon Ecosystems in Pacific Island Countries (MACBLUE)	2023-2025	ENV 2.1, 4.7, 5.1 and 5.6

	CBD regional support to countries including NBSAP revision including submitting alignment of targets to GBF, pre-COP, and CBD COP coordination support	Ongoing	ENV 2.5
Goal 3: Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control	Pacific – European Union Waste Management Programme (PacWastePlus)	2019-2025	ENV 2.4, 2.5
	Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP)	2020-2024	ENV 2.4
	Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in Small Island Developing States, GEF ISLANDS project	2021-2026	ENV 2.4
	Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP)	2019-2027	ENV 2.4
Goal 4: Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance	PACPLAN Maritime Spill Preparedness Improved Self-Reliance Programme (PACPLAN Resilience Project)	2022-2025	ENV 2.4
	Capacity Building Related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP MEAs 3)	2020-2024	ENV 2.5