



SPREP and the Initiative for the Protection of Coral Reefs in the Pacific Region (CRISP)

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What is SPREP?

- Established under the SPREP Convention
- Environment Ministers' Forum and Meeting of Officials (HODs)
- Secretariat to the Apia/SPREP convention
- 25 member countries (Pacific island countries and territories, France, Australia, NZ and the US)
- “to promote cooperation in the Pacific islands region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve the environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations”



SPREP and regional governance

- Advises Pacific Islands Forum/Secretariat on environmental matters
- Regional Partnerships - CROP agencies - Integration of environment/natural resource management in national and regional policies
- The Marine Sector Working Group to the CROP agencies
- The Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation



SPREP secretariat key functions

Policy development

- Regional level: agreed regional priorities/ guidance to national policy development and implementation
- National level: Facilitate/support integrated national policy development and implementation of priority actions
- International level: Support member countries in MEAs and advocacy through international processes

Relevant regional policies and frameworks

- Action Plan for managing the Environment of the Pacific Region 2005-2009
- Action Strategy for Nature Conservation In the Pacific Islands 2003-2007
- SPREP Strategic Programmes 2004-2013
- Pacific Islands Regional Oceans Policy and framework
- Mauritius Strategy



SPREP Secretariat key functions

Programme delivery

- Island Ecosystems and Pacific Futures
- 10 year strategic approach to deliver on SPREP action plan
- focused on local/national/regional activities (site/issue)
- Flexible to accommodate changing needs

Key strategies/activities

- Awareness raising, behavioural change, education
- Technical support and Knowledge sharing/access to info/through networks/lessons learnt (ICRAN, LMMA, GCRMN)
- Development of tools and techniques (technical/policy/economic/financial/institutional/legal)
- training to facilitate adoption through demonstration projects and formal training
- Facilitate access to resources



SPREP Secretariat key functions

Partnerships

- Research institutions, NGOs, local communities, governments, international agencies, universities and NGOs



SPREP and the CRISP

- SPREP contribution to CRISP:
- Regional policy framework (eg Pacific Island Regional Ocean Policy and framework for action)
- Mechanism to address cross sectoral issues (fisheries/tourism) through regional organisational partnerships (eg CROP, SPREP)
- Established networks of practitioners and infrastructure in member countries (credibility and legitimacy)
- A body of knowledge and experience in marine/coastal natural resource management to build upon (eg IWP, NBSAP, ICRAN, LMMA, GCRMN etc..)
- Linkages/focal point to international initiatives (NCSA, UNEP Regional Seas..) MEAs secretariat and organisations



SPREP Component- overview

Objective: To promote the sustainable use of coastal and marine resources in pacific countries

Approach:

- Work closely with CRISP partners –collaborations
- Facilitate on going national and local participation in all CRISP activities
- Build on existing knowledge/successes/networks
- Equip/enable SPREP countries to maximise benefits of CRISP initiative

Focus for action:

- Institutional/governance (national/local/regional)
- Knowledge management /training
- Development/piloting of a tool kit to facilitate adoption of best management practices



Institutional/governance component

- Enhanced policy and regulatory framework (regional/National)
- Improved governance/institutional mechanisms at local provincial and national level (right people / transparency/accountability)
- A marine Regional forum (under the Round table or Oceans Framework) to monitor implementation of CRISP?



Knowledge management /training component

- Knowledge based decision making (eg priorities for intervention/monitoring etc)
- Increased public/stakeholder awareness/understanding
- Training managers (national and local)
- adaptive learning and sharing of experiences/networks/lessons learnt



Tools kits for adoption of Best management practices

- Development/promotion of mechanisms to facilitate adoption of best management practices (eg livelihoods/ income generation/motivational/economic incentives)
- Demonstration and implementation



Conclusion

SPREP, as an intergovernmental organisation, is a key partner to ensure the success of the CRISP initiative in pacific countries:

- Provides both the policy/institutional framework under which CRISP partners can operate
- has a well established presence in the region
- contributes significant body of knowledge and techniques an networks on which to build upon
- Integrates CRISP outcomes into national and regional policies and programmes