**Regional Workshop on**

**Improving Information and Capacity for**

**More Effective Protected Area**

**Management and Governance**

**in the Pacific**

**11-15 June 2018, Tanoa Tusitala Hotel**

**Apia, Samoa**

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**Workshop Objectives:**

Provide information about the second phase of the Biodiversity and Protected Area Management Programme BIOPAMA - its objectives, benefits to countries, expected results and main activities and involvement by countries and organisations.

Engage with stakeholders and partners about priority needs and opportunities for improving data gathering, assessment of data and information and capacity development for decision making and effective management and governance of protected areas.

Demonstrations of the Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal PIPAP (managed by SPREP in collaboration with the European Commission – Joint Research Centre and UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre) and other relevant web-based information tools for protected area planning and management.

Provide general information about the BIOPAMA Action Component and identify national and local priorities that could guide decisions for investments through grant making (managed by IUCN).

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| **Sunday 10th June 2018, Tanoa Hotel** | |
| **Time** | **Session** |
| 2:00pm – 4:00pm | Registration opportunity for workshop participants |
| **DAY ONE**  **Monday 11th June, 2018, Tanoa Hotel** | |
| **Time** | **Session** |
| 8:00am – 8:30am | **Registration** |
| 8:30am – 9:15am | **Official Opening**  Blessing for successful workshop – Susuga Rev. Taumafai Komiti, Methodist Church, Apia.   * Address by Stuart Chape, Acting Director General, SPREP * Address by Mason Smith, Regional Director, IUCN Oceania Regional Office * Address by Stephen Peedell, European Commission – Joint Research Centre * Address by Edmund Jackson, Programme Officer Environment and Climate Change, ACP Secretariat * Opening welcome address by Afiogi Taefu Lemi Taefu, Hon. Associate Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Government of Samoa |
| 9:15am – 9:30am | Introduction to the workshop participant profile and workshop housekeeping |
| 9:30am –10:00am | **Session 1**  Introduction to the Biodiversity and Protected Area Management Programme 2017 – 2023 |
| 10:00am –10:15am | **Group photo** |
| 10:15am – 10:45am | **MORNING TEA** |
| 10:45am – 11:10am | **Session 2:**  Workshop objectives, programme outline, expectations |
| 11:10am – 11:30am | **Session 3:**  Protected Areas in the Pacific – setting the scene |
| 11:30am – 12:30pm | **Session 4:**  A conversation with the BIOPAMA regional implementing partners |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | **LUNCH** |
| 1:30pm – 2:00pm | **Session 5:**  Country case study  Large marine protected areas – the Cook Islands’ experience |
| 2:00pm – 3:30pm | **Session 6:**  Panel Discussion – protected area types, circumstances and needs in the Pacific. |
| 3.30pm – 3:50pm | **AFTERNOON TEA** |
| 3:50pm – 4.50pm | **Session 7:**  International support initiatives for protected areas – CBD, WCPA, UNEP WCMC |
| 4:50pm – 5:00pm | Conclusion to Day One |
| 5:15pm – 6:15pm | Side Events |
| 6:30pm | Evening Cocktail Event |

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| **DAY TWO**  **Tuesday 12th June, 2018,** **Tanoa Hotel** | |
| **Time** | **Session** |
| 8:30 am – 8:45am | **Plenary:**  Recap of Day One and overview of sessions for Day Two |
| 8:45am – 9:15am | **Session 1:**  Country case study  Palau’s Protected Area Network |
| 9:15am – 10:30am | **Session 2:**  Interactive session – needs, priorities and aspirations for enhancing protected area governance and management |
| 10:30am –11:00am | **MORNING TEA** |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Report back from session 2 |
| 11:15am–12:30pm | **Session 3:**  Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal – overview, demonstrations and case study |
| 12.30pm – 1.30pm | **LUNCH** |
| 1:30am – 2.30pm | Session 3: continued  Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal – demonstrations and practical applications |
| 2:30am – 3.30pm | **Session 4:**  BIOPAMA Action Component |
| 3.30pm – 3:50pm | **AFTERNOON TEA** |
| 3:50pm – 4:30pm | **Session 4: continued**  BIOPAMA Action Component |
| 4:30pm – 4:50pm | **Plenary**  Summary of Day Two - Sessions 3 and 4 |
| 4:50pm – 5:00pm | Instructions concerning the field trip on Wednesday |
| 5:15pm – 6:15pm | **Side Events** |

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| **DAY THREE**  **Wednesday 13th June, 2018, Tanoa Hotel and Upolu Island** | |
| **Time** | **Session** |
| 8.30am – 9:00am | **Session 1:**  Country case study  *Samoa’s experiences with protected area management* |
| 9.00am –5.00pm | **FIELD TRIP**  **Hosted by Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) and SPREP** |

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| **DAY FOUR**  **Thursday 14th June, 2018, Tanoa Hotel** | |
| **Time** | **Session** |
| 9:00am – 9:45am | **Session 1:**  Field trip observations – interactive session |
| 9:45am – 10:15am | **Session 2:**  Country Case Study– the Solomon Islands’ experience with managing protected areas |
| 10:15am – 10:30am | **Session 3:**  Recap of Day Two and introduction to sessions for Day Four |
| 10.30am – 11:00am | **MORNING TEA** |
| 11:00am – 12:30pm | **Session 4:**  Information systems for protected and conserved areas |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | **LUNCH** |
| 1:30pm – 3:00pm | **Session 5:**  The World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA): Supporting Pacific countries in reporting on protected and conserved areas |
| 3.00pm – 3:20pm | **AFTERNOON TEA** |
| 3:20pm – 5:00pm | **Session 6:**  Tools for assessing Protected Area Management Effectiveness and Governance, including country case study from Papua New Guinea |
| 5:15 – 6:30 | **Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation**  **MaCBIO reports launch**  **International Year of Coral reefs** |

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| **DAY FIVE**  **Friday 15th June, 2018, Tanoa Hotel** | |
| **Time** | **Session** |
| 9:00am – 9.15am | **Plenary:**  Recap of Day Four and introduction to sessions for Day Five |
| 9:15am – 10.15am | **Session 1:**  Country Case Study –the Kiribati experience with managing protected areas |
| 9:15am – 10.30am | **Session 2:**  Protected areas information data bases - final observations, questions, discussions and actions confirmed |
| 10:30am – 11:00am | **MORNING TEA** |
| 11:00am – 12:15pm | **Session 3:**  BIOPAMA Action Component - final observations, questions and discussions |
| 12:15pm – 12:30pm | **Session 4:**  Summary of Day Five - Sessions 2 and 3 |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | **LUNCH** |
| 1:30pm – 2:30pm | **Plenary:**  Workshop conclusion – next steps and timelines, final remarks, other issues  Votes of thanks  Workshop closure |
| 2:30pm onwards | Informal end-of-workshop Talanoa invitation to all participants to be provided at Tanoa Tusitala Hotel |

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