



APPLICANT INFORMATION PACKAGE PROJECT MANAGER: BY-CATCH AND INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT (BIEM) PROJECT

PACIFIC-EUROPEAN UNION MARINE PROGRAMME

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A. Background Information on SPREP

SPREP is the regional organisation established by the Governments and Administrations of the Pacific charged with protecting and managing the environment and natural resources of the Pacific. The head office is based in Apia, Samoa with about 100 staff. There is also a SPREP office in Fiji with four staff as well as SPREP Officers stationed in the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. SPREP has an annual budget of USD \$29 million in 2018.

The establishment of SPREP sends a clear signal to the global community of the deep commitment of Pacific island Governments and Administrations for better management of the environment within the context of sustainable development.

The strategic direction for SPREP is clearly set out in the 2017-2026 SPREP Strategic Plan. The Plan outlines the mandate, vision and programmes for the organisation, and places strong emphasis on effective delivery of services to SPREP Member countries and territories.

Mandate

SPREP's **mandate** is to promote cooperation in the Pacific region and provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

Vision

SPREP is guided by its **vision for the future:** "A resilient Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures".

Members

SPREP has 21 Pacific island member countries and territories (American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Marianas, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis & Futuna) and 5 developed countries (Australia, France, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States of America) with direct interests in the region.

Four regional goals to achieving resilience and sustainable Pacific communities:

- Regional Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change
- Regional Goal 2: Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems
- Regional Goal 3: Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control
- **Regional Goal 4**: Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance

These define the core priorities and focus of SPREP in the areas on:

- 1. Climate change resilience
- 2. Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection
- 3. Effective Waste Management and Pollution Control
- 4. Environmental Governance

SPREP approaches the environmental challenges faced by the Pacific guided by four simple **Values**. These values guide all aspects of our work.

- We value the Environment
- We value our **People**
- We value high quality and targeted Service Delivery
- We value Integrity

The SPREP Secretariat continues to strengthen and realign its institutional capacities, competencies, and systems to best support its Members by delivering more integrated, responsive, and cost-effective services to Members and partners and by better coordinating regional efforts.

Organisation Goal 1: SPREP has information, knowledge, and communications systems that get the right information to the right people at the right time and influence positive organisational, behavioural and environmental change.

Organisation Goal 2: SPREP has multi-disciplinary processes in programme delivery and in supporting Members to develop national and regional policies and strategies.

Organisation Goal 3: SPREP has a reliable and sustainable funding base to achieve environmental outcomes for the benefit of the Pacific islands region and manages its programmes and operations to stay within its agreed budget.

Organisation Goal 4: SPREP is leading and engaged in productive partnerships and collaboration.

Organisation Goal 5: SPREP has access to a pool of people with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills to enable it to deliver on its shared regional vision.

B. EDF-11 Pacific-European Union Marine Programme (PEUMP)

SPREP is implementing the By-catch and Integrated Ecosystem Management (BIEM) project as a component of the Pacific-European Union Marine Programme (PEUMP) funded under the EU 11th European Development Fund (EDF-11). PEUMP is an oceanic and fisheries focused programme that will address: the uneven contribution of oceanic (tuna) fisheries to national economic development; the increasing depletion of coastal fisheries resources; the threats to marine biodiversity, including negative impacts of climate change and disasters; the need for improved education and training in the sector; and the need to mainstream a rights-based approach and gender considerations.

The implementation approach revolves around key principles/tools: 1) sound ocean and coastal governance with consideration of biodiversity protection and sustainable use of marine/fisheries resources; 2) mainstreaming of human rights and gender equality through a rights-based approach toolbox – aiming to improve the capacity of communities, men, women and youth, to understand and claim their rights, participate in decision making, and to dialogue with governments to fulfill their obligations around fisheries management; 3) mainstreaming of climate change and environment with due consideration to biodiversity; 4) strengthening capacity at regional, national, sub-national and local level to apply these principles with a focus on education, training and research to enable the next generation of Pacific decision makers and marine resource managers to exert their rights and duties with increased accountability; 5) equitable benefits for all the Pacific ACP countries with a demand-driven approach whilst recognising the diversity of needs and opportunities across the 15 PACP countries; and 6) intervention through both regional and national level activities to support specific countries needs and priorities to enhance ownership.

SPREP is responsible for the delivery of **KRA 5**: Sustainable utilisation of coastal and marine biodiversity promoted through improving marine spatial planning, increasing climate change resilience, enhancing conservation, mitigation and rehabilitation measures. To achieve the result, specific activities will target regional organisations, national governments and local communities under-pinned by gender and human rights based approaches to promote a sustainable utilisation of coastal and marine biodiversity.

Specifically, the SPREP component is titled the *By-catch and Integrated Ecosystem Management* (BIEM) project, and will address:

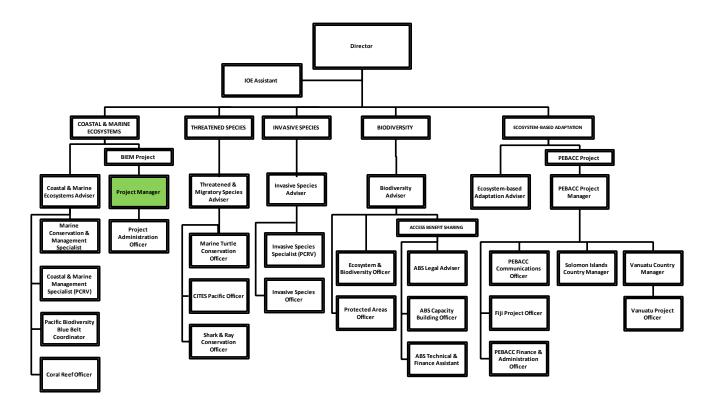
- 1. Support for marine spatial planning in at least two countries
- 2. Integrated ecosystem strategies and coastal zone management planning
- 3. Climate change adaptation strategies integrated into coastal community plans
- 4. Endangered marine species by-catch assessed and extinction risk evaluated
- 5. By-catch mitigation strategies developed and rolled-out
- 6. Capacity development through research grant
- 7. Capacity building on non-detrimental findings process for CITES parties.
- 8. Activities will be implemented at the national level to varying extent in Tonga, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Solomon Islands. This will be refined during the inception phase.

The SPREP component will be implemented in partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Oceania Regional Office, which will be responsible for implementing the marine spatial planning component.

B. JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Project Manager – BIEM Project
Programme:	Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE)
Team:	Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
Responsible To:	Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystems
Responsible For: (Total number of staff)	BIEM Project Team and consultants
Job Purpose:	 This job exists to: Lead the Project team and delivery of the EU EDF-11 funded By-Catch and Integrated Ecosystem Management project in Pacific island countries.
Date:	December 2018

Organisation Context



Key Result Areas

The position of **Project Manager – BIEM Project** addresses the following Key Result Areas:

- 1. Project leadership and management
- 2. Technical and policy advice, support and facilitation
- 3. Communications, visibility and capacity building
- 4. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- 5. Financial and project administrative management
- 6. Networking, partnerships and collaboration

The requirements in the above Key Result Areas are broadly identified below.

Jobholder is accountable for

1. Project leadership and management

- a) Provide leadership and management of the project and the project team;
- b) Manage and implement the Project Team's contributions to the SPREP Performance Implementation Plan and Results Framework (PIP).
- c) Develop and implement the Team's Annual and quarterly Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) to support the Programme's Annual Workplan including the planning and management of the team's human and financial resources.
- d) Provide technical guidance and assistance to the team as well as quality control of their work;
- e) Lead and work with the staff of the Project team in the development, monitoring and assessment of Performance Development Plans as well as the necessary learning and development to support their work;
- f) Lead and provide oversight of the overall implementation of project activities in line with the approved project document;
- g) Ensure reports to EU and SPREP are produced and submitted in a timely manner.

Jobholder is successful when

- The Project team is a high performing team that delivers on its Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) objectives within the agreed timeframe and contribute to the overall achievement of the SPREP strategic priorities;
- The team's work is well integrated and contributes to SPREP programmes;
- Staff Performance Development Plans are developed and assessed on time;
- Joint divisional planning, delivery and monitoring and evaluation in close consultation with the Director of the Division
- Fully accountable to corporate responsibilities including budget management, financial reporting, staffing issues and other general management requirements;
- Project is successfully implemented within the approved timeframe;
- Reports are submitted and received within the agreed timeframe.

2. Technical and policy advice, support and facilitation

- a) Provide technical input to the project in the design and implementation of effective and appropriate integrated ecosystem planning and management (IEM) strategies with a focus on coastal
- Accurate and effective technical information is provided to stakeholders and partners in the implementation countries.
- Effective communication of technical information results in high engagement from

- ecosystems and fisheries, including ridgeto-reef strategies.
- b) Coordinate and implement regional and national workshops related to the Project;
- Provide oversight and guidance on BIEM knowledge to facilitate evidence-based decision- making and adoption of best practice;
- d) Prepare overall and annual work plans, procurement plans, gender integration plans, risk strategies and exit strategies;
- e) Produce relevant technical reports with the support and advice of the project team;
- f) Identify risk and ensure effective troubleshooting is provided to selected stakeholders.

- stakeholders and partners in the development of key outcomes.
- Integrated approaches to IEM are implemented and sustainable; and technical support from SPREP programmes and external partners, and community participation, is effectively engaged.
- The project is promoted as a model approach nationally, regionally and internationally.

3. Communications, visibility and capacity building

- a) Provide technical advice and reports on BIEM information that support and promote the work of SPREP's programmes and projects in the region;
- b) Coordinate communication and information sharing, integrated planning and implementation of BIEM initiatives;
- c) Lead in coordinating and providing reporting to relevant donors and partners on the BIEM Project;
- d) Carry out relevant capacity building in BIEM for Pacific Island Countries essential for the successful implementation of the project.

- Technical reports produced on time and according to SPREP and EU requirements.
- Communications are produced in a timely fashion and are accessible to multiple audiences.
- Regular public relations releases produced as needed and appropriate.
- The project, IEM and by-catch issues are promoted within project countries, the region and at international levels.

4. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

- a) Develop and contribute to the monitoring and evaluation framework of the BIEM project;
- b) Prepare technical and performance reports to Senior Management Team and Donors, where necessary.
- Provide update reports to donors, partners and members on the progress of BIEM project.
- Effective project work plans are developed in collaboration with partners, countries, local communities and the donor.
- SPREP and EU operating and reporting procedures are applied.
- Project work plans and tasks are successfully implemented and completed.
- In-country project activities are working effectively.
- Project monitoring and evaluation is undertaken on a regular basis and informs project implementation.

- Monitoring and evaluation plans are finalised and implemented in cooperation with national agencies and partners.
- Project sustainability strategies are in place and implemented.
- The donor is satisfied with their level of engagement with SPREP and project partners.
- The donor is satisfied with project planning and implementation and releases all project funding.

5. Financial and project administrative management

- a) Leverage existing funding by identifying and actively pursuing secure funding opportunities and liaison with donors for the continuation and sustainability of project activities where necessary;
- b) Coordinate and manage all funded services, supplies and equipment in accordance with SPREP procurement requirements, including preparation of terms of reference and review of consultancies reports.
- c) Ensure a clean project audit is obtained on an annual basis
- d) Submit financial reports and other necessary documents to donor with the support of the SPREP Finance Department.

- New funding opportunities are secured for sustainability of project activities;
- New partnerships with donors are established for implementation with resources secured;
- 100% compliance with finance policy, rules, regulations and laws
- Clean audit is obtained on an annual basis demonstrating compliance with relevant legislation and regulations;
- Financial reports are produced and submitted to donors in a timely manner.

6. Networking, partnerships and collaboration

- a) Work together with the project countries to facilitate the adoption of best practice in BIEM from data collection and sharing, development and implementation of policies and legislation, participation in capacity building and implementation of on-ground practices that promotes the health, prosperity and wellbeing of Pacific communities.
- b) Provide support to Pacific Island Members in managing BIE to enable them to be effective in relevant regional and international negotiations, where necessary
- Support and advice is provided to Pacific Island Members on ensuring their systems enable them to make informed and effective decisions.
- Improved awareness by Pacific Island Countries of project results and outcomes
- Improved and strengthened regional networking, coordination and collaboration in achievement of the project's objectives

Note

The above performance standards are provided as a guide only. The precise performance measures for this position will need further discussion between the Jobholder and Director as part of the Performance Development System.

This section may be copied directly into the Performance Development Plans.

Work Complexity

Most challenging duties typically undertaken:

- Provision of timely and accurate briefings and advice to Senior Management Team and Members
- Ensuring project activities are implemented within the approved timeframe
- Leading and managing a technically complex work area and providing timely guidance to the project team
- Coordination and collaboration with other regional agencies and stakeholders
- Leveraging and securing further funding and resources
- Working across multiple agencies in ensuring delivery of result areas of the projects. Delivering project activities in remote outer islands.
- Managing multiple duty travels of project team

Functional Relationships & Related Skills

Key internal and/or external contacts	Nature of the contact most typical	
 External Member countries Donors / Partners Professional / Scientific organisations Regional / International organisations 	 Advice and assistance Consultations and collaboration Negotiations Fundraising Communications and reporting 	
InternalExecutiveSenior Management TeamAll staff	 Leadership and management Supervision and delegation Advice and support 	

Level of Delegation

The position holder:

- manages and has oversight of the Project budget
- can authorise costs in the project budget
- carry out negotiations for the project on behalf of SPREP
- seek funding opportunities for work programme activities

Person Specification

This section is designed to capture the expertise required for the role at the 100% fully effective level (this does not necessarily reflect what the current jobholder has). This may be a combination of knowledge / experience, qualifications or equivalent level of learning through experience or key skills, attributes or job specific competencies.

Qualifications

Essential

1. Minimum qualifications of a Master degree in Ecology, Environmental Management, or other relevant technical field OR a Bachelor degree in lieu, with applied relevant work experience in excess of the minimum required relevant work experience.

Knowledge / Experience

Essential

- 2. At least 10 years of extensive project management experience and technical assistance on projects related to Integrated Ecosystem Management, with at least 7 years of this experience in a role requiring a similar degree of versatility and responsibility, preferably within the Pacific islands region. A focus on coastal fisheries, marine species conservation issues, and ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change would be considered favourably.
- 3. Excellent knowledge of emerging project-related environmental issues and challenges facing the Pacific region with excellent understanding and appreciation of environmental ethics, values and priorities as well as comprehensive knowledge and experience in island and ocean ecosystems, preferably within the Pacific islands region.
- 4. Excellent relationship management and fundraising skills and experience that demonstrate a high level of professional and constructive engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders as well as an excellent understanding of key donor partners (especially the European Union) and funding institutions with proven fundraising experience
- 5. Excellent project management and leadership experience including the development of funding proposals, design and delivery of integrated work programme activities, monitoring and evaluation of performance as well as resource management.

- 6. Excellent leadership and management experience including high level advisory and analytical skills as well as leading and nurturing teams of diverse technical backgrounds and expertise in multicultural and multi-disciplinary environments
- 7. Excellent experience at strategic and high level communication, negotiation and reporting across diverse audiences, as well as extensive experience in capacity building, particularly in the Pacific setting

Key Skills / Attributes / Job Specific Competencies

The following levels would typically be expected for the 100% fully effective level:

Expert level	 Leadership and Advisory Analytical and Environmental knowledge Project management, development, monitoring and evaluation Work programme planning, budgeting and implementation Fundraising and contract management Synergies and linkages with the cross-cutting issues of climate change and ocean health
Advanced level	 Environmental issues in the Pacific islands region Emerging environmental issues and challenges Behaviour change practices Data management Gender equity
Working Knowledge	General management principlesCircular economy
Awareness	 SPREP Strategic Plan SPREP Work Programmes SPREP Performance Implementation Plan •

Key Behaviours

All staff are expected to uphold SPREP's Organisational Values and Code of Conduct which are Key Behaviours forming part of the Performance Development:

- Environmental Leadership
- Service Delivery
- Valuing our People
- Integrity

All managers and supervisors are expected to uphold SPREP's established Leadership and Management Behaviours forming part of the Performance Development Plan.

Change to job description

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes in the Job Description in response to the changing nature of our work environment—including technological requirements or statutory changes. This Job Description may be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual performance cycle or as required.

C. REMUNERATION PACKAGE – TERMS & CONDITIONS

Duty Station: The position will be based either in Apia, Samoa or in Suva, Fiji.

Duration: Appointment is for a term of 3 years initially with possible renewal in line with the project time frame of up to 4 years, subject to performance during the initial term, continuity of related project activities and availability of funds.

Salary: Salary is denominated in International Monetary Fund Special Drawing Rights (SDRs). Remuneration for this post falls within Band 13 of SPREP's salary scale. Starting salary will be SDR46,802 per annum. Currently, the equivalent in Samoan Tala is SAT\$178,610 (USD\$68,696) per annum. All positions have been evaluated to reflect the level of responsibilities and level of experience and qualifications required. Progress in the salary scale will be based on annual performance reviews.

The following terms and conditions are based on location of the position in Apia, Samoa. These will be adjusted to reflect location specific rates if the position is based in Suva, Fiji:

Cost of living differential allowance (COLDA): A Cost-of-Living Differential Allowance of SDR5,653 will be paid to the successful candidate. The current equivalent in Samoan Tala is SAT\$21,572 (USD\$8,297). Cost-of-living differential allowance reflects the comparative cost of living difference between Suva and Apia. This allowance is reviewed periodically based on data determined by an independent reviewer. COLDA does not apply to Fiji based staff.

Adjustments: Salaries and allowances for internationally recruited staff are paid in Samoan Tala and adjusted every month based on the monthly average in the value of the SDR relative to the Samoan Tala (SAT) at the time the salary payment is processed. SDR movement however is limited to within 5% above or below a reference point set annually. Remuneration is paid monthly in SAT equivalent. The international currency exchange rate at the time of writing is approximately USD1.00 = SAT\$2.60

Term: For staff recruited from outside Samoa, the term begins from the day the appointee leaves his or her home to take up the appointment. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical examination, as well as a 6-month probationary period.

An appointment is terminated by (i) completion of term of contract (ii) one month's notice by either party (iii) without notice by either party paying one month salary in lieu of notice or (iv) dismissed with or without notice as a disciplinary measure.

Performance Reviews: Annual performance assessments and performance rewards will be based on the Secretariat's Performance Development System.

FOR STAFF RECRUITED FROM OUTSIDE SAMOA, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

Relocation Expenses: SPREP will meet certain appointment and termination expenses for staff recruited from outside Samoa, including transport and accommodation en-route for the appointee and accompanying dependant(s) between point of recruitment and Apia, and return, by the shortest and most economical route. This includes:

- economy class airfares;
- reasonable cost of packing, insuring, shipping and transporting furniture, household and personal effects on a 20ft container; and,
- up to 20 kilos of excess baggage each for the appointee and family.

Establishment Grant: A lump sum of SDR1,100 is payable upon taking up appointment and arrival in Apia. This is currently equivalent to SAT\$4,198 (USD\$1,615).

Temporary Accommodation and Assistance: On arrival in Apia, the appointee and dependent(s) are entitled to temporary accommodation at a suitable hotel or other fully furnished accommodation for up to 6 working days. The appointee will be assisted to settle into Apia. This will include help in finding suitable rental accommodation.

Home Leave Travel: Return economy class airfares between Apia and the recognised home for the staff member and dependants after completing 18 months of service for 3-year contracts providing no travel is undertaken within the final 12 months of the contract.

Privileges and Immunities: SPREP remuneration is tax-free for non-citizens or non-residents of Samoa, including duty-free importation of household and personal effects which have been owned and used by them for no less than six months, within 6 months of taking up appointment.

Repatriation allowance: The appointee is entitled to a repatriation allowance equivalent to two week's salary, upon successful completion of contract, provided the contract is not extended or renewed.

FOR ALL INTERNATIONALLY RECRUITED STAFF, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

Education Allowance: Education expenses maybe reimbursed against actual receipts for dependent children, to cover up to 75% of the actual costs, as stipulated under SPREP's Education Allowance policy. Currently the allowance is up to a maximum of Samoan Tala \$15,600 (USD\$6,000) per annum per dependent child, with an overall maximum of Samoan Tala \$46,800 (USD\$18,000) per annum per family of 3 or more eligible children.

School Holiday Travel: One return economy class flight each year between the place of education (taken to be recognised home) and Apia by (i) each dependent child being educated outside Samoa or (ii) the staff member or spouse to visit the child, providing the journey is not made within the final 6 months of the contract.

Housing Assistance: Internationally recruited staff shall receive housing assistance of 75% of the typical rent payable in Samoa for expatriate executive furnished housing. The current rate is SAT\$2,850 (USD\$1,096) per month. This assistance shall be reviewed annually and adjusted on relative movement in the local rental market. For staff based outside of Apia, relevant local housing rate applies.

Security Assistance: Security-related expenses maybe reimbursed against actual receipts up to SAT\$2,400 (USD\$923) per annum as stipulated under SPREP's Security Assistance policy.

Annual Leave: 25 working days a year (up to a maximum accumulation of 50 days).

Sick Leave: 30 working days a year (up to a maximum accumulation of 90 days).

Other Leave: Provisions also exist for maternity, compassionate, paternity, examination and special leave (without pay).

Duty Travel: SPREP meets travelling expenses at prescribed rates necessarily incurred by staff required to travel away from Apia on official business.

Life and Accidental Death and Disability Insurance: All employees are covered by SPREP's 24 hour Life and Accidental Death and Disability Insurance Policy.

Medical Benefits: All employees and their dependants are entitled to have all reasonable medical, dental and optical expenses met, under the terms and conditions of the SPREP in-house Medical Treatment Scheme.

Superannuation: An expatriate internationally recruited staff member will receive a superannuation allowance of 7% of basic salary. For nationals of Samoa, SPREP will pay 7% of basic salary to the Samoa National Provident Fund.

Learning and Development

Learning and development opportunities will be based on the approved SPREP Performance Development System and individual Performance Development Plans.

Definitions:

'Dependant' means the spouse and financially dependent children of an employee.

'Dependent child' means an employee's unmarried, financially dependent, natural or legally adopted child who is:

- under the age of 16 years; or
- under the age of 19 years if undertaking full-time study at a secondary school; or
- under the age of 25 years if enrolled and undertaking full-time study at a university or other tertiary institution; or
- mentally or physically incapacitated.

'Expatriate' means an internationally recruited staff member, who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Samoa, and who resides in Samoa only by virtue of employment with SPREP.

Equal Opportunities: SPREP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Men and women are equally eligible for all posts in SPREP.

General: Appointment will be under the terms and conditions of SPREP's Staff Regulations, a copy of which will be made available to the successful applicant.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ESSENTIAL: Applications should include:

- Completed Application Form can be downloaded from the Employment Section of our website (you are required to complete in full all areas requested in the Form rather than referring us to your CV);
- 2. A detailed Curriculum Vitae.

Applications that do not complete the correct SPREP Application Form and submit all the requirements stated above will not be considered.

Submitting applications:

- a) <u>BY EMAIL</u>: (*MOST PREFERRED OPTION*) Subject matter to be clearly marked "Application for Project Manager BIEM Project" and send to <u>recruitment@sprep.org</u> OR
- b) <u>BY POST OR FAX</u>: Application to be addressed and sent to: The Director General, SPREP, P.O. Box 240, Apia or fax number (685)20231 and clearly marked "Application for Project Manager BIEM Project"

More Information on SPREP and its work in the region can be found on the SPREP website www.sprep.org

For further enquiries, contact Jolynn Managreve-Fepuleai on telephones (685) 21929 ext 325 or Email: jolynnf@sprep.org

Closing date: Friday, 25th January 2019: Late applications will not be considered.

SPREP is an Equal Opportunity Employer