

APPLICANT INFORMATION PACKAGE

Programme Manager: Pacific BioScapes

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A. Background Information on SPREP

The Secretariat of the Pacific Region Environment Programme (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 other SPREP offices in Fiji, the Republic of the Marshalls Islands and Vanuatu.

SPREP has around 150 staff and has an annual budget of approximately USD35 million in 2022.

The establishment of SPREP in 1993 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 to Pacific island countries and territories 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	Northern Marianas
Cook Islands	Palau
 Federate States of Micronesia 	Papua New Guinea
■ Fiji	Samoa
French Polynesia	Solomon Islands
Guam	Tokelau
Kiribati	Tonga
Marshall Islands	Tuvalu
■ Nauru	Vanuatu
New Caledonia	Wallis and Futuna
■ Niue	

and 5 'metropolitan' member countries with direct interests in the region:

- Australia,
- France,
- New Zealand,

- United Kingdom and
- the United States of America;

SPREP Goals and Objectives

The 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.

SPREP's Pacific and metropolitan members agreed that SPREP's Strategic plan should span 10 years to address critical environmental and related social and governance strategic priorities, which are reflected in the strategy's regional and organisational goals and objectives, as well as in SPREP's core 'Values'.

Regional Goals

- o Regional Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change;
- o 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.

Organisational Goals

- 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.
- o **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.

SPREP's Values

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

B. EU Intra-ACP Pacific Biodiversity and Sustainable Land-Seascapes (Pacific BioScapes) Programme

SPREP is implementing a component within the framework of an existing Financing Agreement between the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the European Union (EU) for the implementation of the Intra-African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) Support Programme for ACP Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Coastal Countries. Globally the Programme has been approved for a total of EUR 35 million under the Intra-ACP Cooperation—11th European Development Fund Strategy Paper and Indicative Programme 2014-2020 programming actions for ACP regional organizations/institutions and countries. The Programme contributes directly to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 14 and 15, as well as the three Rio Conventions - the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It will also promote gender equality and good governance. Its overall goal is to support implementation of SDGs 14 (Life Below Water) and SDG 15 (Life on Land) concentrating on climate change, resilience building and the environment and to contribute to addressing the development challenges of ACP SIDS and coastal countries by focusing on the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

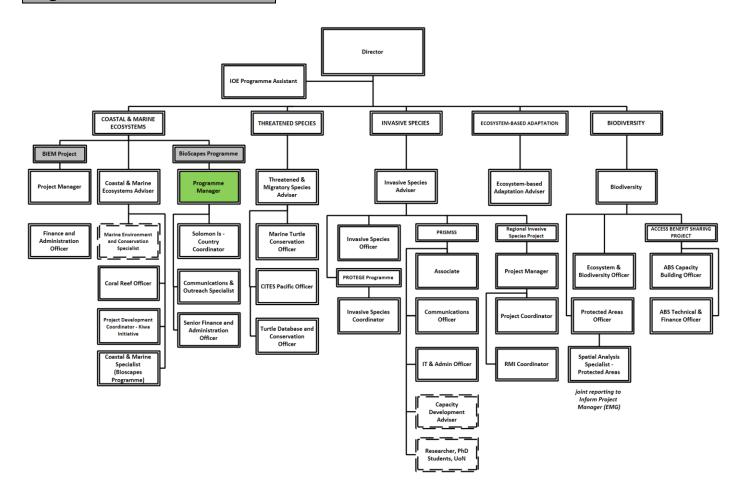
The Programme component for the Pacific ACP region is the Pacific Biodiversity and Sustainable Land-Seascapes (Pacific BioScapes) Programme to be managed and implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). The Programme will contribute to the sustainable development of Pacific SIDS by supporting and improving the management and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources. It provides an opportunity to address critical issues concerning coastal and marine biodiversity, and ecosystem-based responses to climate change adaptation. Pacific SIDS continue to face growing environmental challenges with the potential to drastically impact the natural assets upon which the foundation of their national economies and community livelihoods depends. The Programme will apply ridge-to-reef and other management approaches to include both marine and terrestrial environments and to contribute to addressing barriers to effective conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. In total there are 30 activities to be funded by the Programme to address Key Result Area (KRA) 1: strengthened capacities of Pacific countries to effectively manage coastal and marine biodiversity and enhance resilience to climate change and KRA 2: support regional, national and local efforts to assess, conserve, protect, manage and sustainably use marine and terrestrial biodiversity.

As well as region-wide and sub-regional activities, 11 Pacific countries (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu) will implement activities to be funded by the Programme with support ranging from national to community levels. SPREP will work with a number of nationally and regionally based NGO and civil society partners to facilitate effective in-country and sub-regional delivery of activities. Implementation and coordination will be undertaken within the SPREP Island and Ocean Ecosystems Programme with specific engagement of all sub-programmes: Coastal and Marine Ecosystems; Threatened and Migratory Species; Biodiversity; Invasive Species.

C. JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Programme Manager – Pacific BioScapes
Programme:	Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE)
Sub-Programme:	Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
Responsible To:	Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystemsm (DIOE)
Responsible For: (Total number of staff)	3
Job Purpose:	Lead the Pacific BioScapes Programme and team, coordinate partners and deliver the Pacific BioScapes Programme in Pacific island countries.
Date:	January 2022

Organisation Context



Key Result Areas

The position of Programme Manager – Pacific BioScapes Programme addresses the following Key Result Areas:

- 1. Programme leadership and management
- 2. Technical and policy advice, support and facilitation
- 3. Communications and visibility
- 4. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- 5. Financial and project administrative management
- 6. Partnerships and collaboration

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

Jobholder is successful when Jobholder is accountable for 1) Programme leadership and management a) Provide leadership and management of the The Programme team is a high performing Programme and the Programme team. team that delivers on its AWP&B objectives b) Manage and implement the Programme within the agreed timeframe and achieves team's contributions to the SPREP Programme outcomes. Performance Implementation Plan and Results The team's work is well integrated and Framework (PIP). contributes to SPREP programmes as c) Develop and implement Annual and quarterly appropriate. Work Plans and Budgets (AWP&B) to support Staff Performance Development Plans are the Programme Annual Workplan including developed and assessed on time. planning and management of the team's Programme is successfully implemented human and financial resources. within the approved timeframe by SPREP and d) Provide technical guidance and assistance to Programme implementation partners. the team as well as quality control of their Donor and other reports are submitted and work. received within agreed timeframes. e) Lead and work with the Programme team in Sustainability plan is produced for relevant the development, monitoring and assessment activities. of Performance Development Plans. f) Lead and provide oversight of the overall implementation of Programme activities in line with the approved Description of Action and budget. g) Ensure that implementation partners deliver timely and effective activities as committed in partnership agreements. h) Produce a Programme activities sustainability plan working with national and implementing partners. i) Lead in coordinating and providing reporting to relevant donors and partners and ensure that implementing partner technical and financial reporting is delivered on schedule.

j) Ensure reports to EU and SPREP are produced

and submitted in a timely manner.

2) Technical and policy advice, support and facilitation

- a) Provide high quality technical input and advice to the project in implementation of effective and appropriate activities by SPREP and its partners.
- b) Coordinate and implement regional and national meetings related to the Programme.
- Prepare overall and annual work plans, procurement plans, risk strategies and exit strategies.
- d) Produce relevant technical reports with the support and advice of the Programme team.
- e) Identify risk in Programme delivery and ensure effective troubleshooting is provided to relevant stakeholders.
- f) Work with the Gender and Human Rights Specialist to ensure that gender and human rights-based approaches are effectively mainstreamed into implementation of Programme activities.

- Accurate and effective technical support is provided to stakeholders and partners in the implementation countries.
- Programme activities are implemented and sustainable; and technical support from SPREP programmes and external partners, and community participation, is effectively engaged and delivered.
- Programme activities are promoted as model approaches nationally, regionally and internationally.
- Programme sustainability strategies are in place and implemented.
- Gender and human rights-based approaches are effectively mainstreamed into implementation of Programme activities.

3) Communications and visibility

a) Work with the Programme Communications and Outreach Specialist to ensure that Programme communication and outreach activities are effectively designed and implemented in collaboration with the SPREP Communications Team and stakeholders in accordance with the EU approved Communications and Visibility Plan.

- Effective communication results in high engagement with stakeholders and partners in the delivery and promotion of activities and outcomes.
- Communications are produced on a timely basis and are accessible to multiple audiences.
- Regular public relations releases produced as needed and appropriate that promotes the Programme, EU and stakeholders.

4) Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

- a) Develop and implement the monitoring and evaluation framework for the Programme in collaboration with the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist.
- Prepare technical and performance reports for Senior Leadership Team and donor as required.
- Provide update reports to donor, partners and SPREP Members on the progress of the Programme.
- d) Ensure that progress on Programme delivery is regularly updated in the SPREP Project Management Information System (PMIS).

- Effective Programme work plans are developed in collaboration with partners, countries, local communities and the donor.
- SPREP and EU operating and reporting procedures are applied.
- In-country Programme activities are working effectively.
- Programme monitoring and evaluation is undertaken on a regular basis and informs
 Programme implementation and recorded in the PMIS.

5) Financial and project administrative management

• 100% compliance with finance policies, rules, regulations and laws.

- a) Work with the Programme Senior Finance and Administration Officer to coordinate and manage all funded services, supplies and equipment in accordance with SPREP procurement procedures, including preparation of terms of reference and review of consultancy reports.
- b) Ensure a clean project audit is obtained on an annual basis.
- Submit financial reports and other necessary documents to EU with the support of the SPREP Finance Department.

- 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) Partnerships and collaboration

- Maintain and strengthen effective partnerships and collaboration with participating countries, implementing partners and other stakeholders.
- Successful relationships with countries and partners result in achievement of Programme outcomes.

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:

- Ensuring overall implementation progress of 30 activities in 11 countries within approved timeframes
- Maintaining effective and productive relationships with national agencies and counterparts
- Maintaining effective and productive relationship with EU
- Leading and managing a technically complex work area and coordinating the Programme team and implementing partners
- Coordination and collaboration with other regional agencies and stakeholders
- Managing multiple duty travels of Programme team

Functional Relationships & Related Skills

Key internal and/or external contacts	Nature of the contact most typical
 External Member countries EU Implementing partners Professional / Scientific organisations Regional / International organisations 	 Advice and assistance Consultations and collaboration Reporting Negotiations Communications
 Internal Executive Senior Leadership Team SPREP programme staff 	Leadership and managementSupervision and delegationAdvice and support

Level of Delegation

The position holder:

- manages and has oversight of the Programme budget
- can authorise costs in the Programme budget
- can negotiate for the Programme on behalf of SPREP

Person Specification

Qualifications

Essential

1. Minimum qualifications of a Master degree in Ecology, Biological Sciences, 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

- At least 10 years of extensive management experience and technical assistance on programmes/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 biodiversity conservation issues and ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change is preferred.
- 3. Excellent knowledge of environmental issues and challenges facing the Pacific islands region.
- 4. Excellent relationship management and experience that demonstrates a high level of professional and constructive engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders as well as an excellent understanding of key donors (especially the European Union).

- 5. Excellent programme/project management and leadership experience including contract management, design and delivery of integrated work programme activities, monitoring and evaluation of performance, and applied knowledge of project management accounting methods and software.
- 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 in 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

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Expert level	Leadership and advisory
	Analytical and environmental knowledge
	 Project management, development, monitoring and evaluation
	Work programme planning, budgeting and
	implementation
	Contract management
Advanced level	Environmental issues in the Pacific islands region
	Emerging environmental issues and challenges
	Behaviour change practices
Working Knowledge	General management principles
5 5	Gender equity
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.

D. REMUNERATION PACKAGE – TERMS & CONDITIONS

"Due to the current COVID-19 situation affecting the region, and the priority the Secretariat places on its staff safety, health and well-being, please note that there may be delays in taking up the appointment. There will be an opportunity to discuss this matter thoroughly with the successful candidates and any appointment and on-boarding would only proceed when regional conditions permit the deployment of new staff. Under the SPREP COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Response Contingency Plan (CV-19EPRCP), all SPREP staff must be fully vaccinated, and vaccination cards must be presented upon confirmation of appointment".

Duty Station: The position will be based in Suva, Fiji.

Duration: Appointment is for a term of 5 years, subject to continuity of Programme activities.

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 SDR47,973 per annum. Currently, the equivalent is USD76,283 per annum. Upon confirmation of probation, salary will be adjusted to SDR53,969 which is equivalent to USD85,818 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.

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\$2.4

Term: For staff recruited from outside Fiji, the term begins from the day the appointee leaves their home to take up the appointment. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical examination and a clean police report 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 FIJI, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

Relocation Expenses: SPREP will meet certain appointment and termination expenses for staff recruited from outside Fiji, including transport and accommodation en-route for the appointee and accompanying dependant(s) between point of recruitment and Suva, 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

up to 20 kilos of excess baggage each for the appointee and family.

Establishment Grant: A lump sum of SDR2,500 is payable upon taking up appointment and arrival in Suva. This is currently equivalent to USD3,975.

Temporary Accommodation and Assistance: On arrival in Suva, 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 Suva. This will include help in finding suitable rental accommodation.

Privileges and Immunities: SPREP remuneration is tax-free for non-citizens or non-residents of Fiji, 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 USD6,500 per annum per dependent child, with an overall maximum of USD19,500 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 Suva by (i) each dependent child being educated outside Fiji 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.

Family Leave Travel: Return economy class airfares between Suva and the recognised home for the staff member and dependants after completing every 18 months of service providing no travel is undertaken within the final 12 months of the contract.

Housing Assistance: Internationally recruited staff shall receive housing assistance of 75% of the typical rent payable in Fiji for expatriate executive furnished housing. The current rate is USD1,393 per month. This assistance shall be reviewed annually and adjusted on relative movement in the local rental market.

Security Assistance: Security-related expenses maybe reimbursed against actual receipts up to USD1,000 per annum as stipulated under the SPREP 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 Suva 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 existing SPREP Medical Insurance.

Superannuation: All employees are required to contribute to a recognised Superannuation Fund. An expatriate internationally recruited staff member has the option to participate in the local Superannuation Fund or nominate another recognised Fund for their superannuation. SPREP will pay the minimum legal requirement of basic salary to the approved nominated Fund. For Fiji, this is currently 5%.

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. All genders are equally eligible for all posts in SPREP.

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

E. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ESSENTIAL: Applications should include:

- 1. 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, particularly the Statements to demonstrate you meet the criteria DO NOT refer us to your CV. Failure to do this will mean your application will not be considered);
- 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 Programme Manager Pacific Bioscapes" and send to recruitment@sprep.org 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 Programme Manager Pacific Bioscapes"

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

For further enquiries, contact Roger Warren on telephones (685) 21929 ext 325 or Email: rogerw@sprep.org

Closing date: Monday, 28th February 2022: Late applications will not be considered.

SPREP is an Equal Opportunity Employer