

CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: **New SPREP Appointments**

Dear Members and Partners,

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments within the Secretariat:

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE (CCR) PROGRAMME



Mr. Sunny Seuseu has been appointed to the position of **Project Manager, Vanuatu Climate Information Services for Resilient Development Project (PM Van-KIRAP)** within the Climate Change and Resilience Programme. He has been working in this project since April 2018 and this appointment formalises his acting capacity in the Manager role since end of 2019. Sunny is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific with a Bachelor of Science.



Mr. Tuileva Tuileva is the new **Senior Project Officer, Pacific Climate Change Centre (SPO_PCCC)**. He is a Samoan national and a graduate of the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago with a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and the University of the South Pacific with a Bachelor of Arts. He joins SPREP from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia High Commission in Samoa where he had been the Programme Manager, Infrastructure, Cyber Security and Climate Change since 2019. Tuileva will start in his new role on **Monday, 29 April 2024**.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND GOVERNANCE (EMG) PROGRAMME



Mr. Rafael Tavita has been appointed to the position of **Programme Assistant** with the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme. He is a graduate of the National University of Samoa with a Bachelor of Commerce. He joins SPREP from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations in Apia, where he was a Procurement Assistant for the past year. Rafael started in his new role on **Monday, 15 April 2024**.

ISLANDS AND OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS (IOE) PROGRAMME



Ms. Turang Teuea, a national of Kiribati, is the new **Project Coordinator for the Management of Blue Carbon Ecosystems in Pacific Island Countries (MACBLUE Project)** within the Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE) Programme. She holds a Master of Arts in Environmental Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Information Systems from the University of South Pacific, Fiji, and a Graduate Diploma in Science from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. She joins SPREP from the Pacific Community (SPC) where she had been working as the Project Implementation Officer for the GCCA+SUPA Project since 2020. Turang is based in our Suva, Fiji Office and started in her new role on **Monday, 4 March 2024**.



Mr. Isaac Rounds is the new **Protected Areas Officer** within the IOE Programme. He is a Fijian national and is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific with a Master and Bachelor of Sciences in Biology. He joins SPREP from the Conservation International, Fiji Programme where he was the Terrestrial Protected Areas Manager since 2021. Isaac started his new role on **Monday, 8 April 2024** and is based in our Suva, Fiji Office.



started in his new role on **Thursday, 18 April 2024.**

Louis Thiercelin is the new temporary **PROTÉGÉ Invasive Species Component Manager** with the Invasives Team in the IOE Programme. Louis is a national of France and has a Master's in International Energy, Environment specialisation and Latin America Regional Focus from the Paris School of International Affairs in 2019. He has been working as an independent consultant specialising in climate and environmental issues since the beginning of 2024. Prior to that he worked with EcoAct in France where he had been the Manager Expert in Transition Risks and Opportunities. Louis is based in Apia, Samoa with the Invasives Team and



Ms. Juney Ward has been appointed to the position of **Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Adviser (CMEA)**. Juney joined SPREP in 2015 as the Sharks and Rays Officer before her current role as the Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer in 2019. She is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific in Fiji with a Bachelor and Postgraduate Diploma in Marine Science. Juney is based in Apia, Samoa with the IOE Programme and will start in her new role on **Monday, 29 April 2024.**



Ms. Pata Mase is the new **Support Officer** for the **Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Services (PRISMSS-SO)**. She is no stranger to SPREP having joined as a Finance Officer with the Finance and Administration Department since 2019. She has a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting, International Business and Marketing from the University of the South Pacific. She is based in Apia with the Invasives Team and will start in her new role on **Monday, 29 April 2024.**



Mr. Nitish Narayan has been appointed to the position of **Communications and Liaison Officer** for the **Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Services (PRISMSS CLO)**. He is a Fijian national who has worked at SPREP since 2019 as the Communications Officer for the PacWastePlus Project in the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme. He is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Journalism. Nitish will be based in Apia with the Invasives Team and will start in his new role on **Wednesday, 1 May 2024.**

We look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to our Members and the region.

We would also like to acknowledge the services and contributions of the following staff to SPREP and the region as they leave SPREP to pursue other career and professional developments:

1. Ms. Monifa Fiu – Impact Analysis Adviser, December 2023
2. Ms. Gloria Roma – GCCA+ SUPA Information and Research Officer, December 2023
3. Mr. Edward Nicholas – Project Manager, Islands Pacific Child Project, January 2024.
4. Ms. Emma Arasi-Sua – PACRES Information and Knowledge Management Officer, January 2024.
5. Mr. Kennedy Kaneko – National Invasive Species Coordinator, January 2024.
6. Ms. Tifaimoana Tofilau – Finance Officer, April 2024

To meet our full team at SPREP please visit <https://www.sprep.org/our-team>

Yours sincerely,



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