

The Protected Areas Working Group for the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation

Action Plan 2014 – 2020

The Protected Areas Working Group (PAWG) Action Plan 2014-2020 aligns with the Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas (Framework) in terms of time span and objectives. The Action Plan was developed during a series of planning meetings and the Annual meeting of PAWG held in July 2015. The Action Plan was endorsed by PAWG members at the Annual Meeting and was presented to the 18th Pacific Islands Round Table (PIRT) Annual Meeting held in July 2015.

Framework Objective	Topics	PAWG actions	Specific Tasks	Responsibilities	Timelines
Objective 3	1.0 Data and information	1.1 Identifying significant gaps and needs	1.1 Collate country-relevant data	Lead: Anama Solofa (BIOPAMA) Mark O'Brien, Tony O'Keeffe, Nate Peterson, Leanne Fernandez	December 2015
		1.2 Collaborating on data and information sharing	1.2 Scheduled inputs by members to the Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal (PIPAP) (tool for info, resources and communication).	Amanda Wheatley	On-going on quarterly basis
		1.3 List of regionally available PA expertise	1.3 Compile list of PAWG members and areas of expertise	Amanda Wheatley	August 2015

Objective 6	2.0 Capacity development Including management effectiveness	<p>2.1 Input to draft Regional Capacity Development Action Plan for planning and managing protected areas</p> <p>2.2 Pacific Islands Community Co-adaptive Management Course (PICCC) – ideas for long term collaborative and sustainable financing, curriculum, ownership, alumni, etc</p>	<p>2.1 Input from PAWG incorporated into draft action plan.</p> <p>2.2 Contribute to a module on PA’s curriculum.</p> <p>2.3 Collate existing capacity development material</p>	<p>Lead: Tony O’Keeffe Warren Lee Long</p> <p>Etika + PICCC Working Group</p> <p>Lead: Jean Thomas. Amanda</p>	<p>First draft by Oct/Nov 2015</p> <p>Inputs collated and final document circulated by December 2015</p> <p>Capacity development collated, categorised and summarised for sharing on PIPAP by September 2015</p>
Objective 3	3.0 Community based resource management and other area based conservation measures	3.1 Discussion and consensus on the nature of this issue in the region, naming of categories and typology, including aligning regional with national and community priorities	<p>3.1 Take the regional position on protected areas and other area based conservation measures to global fora such as through IUCN Resolution Process.</p> <p>3.1.1 Determine a process for developing guidelines on what could be considered effective conservation areas in the Pacific</p>	<p>Lead: Etika and Stacy Nate, Hugh, Tony.</p> <p>Lead: Stacy Hugh</p>	<p>Process by September 2015</p> <p>Draft guidelines by September</p>

		3.2 Sharing of work happening on typology /categorisation			2016.
Objective 1 Objective 3 Objective 6	4.0 Support and advocacy.	4.1 Identify what issues and recommendations should be taken forward to which decision platforms and by what methods	4.1 Clarify main issues and objectives for communications and advocacy 4.2 Use World Parks Congress (WPC) Communication strategy as basis for PAWG communication 4.3 Collaborate with Pacific Ocean Alliance (PIFS) - <i>PAWG to provide technical input on Area-based Management into the POA options paper for Pacific leaders</i> - Capture PAWG advocacy needs into PIFS Communications Strategy	Ruci, Tony, Etika Lead: Warren Elizabeth	Ruci to share the existing matrix By Aug-Sept July 2015
		4.2 Develop an illustrative regional	4.1.4 Side event during SPREP Meeting 4.1.5 Identify and undertake opportunistic advocacy events at national and regional fora.	Leilani , Amanda PAWG Communications people within PAWG organisations	July/August 2015 Ongoing

		snapshot on the range and status of protected and other conserved areas for the World Conservation Congress 2016.	4.2.1 Proposal to PIRT regarding PA snapshot and WCC preparations	Lead: Stuart and Tony Mark , Leilani, Anama	
Objective 3	5.0 Monitoring of Management effectiveness	5.1 To enhance the measurement and trends of PA management effectiveness	5.1 Share info on existing tools to assess management effectiveness, for addition to PIPAP	Lead: Stacy and Amanda Warren, Jackie	Send relevant documents to Amanda by end of July 2015
Objective 6	6.0 Sustainable financing	6.1 Identify opportunities for progressing sustainable financing for PA management	6.1 Share WPC 2014 sustainable financing for PAs outcomes from plenary 6.2 Share case study on the Micronesia Trust Fund and other experiences such as Palau Green Fees.	Lead: Warren Greg Sherley Lead: Leilani to source from <i>Micronesian Challenge</i> (Sangeeta)	End August 2015 End August 2015
Objective 3 Objective 6	7.0 Governance of Protected Areas	7.1 Aligning regional activities with national and community priorities	7.1 Case studies analysis on alignment of government structures	MACBIO (Leanne, Riibeta)	By July 2016
Objective 3	8.0 Compare NBSAP with Protected Planet	8.1 Identify major data discrepancies relating to protected area information between global datasets and national records.	8.1 Review country NBSAPs and compare with WDPA records	Easter , Mark, Anama	By July 2016
Objective 3	9.0 Realities and challenges/opportunities of conservation in the Pacific.	9.1 Initial thoughts and discussions for developing a paper that presents and discusses the realities and challenges/opportunities of conservation areas in the Pacific.	9.1 Consult on key issues, challenges and opportunities 9.2 Draft scientific paper	Lead: Stacy , Tony and Stuart and Mark and Jan, Leilani (CI team), warren Stacy	By July 2016