UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2023

Reporting from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

For the project 5195 this is the last PIR.

1.1. Project details

Identification Table	GEF ID.: 5195		Umoja WBS: SB-006773.01
	SMA IPMR ID: *31070*		Grant ID:*P1-33GFL-001061t*
	Project Short Title: Inform		
Project Title	5195: Building National and Regional Capacity to Implement Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEA) by Strengthening Planning and State of Environment Assessment and Reporting in the Pacific		
Duration months	*Planned*	48 months	
	Age	*6.8*	
Project Type	Full Size Project (FSP)		
Parent Programme if child project	-		
Project Scope	Regional		
Region	Asia Pacific		
Countries	Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu		
GEF Focal Area(s)	Multi Focal Area		
GEF financing amount	USD 4,319,635		
Co-financing amount	USD 6,476,276		
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval	15 September 2016		
UNEP Project Approval Date (on Decision Sheet)	*21 December 2016*		
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force)	21 December 2016		
Date of Inception Workshop, if available	20-24 November 2017		
Date of First Disbursement	18 January 2017		
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2023	USD 4,027,039		
Total expenditure as of 30 June 2023	USD 4,239,438		
Midterm undertaken?	Yes		
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken	22 October 2019		
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken	-		
Completion Date	*Planned – original PCA*	*31 December 2021*	
	Revised – Current PCA	*31 July 2023*	
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date	*31 December 2023*		

Expected Financial Closure Date	*31 June 2024*

1.2. Project description

The Inform project will establish a Pacific Island Country (PIC) network of national and regional databases for monitoring, evaluating, and analysing environmental information to support environmental planning, forecasting, and reporting requirements at all levels. The ultimate goal is supporting the increased use of data in national decision making.

Component 1: PICs and partner institutions have functional monitoring databases, that are networked, and users are largely dependent on them for their environmental monitoring and planning needs. Establish a network of national and regional databases for monitoring the state of the Pacific's environment.

Component 2:
Environmental data are efficiently and effectively used for environmental planning and reporting at all levels by strengthening national and regional legal, policy and planning frameworks.

Component 3: Capacity development to support the technical facility
Establish capacity at the national and regional levels to manage a network of national and regional databases. Build institutional capacities of governments to share data, information and knowledge to enable streamlines reporting and informed decision-making*.*

1.3. Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Early Warning and Assessment
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency(ies)	SPREP
Names of Other Project Partners	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) European Union - African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) region
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Jochem Zoetelief
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Jochem Zoetelief
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Florence Kahiro
UNEP Support/Assistants	Ayda Villalobos-Castro
EA Manager/Representative	Jope Davetanivalu
EA Project Manager	Tavita Su'a
EA Finance Manager	Alvin Sen
EA Communications Lead, if relevant	Lagi Reupena

2. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS

2.1 UNEP PoW and UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s)	Foundational Science-Policy subprogramme
PoW Indicator(s)	*SP (i): Number of countries and national, regional, and subnational authorities that, as a result of UNEP support, have strengthened capacity to develop sound environmental data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning systems.*

	SP (ii): Number of relevant global, regional, and national forums, institutions and Governments using data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning and foresight systems provided by UNEP for catalysing policymaking and action.
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s)	The project begun implementation during UNEPs 2017-2018 PoW under Sub Programme 7 (Environment Under Review) and also remains compliant with UNEPs 2022–2025 medium term strategy for tackling climate change, loss of nature and pollution. Under current UNEP PoW, the cross-cutting nature of this GEF capacity building project also remains aligned with UNEPs 2022-2023 PoW integrated results frameworks designed to ensure countries apply sound science to inform policies, as a foundation for delivering climate stability, living in harmony with nature and a pollution-free planet.
UNSDCF / UNDAF linkages	The Inform project has contributed to the United Nations Pacific Strategy 2018 – 2022 strategic priority area 1; climate change, disaster resilience, and environmental protection. It also contributes to outcome 5 on governance and community engagement. Currently, the project also contributes to the Pacific UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027 (The Framework).
Link to relevant SDG Goal(s)	Although this GEF CCCD project has been designed to create enabling environment and enhance the implementation, monitoring and reporting of all SDGs with an environmental dimension, majority of the project interventions primarily contribute to the following SDGs, targets and indicators: SDG 13 (13.2.1, 13.3.1, 13.3.2, 13.b.1); SDG 15 (15.1.1, 15.1.2, 15.2.1, 15.3.1, 15.4.1/2, 15.9.1); SDG 16 (16.10.2); and SDG 17 (17.14.1; 17.16.1; 17.18.1) This project also links to SDG 14 (14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.5, 14.a, 14.c)
Link to relevant SDG Target(s)	SDG 13 (13.2.1, 13.3.1, 13.3.2, 13.b.1); SDG 15 (15.1.1, 15.1.2, 15.2.1, 15.3.1, 15.4.1/2, 15.9.1); SDG 16 (16.10.2); and SDG 17 (17.14.1; 17.16.1; 17.18.1) This project also links to SDG 14 (14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.5, 14.a, 14.c)

2.2. GEF Core Indicators:

GEF Core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results.

Not applicable, this being a GEF5 project

Indicators	Targets – Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	**End-of-project**	**Total target**	
Insert relevant indicator	*Fill*	*Fill*	*Fill*	*Describe any progress made towards delivering the stated indicators.*
Insert relevant indicator	*Fill*	*Fill*	*Fill*	*Describe any progress made towards delivering the stated indicators.*

2.3. Implementation Status and Risk

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY2023
PIR #	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Rating towards **outcomes (DO)** (section 3.1)	S	S	S	S	S	S
Rating towards **outputs (IP)** (section 3.2)	S	HS	S	S	S	HS
Risk rating (section 4.2)	L	L	M	L	L	L

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Significant inputs in the last 12 months include:

The Inform project has produced summarized, online, web-based reports for the State of Environment (SOE) for 5 countries – Tonga, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Tuvalu. These online reports are an extension of the regional State of Environment and Conservation in the Pacific Islands: 2020 Regional Report (SOEC) with a focus on environmental factors at the national level.

The Inform network of data portals now catalogues over 14,000 datasets from across the Pacific region and continues to grow with each of the 14 member countries adding to the knowledgebase. National capacity building on the use of environmental data for decision making and reporting was conducted via webinar and through the use of SPREP E-Learning platform. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agaRZPQSXaw
An additional Geographic Information System (GIS) Unit has been added to the Inform project's online learning library on GIS bringing the total learning course units produced by the Inform project to 3. Over 121 participants from the Pacific have registered to undertake the online learning units. https://www.sprep.org/inform/capacity-building

Internal coordination within the SPREP Secretariat was conducted to address data governance through the formulation of SPREP's first Environmental Data Policy. This endorsed policy now serves as the guideline document for all environment-related data that is handled by the Secretariat.

The Inform team developed a Spatial Data Infrastructure for ease of searching and accessing spatial data internally and to better assist our member countries.

The inform project team, along with SPREP management and country member, continues to strive for sustainability and are developing a full-size GEF project to build on the success of the inform project and fill in gaps identified by countries. We have secured mid-term resourcing to keep the Pacific Environment Data Portal functioning to the end of 2026, as well as short-term technical support resourcing to the end of 2023.

Challenges:

2021/2022 Project implementation continued to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with countries going into emergency lockdown, which affected the delivery of key outcome such as country SOE and National Environmental Management Strategies. However, the Inform team continued to connect virtually with member countries and keeping them engaged in the Inform work.

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The Inform Project has continued its commitment to supporting countries by assisting them in the development of comprehensive national state of environment (SOE) reports. This support was extended to the remaining countries since implementation, namely Vanuatu, Nauru and RMI in 2022, with all three reports receiving approval from their respective national governments and are set to be launched in quarter 4, 2023. The SOE for Samoa has also continued development in 2023 and is set to be finalized and launched in Q4 of 2023 as well.

In this reporting period, there is a significant increase in the data catalogue for the Inform network of Environment Portals, which now boasts over 18,000 datasets. This growth reflects the ongoing efforts to enhance and expand the network's data resources, providing a wealth of valuable information to users and stakeholders alike.

The Inform E-learning platform offering self-paced courses on data management, reporting and mapping utilizing the Inform data portals, Indicator Reporting Tool, and GIS across countries, has witnessed a notable surge in participation. The number of interested participants and officers from the region continues to grow steadily. In particular, the platform has seen a remarkable increase in female participants, accounting for 52% of the learners, while males make up 48%. The popularity of the courses can be attributed to their relevance and practicality in data management, which has drawn the attention of professionals and individuals alike from various Inform participating countries.

Despite the availability of the e-learning course, the Inform Project team has continued to accommodate country-specific requests for capacity building through a combination of virtual and face-to-face training sessions. Some examples of these tailored training initiatives include: Drone GIS Training and Mobile Data Collection for Samoa, virtual trainings for RMI , and face-face capacity building through a country mission to Cook Islands. These targeted capacity building initiatives have been instrumental in empowering countries with essential skills and tools to effectively manage and leverage data for various purposes, fostering sustainable development.

Highlighting the importance of data in addressing environmental challenges in the Pacific region, a side event at the COP 27 focusing on the pilot work by Inform project in addressing data management issues in the region provided a platform to showcase the role of data in informing policies, strategies, and actions.

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2.4. Co-financing

Planned Co-finance Total: USD 6,475,776	Total co-finance is 6,475,77 including in-kind contribution from UNEP of USD 400,000, in-kind contribution from the Executing agency of USD2,050,776, Cash co-finance of USD 225,000 from Third party and in-kind contribution from third party of USD 3,800,000.
Actual to date: June 2023	
Progress	.

	The Inform project has exceeded the planned total co-finance. In-kind support from SPREP and project member countries continued to allow for implementation in line with approved no-cost extension.

2.5. Stakeholder engagement

Date of project steering committee meeting	22nd February 2023 Meeting Minutes
Stakeholder engagement	**2022 PIR Update** The inform project has engaged multiple stakeholders in 14 project countries at the operational and ministerial level and senior official level both within the Environment sector and with other national and international partners. Overall stakeholder engagement has been high, with outstanding results in 2022 getting delayed reports approved and launched for use. **2023 PIR Update** The Inform project continued to engage all its 14 Pacific project member countries on the status of new prominent datasets made available to them through their national data portals deployed under the project. There was also a focus on building their technical capacity in the area of geospatial information systems (GIS) and the application data management and analysis for the purposes of developing the State of the En0vironment Report with a particular for in 2023 for Samoa who were in the process of having their SOE updated. [section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	*No*
Gender mainstreaming	**2022 PIR Update** The Inform project team hosted a number of capacity building workshops on data management and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), with greater than 50% being female. In the last year, the project has encouraged a balanced gender composition for engagement and has seen an increase in participation of women in project focused workshops as well as in the steering committee (PSC) meeting engagements. The inform provided support to the Pacific Network of Environmental Assessment Technical Officer, and through this, it has contributed to the work of the community of practice on environment assessment, which revealed the interest of women in environment assessment production.

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	The Inform project team continued to deliver its capacity building activities both in person and online for several countries in 2023 on data management and the use and application of GIS. Most of these engagements with countries had an uneven participation between the genders with a majority of participants being female. On the Inform e-learning platform, female learners account for 52% of the platform's users, while males represent 48%. This rise in female engagement showcases the platform's effectiveness in bridging the gender gap in data management, encouraging and empowering more women to actively participate and benefit from the platform's self-paced courses. Participation records of capacity building trainings organised in this reporting period also receives a slightly higher representation of women. [section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]

2.7. Environmental and social safeguards management

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	Was the project classified as **moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage**? *No* If yes, what specific **safeguard risks** were identified in the SRIF/ESERN? -
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? *No*
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts (to be filled in by TM and EA)	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period? *No* No
Environmental and social safeguards management	**2022 PIR Update** SPREP established the Project Reporting Monitoring Group, where the Inform Project has been providing updates on the progress of project implementation and its associated risks. Inform Team has been managing the risk and applying its safeguard approach internally to allow progress. In addition, the project has been guided by country members during the project implementation with respect to national policies and guidelines on all its country engagements using proper protocols. **2023 PIR Update** The Inform project team is actively engaged and continued to provide status and progress updates to the Project Reporting Monitoring Group internally to track implementation and mitigate risks. Furthermore, the Inform team is also regularly working together with the internal Project Coordination Unit within SPREP to ensure that the

	project's activities and engagements are in line with the appropriate policies especially when working with project member countries and partners. [section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]

2.8. Knowledge management

Knowledge activities and products	**2022 PIR Update** The inform project continues to support Pacific Island countries with capacity building and knowledge management by developing and implementing an E-Learning platform for data management, reporting and recently added introduction to the GIS unit. The three-unit e-learning platform is free, cost-effective tool for national environment officers to build capacity at their own pace. A novel Indicator Reporting Tool (IRT) has also been developed and deployed alongside the data portals to assist the national environment data officers with their national reporting obligations and to assist countries with tracking indicators for national and multilateral reporting. The Inform project has held multiple training workshops both in-country, in Samoa, and online to ensure that each country is capable of effectively utilizing these tools to manage, share and incorporate good data in their everyday workflows. The project also assisted member countries in developing their national data sharing policies and Standard of Operating Procedures (SOP). These include Tonga, the Republic of Marshall Islands, and Papua New Guinea. The project drafted and is also coordinating the implementation of the SPREP SOP to further support the SPREP Data Sharing Policy in addition to SPREP Spatial Data Infrastructure. **2023 PIR Update** The Inform project has continued to expand its support for Pacific Island countries in capacity building and knowledge management. The project has been actively promoting its three e-learning courses on the SPREP e-learning platform on Data Management, Environmental Reporting, and Introduction to Geospatial - as post project capacity building and knowledge tools available to member countries. The interest received has increased with continuous promotion and awareness raising by the team. The team also continuously provide both virtual and face-face trainings, such as the kobotoolbox for mobile data collection for Samoa and Cook Islands and data portal trainings for RMI project officers. As part of its efforts to showcase its accomplishments, the Inform Project has produced a Key Results Brochure which provides a concise summary of the project's achievements. The Inform Project took the initiative to facilitate a side event focused on data in the Pacific during the UNFCCC COP 27, with the aim of fostering enhanced comprehension and knowledge exchange on data sharing across the region. In partnership with SPC, the Inform Project played a co-facilitating role for SPREP in the inaugural Pacific DataViz challenge, aimed at deepening understanding and knowledge of data visualization using datasets hosted and shred through the Inform project's deployed network of data portals. [section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]

Main learning during the period	The ongoing capacity building activities reaffirmed the significance in empowering countries to manage, share, and incorporate good data into their everyday workflows. The positive feedback from participants and the request to have follow up sessions with a wider set of stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society organisations (CSO) especially where their input would be relevant such as the case with the State of the Environment (SOE) Report which required input from CSO Conservation International Samoa. This was a testament to this and has allowed the Inform team to increase the engagement of member countries during the development and improvement of the State of Environment (SOE), National Environment Management Strategy (NEMS), and other related high priority reports.

2.9. Stories to be shared

Stories to be shared	**2022 PIR Update** Stories, Video, Press Release as well as Social Media tile were developed and continuously posted on the SPREP website and social media sites. The articles directed viewers to the Inform regional, country portals and countries with interactive SOE websites.
	YouTube Videos Videos were developed to highlight key outcomes and events of the Inform Project that are now available on the SPREP YouTube channel.

1. Inform E-learning to Decision Making
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agaRZPQSXaw&list=PLHKcA8pmzZqs7OlCKaRkyEbKpAj_LmiyL&index=23
2. Inform Project Key Results
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egOR-a8XpeA&list=PLHKcA8pmzZqs7OlCKaRkyEbKpAj_LmiyL&index=25
3. Environmental Indicator Guidebook Launch
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ab6OK8A0QzQ&list=PLHKcA8pmzZqs7OlCKaRkyEbKpAj_LmiyL&index=26

Press Releases

1. April 2021 - Environment and conservation information at your fingertips – State of Environment and Conservation website launched
   https://www.sprep.org/news/environment-and-conservation-information-at-your-fingertips-state-of-environment-and-conservation-website-launched
2. May 2021 - Data helps overcome Pacific conservation challenges in remote islands.
   https://www.sprep.org/news/data-helps-overcome-pacific-conservation-challenges-in-remote-islands
3. August 2021 - Inform E-Learning Platform Officially Launched!
   https://www.sprep.org/news/inform-e-learning-platform-officially-launched
4. August 2021 – Republic of Marshall Islands leads the Pacific island region in updating its State of Environment Report
   https://www.sprep.org/news/republic-of-marshall-islands-leads-the-pacific-island-region-in-updating-its-state-of-environment-report
5. September 2021: Inform project announces launch of Environmental Indicator Guidebook

https://www.sprep.org/news/inform-project-announces-launch-of-environmental-indicator-guidebook

6. September 2021: Environmental Indicators Guidebook for the Pacific Launched
https://www.sprep.org/news/environmental-indicators-guidebook-for-the-pacific-launched

7. October 2021: Discussion on the 'Inform Plus' Underway
https://www.sprep.org/news/discussions-on-inform-plus-underway

8. October 2021: https://www.sprep.org/news/second-round-of-plp-ess-training-for-strengthening-environmental-and-social-sustainability-in-the-pacific-officially-kicks-off

9. November 2021: Building Capacity of SPREP Staff to use Geospatial Information System
https://www.sprep.org/news/building-capacity-of-sprep-staff-to-use-geospatial-information-system

10. November 2021: Interactive webpages providing easy access to information on state of environment launched
https://www.sprep.org/news/interactive-webpages-providing-easy-access-to-information-on-state-of-environment-launched

11. November 2021: SPREP supports Pacific GIS and Remote Sensing User conference 2021 https://www.sprep.org/news/sprep-supports-pacific-gis-and-remote-sensing-user-conference-2021

12. November 2021 - Upgraded portals to improve access to environmental data
https://www.sprep.org/news/upgraded-portals-to-improve-access-to-environmental-data

13. December 2021: Training Enhances Skills Of Tongan Protected Area Practitioners
https://www.sprep.org/news/training-enhances-skills-of-tongan-protected-area-practitioners

14. May 2022 – New e-learning course on Geospatial Information Systems launched
https://www.sprep.org/news/new-e-learning-course-on-geospatial-information-systems-launched

15. June 2022 - Inform Project supports the Cook Islands Environment Data Portal
https://www.sprep.org/news/inform-project-supports-the-cook-islands-environment-data-portal

16. June 2022 - Training Enhances Skills of Nauru Practitioners To Access Protected Area Information And Geospatial Mapping
https://www.sprep.org/news/training-enhances-skills-of-nauru-practitioners-to-access-protected-area-information-and-geospatial-mapping

17. June 2022 - Training Enhances Skills of Samoa Practitioners On Protected Areas Data, Information And Geospatial Mapping
https://www.sprep.org/news/training-enhances-skills-of-samoa-practitioners-on-protected-areas-data-information-and-geospatial-mapping

Email Blasts – Inform Project Updates

1. August 2021 – Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-BD353D31AA2698C32540EF23F30FEDED

2. August 2021
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-A11880B8B471519A2540EF23F30FEDED

3. September 2021 – Special Email Blast

https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-AC1135E47CF634402540EF23F30FEDED
4. September 2021
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-6BC0F6C8D8B8D4692540EF23F30FEDED
5. October 2021 – Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-09D52EB5FA98D6CC2540EF23F30FEDED
6. October 2021
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-39409FA2E584BAE72540EF23F30FEDED
7. November 2021 – Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-B3BD5F36ED5FE20D2540EF23F30FEDED
8. November 2021
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-21642A755C1306452540EF23F30FEDED
9. December 2021 – Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-78D342256C36A0952540EF23F30FEDED
10. February 2022 – Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-25D53C16EF567CB52540EF23F30FEDED
11. March 2022 – Calendar of Events
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-22AD77B7CD5C6AC42540EF23F30FEDED
12. March 2022 – Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-6874DED394FA05E32540EF23F30FEDED
13. June 2022 – Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-589ABC7EC3402F172540EF23F30FEDED

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Press Releases:

1. July 2022 – Tuvalu launches State of Environment Report and National Environment Strategy
https://www.sprep.org/news/tuvalu-launches-state-of-environment-report-and-national-environment-management-strategy
2. July 2022 – Cook Islands National Environment Service Keeps Informed
https://www.sprep.org/news/cook-islands-national-environment-service-keeps-informed
3. August 2022 – Vanuatu Stakeholders meet to Validate State of Environment Report
https://www.sprep.org/news/vanuatu-stakeholders-meet-to-validate-state-of-environment-report
4. September 2023 – Samoa Working towards Reporting the tatus of its Environment.
https://www.sprep.org/news/samoa-working-towards-reporting-the-status-of-its-environment
5. November 2022 – Data Critical to Good Environment Decision – Making, COP 2027
https://www.sprep.org/news/data-critical-to-good-environment-decision-making-cop27-hears
6. November 2022 – Capacity Building in Drone Mapping for Samoa
https://www.sprep.org/news/capacity-building-in-drone-mapping-for-samoa
7. December 2022 – SPREP supports the first Oceania Geospatial Symposium
https://www.sprep.org/news/sprep-supports-the-first-oceania-geospatial-symposium

8. December 2022 - Experts Gather In Fiji For Pacific Geospatial Conference To Address Impacts Of Global Warming
https://www.sprep.org/news/experts-gather-in-fiji-for-pacific-geospatial-conference-to-address-impacts-of-global-warming
9. February 2023 – Overcoming Field Data Collection Challenge with a Mobile Tool
https://www.sprep.org/news/overcoming-field-data-collection-challenges-through-a-mobile-tool
10. March 2023 – Planning Workshop Brings 5 Pacific Island countries to enhance Climate Information and Knowledge Service for Resilience
https://www.sprep.org/news/planning-workshop-brings-5-pacific-island-countries-to-enhance-climate-information-and-knowledge-service-for-resilience
11. June 2023 – Palau Celebrates the Launch of the Palau National Environmental Management Strategy 2022 – 2030
https://www.sprep.org/news/environmental-monitoring-and-governance
12. July 2023 – The Successful Conclusion of the Inform Project: Paving the Way for Data – Driven Decision Making in the Pacific
https://www.sprep.org/news/the-successful-conclusion-of-the-inform-project-paving-the-way-for-data-driven-decision-making-in-the-pacific#:~:text=Search-,The%20Successful%20Conclusion%20of%20the%20Inform%20Project%3A%20Paving%20the%20Way,Decision%20Making%20in%20the%20Pacific&text=A%20momentous%20gathering%20took%20place,fourteen%20countries%20in%20the%20Pacific.
13. July 2023 – Knowledge Sharing – Unveiling the Remarkable Achievements, Valuable Lessons, and Opportunities for the Inform Project
https://www.sprep.org/news/knowledge-sharing-unveiling-remarkable-achievements-valuable-lessons-and-opportunities-for-the-inform-project

Email Blasts:

1. June 2022: Inform Regional Meeting 2022 – Save the Date
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-589ABC7EC3402F172540EF23F30FEDED
2. September: Special Email Blast
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-E74C41AD15F9DAAB2540EF23F30FEDED
3. September 2022 – Inform Project Update
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-269C30EE8D11F7BD2540EF23F30FEDED
4. October 2022 – Pacific Data Viz Challenge
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-93754A186338F3862540EF23F30FEDED
5. November 2022 – Moana Pacific Blue Pavilion – Data Based Event, Save the Date
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-768739DFBFBA56882540EF23F30FEDED
6. December 2022 : Inform Project Updates
https://newsletter.pacific-data.sprep.org/t/r-0ACECE157F293FFB2540EF23F30FEDED

Brochure – Inform Key Results
- https://pacific-data.sprep.org/resource/inform-key-results

Tiles – published tiles from the Infor Regional Meeting
- https://www.facebook.com/SPREP.PROE/posts/pfbid02YHPN7iir6tTygJSg9szfwudN68V2Pq7UraXr2kr9dHn23k8DdDMDnT54aCxnYrmql

[section to be shared with communication division/ GEF communication]

3. PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RISK

*Based on inputs by the Project Manager, the **UNEP Task Manager**[1] will make an overall assessment and provide ratings of:*

(i)   Progress towards achieving the project Results(s)- see section 3.1
(ii)   Implementation progress – see section 3.2

Section 3.3 on Risk should be first completed by the Project Manager. The UNEP Task Manager will subsequently enter his/her own ratings in the appropriate column.

3.1   Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes (Development Objectives)

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[1] For joint projects and where applicable ratings should also be discussed with the Task Manager of co-implementing agency.

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating[2]

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[2] Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: Highly Satisfactory (HS), Satisfactory (S), Marginally Satisfactory (MS), Marginally Unsatisfactory (MU), Unsatisfactory (U), and Highly Unsatisfactory (HU).

| Component 1. Design national and regional databases & network to facilitate monitoring the state of the Pacific's environment. | The networks of data portals are in place and a two-way harvest established between data ecosystem Indicator reporting tool developed for Pacific countries. | Online national environment portals largely unavailable in the pacific.

No functional online indicator reporting tools available in the Pacific | Develop and deploy network of national data portals including 14 country sites and 1 regional node

Develop an online indicator reporting tool | Countries supported to develop environmental policies and legislation

Documented formal & informal coordinating mechanisms established/ supported

Regional coordinating mechanism has multiple partners,

At least 5,000 datasets are shared within the pacific data ecosystems.

Core set of indicators used in national State of Environment (SoEs), MEAs & Agenda 2030 Voluntary National Review (VNR) reporting | 100% | The project has designed, developed, and deployed a robust network of data portals (online data repositories) for each of the 14 project member countries along with a regional *Pacific Environment Portal (PEP)* to facilitate the data collection, storage, management, and dissemination process.

Each unique portal in this network allows users to upload, catalogue and share data with stakeholders. Furthermore, each instance can establish links with other portals in the network and also to other data sources outside of the network. Through this capability, linkages have been established to allow a project member country access to data that has been collected and generated outside of the Pacific by other parties that is relevant to that specific member country. Notable linkages currently setup include data sharing between member country data portals, the Pacific Environment Portal (PEP), the Pacific Data Hub, Google Dataset Search tool and the UNESCO OceanInfoHub database.

Over the course of the project, the number of available datasets collated and shared in the network that member countries and stakeholders have access to has exceeded 18,000 datasets.

An Indicator Reporting Tool (IRT) has also been developed alongside the network of data portals to assist with the development, management and tracking of identified priority indicators for reporting purposes. | *HS* |

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						Thirteen member countries actively engaged in multiple in-country and online workshops, enhancing their capacity to utilize data management tools. The project also developed supplementary learning materials to support self-paced learning including the development of online learning modules and a documentation to provide in-depth details on how to utilize the developed tools.

A core set of indicators have been endorsed and published in the Environmental Indicators guidebook. These environmental indicators have been used in reporting to MEAs, including CBD and at the national level to assist in developing their national environmental indicators. | |

| Component 2. **Environmental data are efficiently & effectively used for environmental planning & reporting at all levels by strengthening national & regional legal, policy & planning frameworks.** | Templates for policies/ licenses/ data sharing MOUs, discussion paper on open data available for country use.

Environment ministries have data policies and MOUs and clear data sharing procedure coordinating mechanisms that have contributed to the improved use and management of environmental data. | Standardized reporting, data management are not common and there are few formal links to MEAs and SDG reporting requirements.

Low levels of national and regional interagency coordination in place.

National /regional coordination ad- | Assessment of policies, legislation and licenses completed.

Templates for data sharing and data policies developed.

Licenses for data access are developed and in use.

Initial coordination through SoE process, developed a formal data sharing coordinating mechanism.

Core set of indicators | All countries have up to date State of Environment (SoE) reports & a National Environmental Management Strategy (NEMS).

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Links between indicators and regional/ global reporting requirements are clear. | 100% | All 14 project member countries have developed their National Environment Management Strategies (NEMS) and 13 of them have updated and published their State of Environment (SOE) Reports which have been used to report back on regional and international targets linked to MEAs and SDGs.

Except for Kiribati, all project countries have developed their SOEs.

Samoa has finalized its latest SOE and is looking to have it printed and launched in Q4 2023.

Vanuatu has also completed its SOE and is looking at getting it officially endorsed.

RMI have officially endorsed their SOE and are looking to get it printed and launched in Q4 2023.

The links between the national indicators and regional/global requirements are made clear in the Indicator Guidebook and SOEs. These indicators have been used in reporting to MEAs. | *S* |

	TOR's developed for coordinating mechanisms. Increase in shared datasets amongst the pacific data ecosystem. Environment Indicators are mapped to all relevant national reporting requirements, MEAs & SDGs. National SoE's developed with input from a multi-sector stakeholder	hoc and reactive. Existing indicators rarely re-used for multiple reporting requirements.	*developed and publicly available*			

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	Indicators are used in reporting for MEAs & SDGs						

| Component 3. Capacity development to support the technical facility | Capacity built in using IRT and Indicator, producing SOE and NEMS, using the data portals and the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) process and awareness rising of both the tools and outputs of the national efforts. | The use of standardized indicators, SOEs, NEMS, data management and awareness of national data management is limited.

No formal mechanism in place for reuse of indicators. | *Fill* Core national indicators are endorsed and built into national SOE processes as well as the IRT.

Data management systems in place and capacity built to use them with growing awareness of the benefits of improved data management and reuse of indicators. Quarterly progress and financial reports. | National environment officers have access to, and use required environmental data for national reporting through the production of indicators that can be reused for MEA / VNR reporting. | 100% | Alongside the developed national data portals, the _Indicator Reporting Tool_ (IRT) helps national environment data officers to track and manage identified indicators for national reporting priorities.

The IRT is a technical tool aimed at assisting those officers that work directly with environmental indicators as opposed to the data portals that can be accessed and utilized by any stakeholder or interested party that would like to access shared datasets. The tool has been piloted successfully with Samoa, Cook Islands, PNG and FSM through various training workshops and support.

The IRT, together with the data portals and the environmental _indicator guidebook launched_ under the project, has been used effectively to develop and launch multiple _State of Environment (SOE)_ and Multilateral Environmental Assessments (MEA) reports including the latest SOE reports for _Tonga_, _Solomon Islands, PNG_, _FSM,_ and _Tuvalu._

All countries now have access to and use the standardised indicators published in the indicator guidebook for use and reuse in MEAs / VNR and even at national level reporting. | *S* |

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating[2]
			Project Steering Committee (PSC) report(s). Mid-Term Review/ Evaluation (MTR) Report. Up to date Asset Register. Develop and deploy network of national data portals including 14 country sites and 1 regional node. Develop an online Indicator Reporting Tool (IRT)				

| Component 4. Project Management and Evaluation | Inception report, and annual workplans, budgets and progress reports.

Establishment of the Project Management Unit (PMU).

Establish and assess country engagement.

Inception Workshop

Evaluation Reports (Mid-Term (MTR) and/or Terminal Evaluation (TE).

Project reports to | Project and financial tracking began January 01, 2017.

SPREP's strategic plan.

SPREP annual workplan | Assessment of policies, legislation and licenses completed.

Templates for data sharing & data policies developed.

Licenses for data access are developed/ in use.

Initial coordination through SoE process in seven countries.

Core set of indicators developed/ publicly available | Terminal Evaluation (TE) report.

Audit report.

1 Lessons learned and best practice report.

4 annual reports (1 each year)

Traffic light document reports country assessments of engagement

Annual GEF capacity building monitoring tables. | 100% | Annual audit reports have been submitted to UNEP and all audit reports have been unqualified without any issues.

Lessons learned and best practices have been documented and will be presented together with the terminal evaluation.

Annual reports and half-yearly reports have all been submitted on time and accepted by the implementing partner.

Detailed tracking of project implementation in country using a traffic light system.

GEF capacity-building monitoring tables have been completed. | *HS* |

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating[2]
	Project Board. Asset Register. Site inspection by UNEP.						

| Outcome 1.1: PICs and partner institutions have functional monitoring databases, that are networked, and users are largely dependent on them for their environmental monitoring and planning needs. | The networks of data portals are in place and a two-way harvest established between regional data ecosystem.

The indicator reporting tool is developed | NCSA Reports: Stock-take Reports, Thematic Assessments, Prioritization and Planning Reports, and NCSA Action Plans and Strategies.

Online national environment portals largely unavailable in the pacific.

IRIScountries and | Indicator is developed and capacity building activities carried out in twelve countries. Developed IRT tested and redesigned based on country inputs.

SoE and NEMS capacity built in seven countries.

Field data collection methodology developed.

Capacity to use good data management data practices | Enhanced and streamlined network of data portals and pacific data ecosystem with over 6,000 available resources.

Develop support materials for IRT and test and validate software | 100% | The _Inform project_ has successfully developed a fully effective data management and cataloguing tool in the form of the _environment data portals_. Each project member country now has a dedicated instance of the data portal that allows them to manage and share data. All 15 data portals (14 national and 1 at a regional level) developed under the project are currently sharing data and collecting new data through established linkages with other sources including other organisations (such as SPC's _Pacific Data Hub_) and external stakeholder sources (including the _OceanInfoHub_) with relevant data relating to a country. Each country has shared and contributed to this new collection and is actively utilizing these datasets for their national reporting obligations, including MEAs and SDGs.

An _Indicator Reporting Tool (IRT)_ has also been developed and used by some countries to assist with their multilateral reporting obligations through the proper management and re-use of national indicators. These pilot countries include Samoa, Cook Islands, PNG, FSM, and Tonga.

The Inform project has carried out regular training workshops to introduce and reinforce _good practices_ on data management, cataloguing and sharing. The project has more recently focused on the integration of GIS and its application for environmental monitoring, planning, and reporting.

The Inform project has also developed a set of _online_, self-paced training courses to further assist countries in utilizing these tools. Three units have | _HS_ |

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating[2]
		countries for testing. No functional online indicator countries tools countries in the Pacific	and the national environment data portal built in 12 countries. EIA data management trailed in one country. Communication and visibility plan implemented.			been launched, introducing new environment officers to: - _Inform Unit One: Environment Data Management_ - _Inform Unit Two: Environment Reporting – Indicator Reporting Tool_ - _Inform Unit Three: Geographic Information System_ To date, there are now over 150 registrations from across the Pacific region to undertake these online training courses. A documentation site InformDocs has also been developed to assist member countries with detailed descriptions on each component and function of the deployed tools under the project.	

| Outcome 2.1 Legislation, policy, planning and institutional arrangements support data collection, sharing, reporting & harmonization between agencies/ ministries within PICs. | Templates for policies, licenses, data sharing MOUs, discussion paper on open data available for country use.

Number of countries with coordinating countries, either formal or informal, that have contributed to the improved use and management of environmental data.

National SoE's developed with input from a | Some countries have specific data countries require ments in their legislation, but majority have no specific require ments or framework for data collection/ management.

Low levels of national/ regional interagency coordination in place. | Quarterly progress and financial reports.

Steering committee report(s). Mid-Term Evaluation Report.

Up to date Asset Register. | Terminal evaluation report.

Audit report.

1 Lessons learned and best practice report.

4 annual reports (one each year)

Audit Report.

Terminal Evaluation Report.

2 traffic light document reports

2 country assessments of engagement.

4 Annual GEF capacity building monitoring tables. | 100% | Templates for data sharing are now made available for use and adoption by countries on the Pacific Environment Portal – https://pacific-data.sprep.org/dataset/data-policy-templates

• Ministry Policy on Data Sharing
• MoU Ministry to Ministry
• MoU SPREP to country

The project assisted member countries in developing their data-sharing policies and standard operating procedures. These include Tonga, the Republic of Marshall Islands, and Papua New Guinea. The project drafted and is also coordinating the implementation of the SPREP Standard of Operating Procedures (SOP) to further support the SPREP Data Sharing Policy.

The *Indicator Guidebook* with a standardized set of indicators was launched in 2021 with hard copies being distributed to member countries and is also now made available on the Pacific Environment Portal for online access. Countries have adopted indicators that suit the context of their SOE assessments and reporting. These include Tuvalu, RMI, Vanuatu, Nauru, Tonga, PNG, FSM, Niue, and Samoa.

Regional coordination supported by the Inform Project is taking part between SPREP, SPC, UNESCO, GEO, SIO (Second Institute of the Oceanography) and several significant regional projects, including the GCF funded UNEP CIS-Pac5 Project, EU-funded *Pacific BioScapes* Project, UN Joint Project on Sustainable Ecosystem Services (*UNJP* | *S* |

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating[2]
	multi-sector stakeholder group and submitted to 28ountries 28 for approval.	National /regional coordination ad-hoc and reactive. *Standardized SoE process lacking in most 28ountries in the region.*				*SESS*) Project funded by the Joint SDG Fund and other related projects and initiatives in the region. Over 18,000 datasets have been shared in the Inform project's developed data network with countries, and the standardised indicators have been used in SOE reporting and MEAs / SDG Reporting.	

| Outcome 3.1 Capacity built to access to national and regional data simplified through a web-based system used to produce MEA national communications and strengthen national planning processes. | Capacity built in using standardized core indicators for national and international reporting.

Staff trained on the use of the indicator reporting tool for MEA reporting.

SoE and NEMS completed.

National data portals in use with meta data best practices applied.

EIA data management improved | The use of standardized indicators is infrequent for environmental countries.

No formal mechanism in place for reuse of indicators.

SoE process & capacity exists in several countries.

SoE & NEMS process are disjunct. | Indicator is developed and capacity building activities carried out in twelve countries. Developed IRT tested and redesigned based on country inputs.

SoE and NEMS capacity built in seven countries.

Field data collection methodology developed.

Capacity to use good data management data practices | Indicators used in national reporting for four countries. Country capacity to tailor indicators built.

National capacity to use the IRT tested and established in at least two countries.

SoE and NEMS capacity built in 14 countries.

Trial field data collection methodology.

Capacity to use good data management data practices and the national environment data portal built.

EIA data management capacity built in five countries. | 100% | Capacity building activities were implemented jointly with similar projects within the SPREP Secretariat and project member countries. Several member country environment ministries and departments engaged with the Inform project team requested refresher trainings on GIS basics and the application of data management. For example, an in-country visit to the Cook Islands was carried out late in July 2022 to address a data management request on how to utilize the data portal to store and process an ongoing mangrove survey.
A data workshop on resilient ecosystems was also carried out and supported by the Inform project team in the Solomon Islands to enhance spatial analysis of protected areas.
A joint _capacity building activity on drone mapping_ was also carried out for Samoa to by the Inform team in collaboration with other projects at SPREP to utilize new mapping technology skills in geospatial information systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS).
Further country engagements included an online, virtual data management training with Vanuatu and Niue on how to use their respective data portals for cataloguing existing (legacy) data from past projects and initiatives. All project member countries have shared and contributed to the overall dataset collection and are actively utilizing these datasets for their national reporting obligations, including MEAS and SDG. Countries have adopted indicators that suit the context of their SOE assessments and reporting. These include Tuvalu, RMI, Vanuatu, Nauru, Tonga, PNG, FSM, Niue, and Samoa. | S |

	through use of national data portals. High level & countriesand stakeholder awareness raised through briefs and advocacy. Make-up of the steering committee, stakeholder group	No standardized online environment data management. EIA data management haphazard and unavailable online. Public knowledge of national data portals, individual and linked MEAs, the importance of SoE countries is	and the national environment data portal built in 12 countries. EIA data management trialed in one country. Communication and visibility plan implemented.	Develop and tailor national communication plans. Ensure equal access to data and its use.		All 14 countries have developed NEMS. Palau is the latest project member country to _launch their NEMS in 2023_. The KoboToolbox suite of applications introduced by the Inform project team to countries has also been promoted by related projects including the UN Joint Programme on Ecosystem Services and carried out a joint _workshop activity on data management_. The Inform project is well known to SPREP member countries, and this high visibility of the project is through press releases of Inform-related events, tangible Inform branded products such as, bottles, flash drives, banners, brochures, masks that were distributed to countries as well as update through email blasts. The PEP and inform project have endeavoured to develop an open data culture and platform that is available to all Pacific Island people regardless of educational attainment, gender, or age.	

Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating[2]
		generally low in member countries					

| Outcome 4.1 Effective management and delivery of project, meeting agreed measurable output and outcome indicators | Approval inception report, annual workplans, budgets & half-year progress reports.

Establishment of PMU.

Develop a traffic light system for major project outputs.

Establish and assess country engagement.

Inception Workshop completed.

Evaluation Reports (Mid-Term and/or Terminal | SPREP's strategic plan.

SPREP annual workplan.

No project in place | Quarterly progress and financial reports.

Steering committee report(s). Mid-Term Evaluation Report.

Up to date Asset Register. | Terminal evaluation report.

Audit report.

1 Lessons learned and best practice report.

4 annual reports (one each year)

Audit Report.

Terminal Evaluation Report.

2 traffic light document reports

2 country assessments of engagement.

4 Annual GEF capacity building monitoring tables. | 100% | The Inform project held its final Steering Committee meeting on 22nd February 2023, with meeting minutes circulated to SC members and updates provided to Inform member countries. Meeting Minutes

Annual audit reports have been submitted to UNEP and all audit reports have been unqualified without any issues.

Lessons learned and best practices have been documented and will be presented together with the terminal evaluation.

Annual reports and half-yearly progress reports have all been submitted on time and accepted by the implementing partner.

Detailed tracking of project implementation in country using a traffic light system.

GEF capacity building monitoring tables have been completed. | *HS* |

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	Evaluation). Project reports to Project Board. Asset Register. Site inspection by UNEP.						

3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Outputs/Activities[3]	Expected completion date[4]	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification[5], description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating[6]
Output 1.1.1: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PORTAL NETWORK National and regional hosting solution identified and implemented including hardware needs. Develop and maintain and enhance regional network of data portals and pacific data ecosystem for member countries	*2021*	*100%*	100%	HS The PEP network is fully functioning has enhanced backend with DRUPAL 9 content management for longevity. The system now hosts 18,000 datasets. Security updates are current and have 99.8% uptime.	*HS*
Output 1.1.2 INDICATOR REPORTING TOOL Assess the UNEP National Indicator Reporting Information System (IRIS) as the data collection, sharing and SoE reporting tool. Design national Indicator reporting tool to facilitate monitoring the state of the Pacific's environment.	*2021*	*100%*	100%	S The IRT has been fully deployed for all countries awareness raising and capacity have been carried out throughout the region.	*S*

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[3] Outputs and activities (or deliverables) as described in the project logframe (and workplan) or in any updated project revision.
[4] The completion dates should be as per latest workplan (latest project revision).
[5] As much as possible, describe in terms of immediate gains to target groups, e.g. access to project deliverables, participation in receiving services; gains in knowledge, etc.
[6] To be provided by the UNEP Task Manager

Outputs/Activities[3]	Expected completion date[4]	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification[5], description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating[6]
Output 2.1.1: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT Assess, develop and strengthen policies, legislation, licenses, and procedures that govern data collection and management for national and MEA reporting in PICs	*2021*	*100%*	100%	Regional policies and licenses developed and in use. National policies and license and procedure developed and in use in some countries, including RMI and PNG. https://rmi-data.sprep.org/dataset/data-policy-templates https://pacific-data.sprep.org/resource/sprep-organisational-data-sharing-policy	*S*
Output 2.1.2: COORDINATING MECHANISM Strengthen and establish, where there is national demand, coordinating mechanisms and an institutional network of environmental data management agencies and organisations at the national levels including national statistics Establish and grow regional pacific data ecosystem to improve country access and use of data.	*2021*	*100%*	100%	HS The pacific data ecosystem has been developed and strengthen by the implementation of the Inform Project. Regional collaboration has been enhanced with tangible evidence of partnership. Ad-hoc processes using the production of the SOE in place in all countries to foster in-sector collaborations	*S*
Output 2.1.3: INDICATORS and SOE Develop core environment indicators for PICs and apply to SoE's and national, regional and international reporting requirements, SDGs, MEAs, and SAMOA Pathway. Develop national SoE reports using core indicators and country priorities to assess environmental condition **and identify priority actions.**	*2020*	*100%*	100%	HS Core indicators developed and in use across the region at national and regional levels. Indicator guidebook launched and in-use. Regional indicators embedded in the national SOE process.	*HS*

Outputs/Activities[3]	Expected completion date[4]	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification[5], description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating[6]
Output 3.1.1: CAPACITY BUILT ON IRT & INDICATORS Train relevant Government staff to use the indicator reporting tool and indicators. Build capacity to understand and tailor indicators to national context, as well as map indicators to national, regional & international requirements	*2021*	*100%*	100%	S Virtual capacity building has been held for all participating countries and evidence of indicator tailoring is present in national SOE. *https://www.sprep.org/news/building-capacity-of-sprep-staff-to-use-geospatial-information-system* *https://www.sprep.org/news/tuvalu-launches-state-of-environment-report-and-national-environment-management-strategy* *https://www.sprep.org/news/inform-project-supports-the-cook-islands-environment-data-portal* *https://www.sprep.org/news/new-e-learning-course-on-geospatial-information-systems-launched* *https://www.sprep.org/news/pnea-portal-upgrade-brings-new-features-to-assist-impact-assessment-and-safeguard-practitioners-in-the-pacific* *https://www.sprep.org/news/training-helps-samoa-to-make-sustainable-development-a-priority-on-tourism-agenda* *https://www.sprep.org/news/upgraded-portals-to-improve-access-to-environmental-data* *https://www.sprep.org/news/sprep-supports-pacific-gis-and-remote-sensing-user-conference-2021* *https://www.sprep.org/news/interactive-webpages-providing-easy-access-to-information-on-state-of-environment-launched* *https://www.sprep.org/news/discussions-on-inform-plus-underway* *https://www.sprep.org/news/environmental-indicators-guidebook-for-the-pacific-launched* *https://www.sprep.org/news/inform-e-learning-platform-officially-launched*	*S*

Outputs/Activities[3]	Expected completion date[4]	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification[5], description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating[6]
Output 3.1.2: CAPACITY BUILT ON SOE AND NEMS Develop and provide training for collection of national environment data and the use of SoE Reporting templates for each country. Document solutions to address data gaps for environmental indicators Develop capacity to address implementation gaps identified in SoE through the NEMS.	*2021*	*95%*	100%	HS Capacity has been built on production of SOE and NEMS throughout the region with thirteen of fourteen countries having developed SOE and several countries developing updated SOE during project implementation. Indicator and environmental standards have been fully developed and form the basis for a new project proposal	*HS*
Output 3.1.3: CAPACITY BUILT ON PORTAL AND Environmental Information Assessment Provide training on environmental data management using national environment data portals including best practices for meta data. EIA data management supported through National data portals including EIA dissemination.	*2021*	*100%*	100%	S Data portal and EIA capacity building undertaken, with well-defined links between PNEA and the PEP network PEP network - https://pacific-data.sprep.org PNEA - https://pnea.sprep.org	*S*

Outputs/Activities[3]	Expected completion date[4]	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification[5], description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating[6]
Output 3.1.4: COMMUNICATIONS Develop a regional communication and visibility plan and tailored national communication plans for major Inform objectives.	*2021*	*95%*	100%	HS Regional communication and visibility plan fully implemented. The project enjoys high visibility and awareness throughout the region. Online access to key Inform materials, process and products has been improved with the development of enhanced content; including State of environment reports, environment data portal, capacity building materials, news, and media resources Inform Portal Produced 7 information video for products process and capacity building for stakeholders. These are available on the SPREP YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/user/SprepChannel/videos Enhanced social media engagement through tailored social media messaging and products. https://www.facebook.com/groups/informpacific	*HS*
Output 3.1.5: GENDER Empowering women in data for decision making Develop a gender balanced stakeholder group including the steering committee, national coordinating mechanisms, and meeting participants.	*2021*	*100%*	100%	S Steering committee, regional and national capacity building meeting have equable gender representation and or a tilt towards women participation. Gender disaggregated data included in the SOE and NEMS where available.	*S*

Outputs/Activities[3]	Expected completion date[4]	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2023 (%) (Towards overall project target)	Progress rating justification[5], description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating[6]
Output 4.1.1 Effective management and delivery of project, meeting agreed measurable output and outcome indicators.	2021	100%	100%	HS Project has been effectively delivered with good technical and financial delivery. Output and outcomes are measurable and available online. State of the Environment and Conservation in the Pacific Report (SOEC), Interactive Website: FSM, Tuvalu, PNG, Solomons Island, Tonga Indicator Guidebook	*HS*
Output 4.1.2. Project monitoring and evaluation methodology designed to align with GEF project and operating standards, including regular project audits.	2021	95%	100%	HS Project monitoring and evaluation aligns with GEF operation standards. Annual project audits have conducted receiving unqualified assessments.	*HS*

4. Risk Rating

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the **Risk Help Sheet** for more details on rating.

Risk Factor	EA's Rating	TM's Rating
1. Management structure – Roles and responsibilities	L	*L*
2. Governance structure – Oversight	L	*L*
3. Implementation schedule	L	*L*
4. Budget	L	*L*
5. Financial Management	L	*L*
6. Reporting	L	*L*
7. Capacity to deliver	L	*L*

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in table B below.

4.2 Table B. Risk-Log

Risk	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	Risk Rating							PIR 6 (This PIR)	Variation respect to last rating	
		CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	MTR	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5		Δ	Justification
Risk 1 Lack of cross-sectoral communication and coordination between agencies		M				M	L	L	L	=	This explanation should focus on what changed respect to the previous rating. No Change
Risk 2 Changing policies, laws, and regulations may be difficult or time-consuming		M				M	L	L	L	↓	No Change
Risk 3 Small environment departments with multi responsibility and high staff turnover		M				M	L	L	L		No Change

Risk 4 Key personnel lost from key institutions and stakeholder groups		M				L	L	L	L	=	No Change
Risk 5 Unforeseen financial pressure due to current economic climate		M				L	L	L	L	↓	No Change
Consolidated project risk								L	L	↓	*This section focuses on the variation. The overall rating is discussed in section 2.3.*

Table B. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIR$_{t-1}$, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	Additional mitigation measures for the next periods		
			What	**When**	**By whom**

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that **assumptions** may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.
Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that **assumptions** may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks.
Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that **assumptions** may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.
Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that **assumptions** may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

Project Minor Amendments
5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment

☐	Results framework	☐ Minor project objective change
☐	Components and cost	☐ Safeguards
☐	Institutional and implementation arrangements	☐ Risk analysis
☐	Financial management	☐ Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%
☒	Implementation schedule	☐ Co-financing
☐	Executing Entity	☐ Location of project activity
☐	Executing Entity Category	☐ Other

[Annex document linked to reported minor amendment]

Minor amendments	*The project has had three extensions, the initial revision was due to the delays in the project's initial implementation in 2017, compounded by subsequent setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Revision number 02 represents the completion of a crucial phase, resulting in the production of the final deliverable – a State of Environment (SOE) report for Samoa, intended for submission to the National Cabinet for endorsement.* *Furthermore, revision number 03 has been allocated to facilitate the organization and convening of a final regional meeting, which serves as the project closure event. This significant gathering brought together all 14 Pacific Island countries, along with representatives from SPREP and UNEP. During this meeting, the project will showcase its achievements, engage in discussions to glean valuable lessons learned, and finalize plans for ensuring the project's sustainability. https://www.sprep.org/news/improving-data-collection-and-management-for-informed-decision-making-in-the-pacific-through-the-inform-project*

5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions
To be completed by Task Managers

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Original legal instrument	PCA	Yes	15/12/2016	31/12/2021	
Rev0 (CEO ED)	Revision	Yes	27/01/2020		Revised results framework based on MTR assessment
Rev 1	Extension	Yes	06/05/2021	31/12/2022	No cost project extension to 31 December 2022
Rev 2	Extension	Yes	30/12/2022	30/04/2023	No cost project extension to 30 April 2023
Rev 3	Extension	Yes	21/04/2023	30/07/2023	No cost project extension to 30 July 2023

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: https://coordinates-converter.com Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here
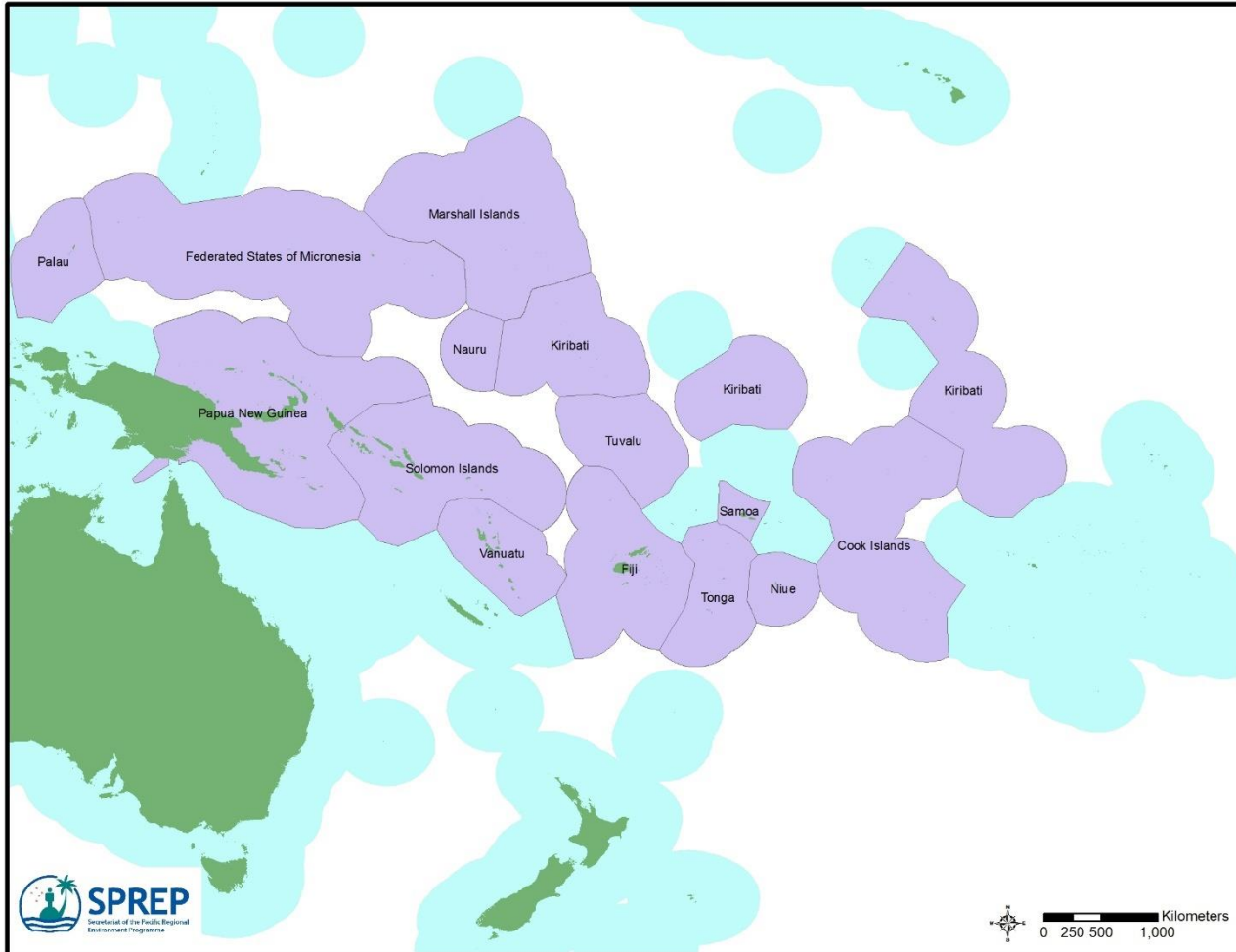
Location Name Required field	Latitude Required field	Longitude Required field	Geo Name ID Required field if the location is not an exact site	Location Description Optional text field	Activity Description Optional text field
Cook Islands	-21.24842	-159.78516	1899402	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)	6.924	158.162	2081918	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Republic of Fiji	-18	178	2205218	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Republic of the Marshall Islands	7.113	171.236	2080185	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Nauru	-0.517	166.933	2110425	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Niue	-19.03333	-169.86667	4036232	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Palau	7.503	134.621	1559582	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Papua New Guinea	-6	147	2088628	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Independent State of Samoa	-13.8	-172.13333	4034894	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Solomon Islands	-8	159	2103350	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Kingdom of Tonga	-20	-175	4032283	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Tuvalu	-8.51719	179.14478	2110297	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Republic of Vanuatu	-16.3333	167.5	2134431	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country
Republic of Kiribati	1.421	172.984	4030945	Covering a whole country	Covering a whole country

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. *
[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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https://pacific-data.sprep.org/
* Map lower of webpage

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