



Impact of the BID programme in the Pacific region



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ABOUT SPREP

- [Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme](#), based in Apia, Samoa
- **Mandate:** “to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.”
- **Areas of work:** Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection, Climate Change Resilience, Waste Management and Pollution Control, and Environmental Governance.
- 26 Members from 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and 5 Metropolitan members

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Developing capacity and infrastructure for data mobilization
- Promoting collaboration between data holders and publishing agencies
- Promoting data sharing, data standards and better data management
- Involved [17 Consortium Partners in 14 Pacific Island Countries and Territories](#) along with SPREP and [ISSG](#)

DATA MOBILIZATION

- In Country IAS Data Mobilisation Meetings were held in 10 Pacific Island Countries and Territories
- Participants were invited to bring their data which were cleaned and published
- In total 83 datasets from 11 countries across the Pacific were [published](#)
- There close to 200,000 new Pacific occurrence or checklist records on GBIF

APPLICATIONS OF THE MOBILIZED DATA

- Facilitated a Data Use for Decision Making workshop in in the Kingdom of Tonga and used the prioritisation of islands for rodent eradication
- A follow up workshop was held at SPREP to analyse the data so that areas could be prioritised for the development of a Green Climate Fund proposal.
- Data is being referenced in [Regional](#) and National data portals to assist global and national reporting

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

- SPREP joined GBIF as Participant Node
- Integrated Publishing Tool Kit is established
- Resource developed to assist Pacific data holders in publishing Pacific invasive species data to GBIF ([English](#) and [French](#))
- Published data are being referenced by regional and national data portals

LESSONS LEARNED

- 17 Consortium Partners in 14 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (logistics, communication)
- In Country Meetings needed further support to maximize the output.
- A lack of engagement by 4 of the Consortium Partners.
- Further support needed to institutionalise data analysis into decision making processes in Pacific Island countries and territories.



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