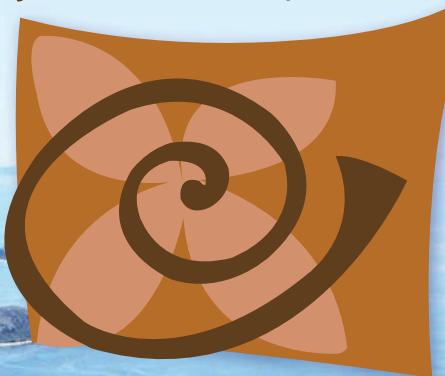


Roundtable



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Natural Solutions: Building resilience for a changing Pacific

The **Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT)** is a coalition of nature conservation and development organisations, governments, inter-governmental organisations, donor agencies and community groups created to increase effective conservation actions in the Pacific island regions.



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About the Roundtable

Created in the year 1998 as a response to a call from the 1997 Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas by the request of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), the forum enables conservation bodies to improve collaboration and coordination at the local, national, regional and international level. PIRT is the key coordination mechanism for the implementation of the recent Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands Region 2014–2020 (FNCPA) which was adopted at the 9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, held in Suva, Fiji, 2013 and subsequently endorsed at the 25th Annual Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Meeting in 2014.



The Roundtable Mandate

The Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation is maintained as a mechanism for promoting, facilitating and monitoring the implementation of the Framework. The Roundtable adopts mechanisms for making its membership accountable to jointly formulated Principles of Implementation and its work inclusive of participation by regional and national bodies. The Roundtable's mandate for the next six years is to increase effective conservation action in the Pacific Islands.



Nine Principles for Nature Conservation in the Pacific

- Principle 1:** Community Rights
- Principle 2:** Conservation from a Pacific Perspective
- Principle 3:** Ownership of Conservation Programmes
- Principle 4:** Financial Sustainability
- Principle 5:** Good Governance
- Principle 6:** Coordination and Collaboration
- Principle 7:** Capacity Development
- Principle 8:** Accountability
- Principle 9:** Reinforcing Resilience and Sustainability



What does the Roundtable do?

Committed group of organisations and individuals helps to access funding, provide support and ideas to achieve the development, while conserving our unique marine, aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity.



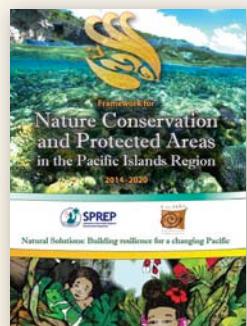
What makes the Roundtable special?

- Only forum in which major regional and international players come together to discuss and develop new ways to address the main issues of nature conservation facing the Pacific islands.
- Officially endorsed by all the Pacific island governments and representatives from local and national Pacific islands groups.
- Participation is totally voluntary, members fund their own way and the Roundtable is regularly attended by representatives from NGOs, intergovernmental agencies, governments, international organisations and communities.
- Participants see the Roundtable as a powerful tool for sharing expertise and learning from the experience of others.
- As a “working” Roundtable, participants are representatives of organisations active in nature conservation in many Pacific islands region.
- Members and meetings focus on action.
- It is a mechanism for cooperation and leveraging partnerships. The results are very encouraging and include:
 - Support to the implementation of the Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands Region 2014–2020;
 - Creation of the first Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal;
 - Formation of Working Groups to address gaps in conservation activities, monitor progress, address specific issues in the current Framework for Nature Conservation that require critical conservation within the Pacific region;
 - Volunteering for tasks to address key actions from that are identified as critical gaps in conservation in the Pacific islands region.



Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas 2014–2020

The 9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas held in Suva, Fiji, December 2013 produced and adopted Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands Region (FNCPA) 2014–2020. The new Framework will provide guidance for the region on key priorities for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management for the next six years with clear linkages to the Global Aichi Biodiversity Targets and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). Broad in scope to fit in with local, national, regional and international priorities, the FNCPA 2014–2020 also permit the successful implementation of the concrete actions at country level, through the provision of adequate and sufficient resources and is thus a great achievement for the Roundtable.



Vision

Healthy Oceans, Healthy Islands, Healthy People.

Our people proudly honour, value and protect our natural and cultural heritage and cultural identity for the wellbeing of present and future generations; the waters of our streams, lagoons and oceans are bountiful and unpolluted; our mountains are wild, our forest intact and our beaches unspoiled; our towns, gardens are healthy and productive; our societies are vibrant, resilient and diverse; we have equitable relationships with our global partners and our economies thrive; our culture and traditions are widely appreciated; and the products of our creativity and labour are especially prized.



Mission

To protect and preserve the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Pacific islands forever for the benefit of the people of the Pacific and the world.



Support the Roundtable and Expand Conservation Work in the Pacific Region

The trust and commitment in the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation is growing stronger and widely recognised both regionally and internationally.

The Roundtable welcomes new and additional financial and technical contributions from interested organisations to support the implementation of the objectives of the Framework to ensure the Pacific continues to have healthy oceans, healthy islands and healthy people.

To support the Roundtable work and/or if you are interested to become a member of PIRT, please contact the PIRT Secretariat at the email address, pirtsecretariat@sprep.org.



The Pacific island countries and territories



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