



'Our Nuian language is dying, what makes us unique is disappearing'

When people lose their language, they lose what makes them unique. For Mr Satalaka Petaia, an elder from Nui Island in Tuvalu, it is a scenario he fears for his community, and it is something he is extremely concerned about. "Our Nuian language is dying, our younger generation now mostly speak Tuvaluan, and other languages," he lamented. "I'm sad about this. Our Nuian language is our culture, our identity. If we lose it, we'll no longer be known as Nuians. We are unique, our languages makes us unique but this is disappearing."



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Across our thematic priorities, women are instrumental in driving action in climate resilience and climate science, biodiversity conservation, waste management and pollution control and environmental governance. International Women's Day this year highlighted women's achievements while underscoring the responsibility we all share to support their leadership in building Pacific resilience. Action on the ground to address the triple planetary crisis continues to be a cornerstone of our work, raising awareness of climate-induced Loss and Damage, preservation of traditional knowledge, enhancing capability of MetServices, and providing capacity building on marine litter impact on our Pacific environment. As we head into a new month, your Secretariat remains committed to supporting your priorities for a Resilient Pacific.

From Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General of SPREP

Ouvéa tackles coastal erosion with native nurseries

As Pacific shorelines face the increasing threat of rising sea levels and associated coastal erosion and submersion risks, the community of Ouvéa is launching a grassroots defense. Moving away from traditional 'hard' infrastructure like concrete or boulders sea walls, the island has embraced Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to protect its coastline and empower its people.



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Kiribati and Samoa to receive new ocean monitoring buoys under EU funded ClimSA Pacific

Kiribati and Samoa are set to receive 20 new SOFAR Smart Mooring buoys, with 10 destined for Kiribati and 10 for Samoa, to strengthen real time ocean and climate information for communities and decision makers across both countries.



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Give to Gain: Empowering women in waste management through the Pacific Women in Circular Economy Network

Despite women playing a critical role in household and community-level waste management across the Pacific, they remain drastically underrepresented in the formal waste management workforce and in leadership positions. Marking the first concrete step towards addressing this gap was the Pacific Women in Circular Economy (PacWiCE) Network Introductory Workshop hosted in Fiji.



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Measuring the impact of Sustainable Ocean Governance for Solomon Islands

"Our Ocean is central to the identity, culture and livelihoods of Solomon Islanders. It supports our fisheries, our food security, our transport networks, our economic development, and the wellbeing of our communities. Therefore, improving how we coordinate and manage our ocean resources is a national priority."



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Kingdom of Tonga to host Eighth Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting and Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology

The Kingdom of Tonga will host the eighth sitting of the Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting (PMC-8) and the fourth convening of the Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) from 21 – 25 September this year. This was confirmed by the Cabinet of Ministers decision on 6 March 2026.



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Ensuring the survival and transfer of traditional knowledge in the Marshall Islands

How do we put a cost on our identity, health and wellbeing? The question was put forth many times by participants at the Marshall Islands Building our Loss and Damage (BOLD) Response Project Inception workshop in Majuro. The survival and maintenance of traditional knowledge is under existential threat as sea levels rise and islands become uninhabitable.



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Decline of populations of migratory species alarms Pacific delegates at CMS COP15

As global attention turns to the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP15) in Brazil, a new report has warned that 49% of migratory species populations conserved by the global UN treaty are declining, and 24% of species face extinction.



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Magnifying Pacific Women Voices in Environmental and Social Impact Assessments

Women make up half of the world's population; their voices must be heard and reflected when it comes to planning infrastructure and development projects. It just makes sense. Working in partnership with our Pacific Islands, the SPREP has been amplifying this message through Environmental and Social Impact Assessment training across our region.



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Training improves understanding of marine litter in Vanuatu, encourages local action

The negative impact of marine litter on the environment and the health of provinces and communities remains a critical concern for Vanuatu. Recent studies show that 97% of fish in the Pacific contain plastic in their stomach, which is a major concern, especially for countries such as Vanuatu, where the main source of protein comes from the ocean, Mr Sam Judd, of Sustainable Coastlines, highlighted.



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8 March 2026 International Women's Day at SPREP #GivetoGain



SPREP and University of Otago to formalise MOU

SPREP Director General, Sefanaia Nawadra welcomed the University of Otago Vice-Chancellor, Honourable Grant Robertson and delegation to the Pacific Climate Change Centre on 30 March. The Vice-Chancellor accompanied by senior University of Otago representatives also met with the SPREP senior leadership team and advisers. Potential collaboration on climate change and sustainability research including pathways for Pacific people to be climate resilient in their health and wellbeing, was discussed, as well as potential placements of postgraduate students and researchers at SPREP. The visit concluded with a commitment to formalise an MOU between the University of Otago and SPREP.

