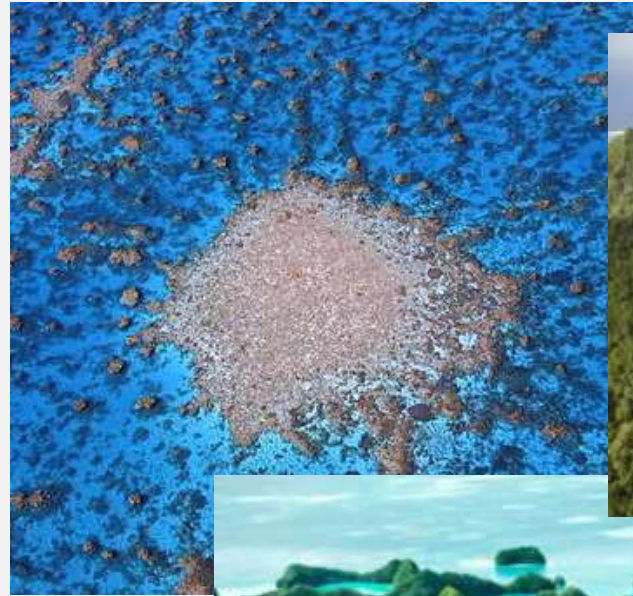


# ***Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal (PIPAP) – Overview***

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# BIOPAMA PROGRAMME

- Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme (BIOPAMA)
- Initiative of EU-OACPS, funded through EDF-11
- improve the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in protected areas and surrounding communities in Pacific (ACP) states
- Now in phase two (June 2017- May 2023)
- Regional Implementers - SPREP and IUCN Oceania, European Commission – Joint research Centre
- Involves all 14 PICs (incl. Timor Leste)

The logo for BIOPAMA features the word in large, stylized letters. The 'O' is a globe, and the 'A's are green and blue, suggesting nature and water.

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# SPREP - Regional BIOPAMA Observatory for the Pacific

- A treaty organisation/IGO based in Apia, Samoa
- 21 island member countries/territories
- 5 metropolitan members – Australia, France, New Zealand, UK, USA
- A number of wide-ranging partnerships
- extensive networks in country, across the region and beyond
- Hosts Pacific BIOPAMA regional decision support hub for protected areas(2014)
- Over 140 staff members
- Has been serving the region for the last 28 years



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# SPREPs Regional Protected Areas Support Programme (SPREP-PA)

- Supported by the EU-OACPS BIOPAMA
- Delivery of specific services to SPREP members to implement PA priorities and commitments through:
  - Partnerships, Coordination and Networking –
  - Pacific Islands RoundTable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) – Protected Area Working Group (PAWG)
  - MOUs with key partners (IUCN, CBD, Ramsar, UNEP-WCMC, Birdlife, TNC etc.)
  - Oversight of the Regional Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas



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# SPREPs Regional Protected Areas Support Programme (SPREP-PA)





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- Training on the regional RIS, the Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal (PIPAP) – basic navigation, access to Pacific PA data, running search queries, finding relevant tools and guidance, access to other information resources
- Training on open-source GIS software – PA boundary mapping, field data capture/input, developing basic site maps
- Mode of delivery - direct technical assistance to Pacific ACP countries, supported by the regional RIS, associated tools and guidance



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# SPREPs Regional Protected Areas Support Programme (SPREP-PA)

- Information sharing, exchange
- Dissemination of information on PA management tools and guidance to inform planning and decision making
- Training and assistance on national PA data and reporting to the global level (WDPA, GD-PAME, WD-OECM)
- MEA preparations and negotiations – training and technical support



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# Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal (PIPAP)

- Online information resource for Pacific protected areas, launched 2014 (WPC, Sydney)
- a product of regional priorities & necessity for information sharing/networking on protected areas.
- Enhanced through BIOPAMA assistance
- Vision - *To provide a doorway through which Pacific Islands protected area practitioners can share expertise and benefit from opportunities*
- Aim - to provide up-to-date PA coverage data, relevant information and management tools to support protected area decision making and planning



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# PIPAP...At a Glance

- All-in-one package of open-source information and other specialised information from a variety of sources
- Pacific protected and conserved area data
- Newsletter subscribers – 685 (May 2022)
- Newsletter editions disseminated - 126
- Information resources – 6,555
- Users (Jun '17- May '22)- 181,841
- Page views (Jun '17- May '22)- 339,153
- Users by country (Jun '17- May '22) – Top 5 by order of rank – Fiji, Samoa, PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu



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# Current features

- **'Browse Protected Areas' page/map** - allow users to view their PAs/CCAs, useful also for comparing with others across the Pacific.
- **Enhanced Search function** – assists with easily finding specific information and/or resources through a number of filters
- **country PA profile pages** – up-to-date summary statistics on PA coverage to assist national MEA reporting etc.
- **Up-to-date PA maps** – access to dynamically linked, auto-updated country maps
- **Weekly Newsletter** - the regular, and very popular, PIPAP newsletter provides weekly serving of news, new research, PA management tools, employment opportunities.



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# Current features

- **Integration with SPREP Virtual Library and Pacific Environment data Portal (PEP)** – users have access to a number of information resources (via search function)
- **‘Submit your Area’ tool** – allows users to compile a brief description of proposed conservation areas including also an initial site boundary.
- **‘Talanoa’ tool** - Online community discussion area dedicated to connecting PA practitioners across the region
- **Performance of page load speeds increased** – Optimisations for improved browsing experience in low bandwidth situations. (loads faster than FB)



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# Upcoming features

- **PAME Information** - Protected Area Management Effectiveness (GD-PAME) info to be published on individual protected area profile pages.
- **Pacific PA roster of Experts (PA-ROE)** – easily find/access needed expertise on protected areas
- **PA-specific resources** - links to site-specific resources will be included on the site profile pages.



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