



Reporting template for the #ForCoral Pavilion

Two-page Maximum

Deadline: No later than 2 weeks after your event

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Event Title: Safeguarding Pacific Coral Reefs: Resilience, Restoration and Sustainable Solutions

Date and Time of event: 29 October 2024; 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Lead organisation: The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Co-organisation(s): Pacific countries

of participants:

- In person:
- Online:

Topics (please select as many as applicable):

- Finance
- Conservation X
- Restoration X
- Youth
- Monitoring and Evaluation X
- 30x30 X
- Other (please specify) tools

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Background on the event (one paragraph):

The Pacific coral reefs are among the most biodiverse ecosystems on the planet, providing critical ecosystem services to Pacific Island communities, including food security, coastal protection, and tourism revenue. However, climate change, ocean acidification, overfishing, and pollution pose severe threats to these coral ecosystems. This side event will highlight the urgent need for safeguarding Pacific coral reefs, showcasing regional and national efforts and collaborative actions to strengthen the resilience of coral reefs in the face of a changing climate.

Key issues discussed (5-8 bullet points):

- Coral reef bleaching
- Coral reef restoration initiatives
- Marine protected areas, monitoring and enforcement
- Identifying heat adaptive/resilient corals and coral reefs
- Coral reef monitoring tools and resources

Take home message(s) (5-6 bullet points):

- Urgent actions are needed to ensure that these critical ecosystems continue to provide the benefits to people and economies.
- Pacific Leaders advocating for 1.5oC
- Pacific Coral Reef Action Plan outlines regional actions and priorities that will support national governments and local communities in safeguarding the reefs.
- Importance of integrating traditional knowledge and science into conservation, protection and management of coral reefs.
- Genuine Partnerships

How will the outcomes of the event contribute to the vision and mission of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:

The outcomes of the event will contribute to a number of targets and the overall vision and mission of the KMGBF. Countries will be in the process of updating and/or reviewing their NBSAPs and the various existing initiatives and projects/programmes that are in the pipeline will support the implementation of the elements of the KMGBF relevant to coral reefs.

Which Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Targets did your event cover:

Targets 1, 2, 3, 8

Links:

- Photos:
 - Link to photos taken during your event: *[add URL]*
 - Please note these photos will be shared on the #ForCoral Website

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- Presentations:
 - Are you happy for this to be shared in .pdf format? Yes
 - Please share a link to download the updated PowerPoints if changes are made: *[add URL]*