



Pacific World Heritage Action Plan 2010-2015¹

Vision for 2015

We share a dream that our Pacific Islands' heritage is protected and enriched for future generations.

Preamble

We the people of the Pacific Islands offer a unique contribution to the World Heritage community, through the enormous wealth of cultural diversity, as well as of the island and marine biodiversity of our region, much of which is endemic, and covers one third of the earth's surface.

For us, indigeneity is inseparable from heritage. Our indigeneity has the following characteristics:

- Heritage in the Pacific defines our cultural identity and remains inseparable from our social, economic and environmental well-being, now and for future generations;
- Our heritage is holistic, embracing all life, both tangible and intangible, and is understood through our cultural traditions;

¹ This Action Plan for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Pacific in the period 2010-2015 was developed by Delegates of Pacific States Parties and territories at the World Heritage Regional Workshops of Cairns (Australia, October 2008) and Maupiti (French Polynesia, November 2009).

- There is an inseparable connection between the outstanding seascapes and landscapes in the Pacific Islands region, which are woven together by the rich cultural, historical and genealogical relationships of Pacific Island peoples;
- The region contains a series of spectacular and highly powerful spiritually-valued natural features and cultural places. These places are related to the origins of peoples, the land and sea, and other sacred stories;
- The Pacific is a region of distinct and diverse responses to oceanic environments;
- Protection of our heritage must be based on respect for and understanding and maintenance of the traditional cultural practices, indigenous knowledge and systems of land and sea tenure in the Pacific.

This extraordinary heritage, moreover, is often managed through traditional practices that reinforce the inseparable relationship between communities, cultures and environment that underpin sustainable development.

Noting our achievements since the creation of the Pacific World Heritage Action Plan 2004 – 2009, including:

- Twelve Pacific islands countries (out of fifteen) have ratified the Convention, including Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.
- Nine States Parties have submitted their Tentative Lists, including Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu.
- Three properties from Pacific Small Islands State Parties are now inscribed on the World Heritage List, i.e. Kuk Early Agricultural Site, PNG; Chief Roi Mata's Domain, Vanuatu, in addition to East Rennell, Solomon Islands, which was inscribed in 1998.
- Four Properties from Pacific territories of non-Pacific State Parties are now inscribed on the World Heritage List, i.e. Lagoon of New Caledonia: Reef Diversity and Associated Ecosystem, France, in addition to Hawaiian Islands Volcanos, USA; Henderson Island, UK; Rapa Nui, Chile, which had been inscribed prior to 2004;
- A greatly increased awareness and understanding of the World Heritage Convention has been achieved;
- A regional network of heritage practitioners has been developed;
- A shared long-term vision on World Heritage for the region was established and communicated, through the so-called "Pacific Appeal"².

² The *Appeal to the World Heritage Committee from Pacific Island State Parties*, also known as the "Pacific Appeal", was developed by Pacific delegates at the February 2007 Pacific World Heritage workshop held at Waitetoko Marae (Tongariro) in New Zealand. It is annexed to Document WHC-07/31.COM/11C, accessible online from: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/31COM/documents/>

Common Challenges to the Pacific region

We recognise that the Pacific region continues to be the most under-represented region on the World Heritage List. In redressing this imbalance in representation and endeavouring to continue to build on the aforementioned achievements, the Pacific Island States face major challenges. These include:

- Limited awareness of Pacific cultural and natural heritage outside the region;
- Lack of adequate representation of the unique and special heritage of the Pacific on the World Heritage List;
- Large geographic area, isolation and resource limitations that restrict access to information and assistance and the ability of Pacific people to contribute to global forums;
- The character and scope of the UNESCO and the World Heritage Convention administration for the Pacific region, which masks some of the specific important national and regional heritage issues;
- Some people are represented by States Parties outside the region (UK, France, USA, Chile) which can limit their ability to have sites inscribed on the World Heritage List;
- Limited financial and human resources, skills and capacities within communities and institutions to adequately manage the region's cultural and natural heritage;
- A need for increased awareness within communities of the great value that World Heritage Convention contributes to the protection and vitality of cultural and biological diversity;
- Political instability and a lack of good governance, which are significant barriers to heritage conservation in general, and World Heritage implementation in particular;
- Greater external challenges and threats in the Pacific than in most other regions of the world, with less capacity to respond to their impacts. Examples of these external influences include climate change, financial instability, globalisation of society and economy, technological development, commercialisation, energy supply and demand, natural disasters and tourism growth;
- Climate change is of particular concern because the Pacific region is especially vulnerable to its impacts and faces many difficulties in adapting to and mitigating its effects;
- The impacts on the environment and resources (both tangible and intangible) are widespread and sometimes difficult to monitor (e.g. spread of pests and diseases), which can limit our ability to protect heritage;
- Five factors identified at the 4th Workshop (Apia, 2011): Invasive and alien species, climate change and severe weather events, service infrastructure, loss of social and cultural uses of heritage and transport infrastructure.

Goal and Main Actions

In the face of these challenges, our goals are to strengthen the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Pacific Island region and increase local, regional and global awareness, recognition and support for the conservation of the unique cultural

and natural heritage of the Pacific in a way that takes into account the traditions, aspirations, opportunities and challenges of its people.

With a view to attaining these goals, and keeping in mind the “Strategic Objectives” (the Five “Cs”)³ adopted by the World Heritage Committee, we have identified the following “Main Actions” as a framework for implementing the Convention in our region:

Main Actions

1. Encouraging dialogue between communities, agencies and organisations within and outside the Pacific region to identify, promote and protect the region’s outstanding cultural and natural heritage to the global community;
2. Enhancing local communities’ awareness of the benefits of preserving their cultural and natural heritage, and encouraging community participation (particularly by youth and women) in all stages of the World Heritage process.
3. Supporting successful nominations for representation on the World Heritage list, by increasing in-country capacity to identify suitable potential sites and prepare nomination dossiers that fully meet the requirements of the World Heritage Convention.
4. Increasing in-country capacity at all levels, inclusive of indigenous people to develop best practices, management plans and arrangements to ensure effective protection of Pacific heritage sites, in a way that takes into account and recognises traditional knowledge and conservation practices for land, air and sea.
5. Assisting in the development of in-country heritage expertise in the Pacific by supporting technical assistance, where requested, including the development of a network of partner institutions within the region capable of providing technical services in the area of heritage conservation in a coordinated and integrated way.
6. Building partnerships between communities, heritage agencies, regional organisations, educational institutions and non-government organisations in the region, including the promotion of multilateral, bilateral cooperation and twinning programs between World Heritage sites and countries of the Pacific and beyond.
7. Assisting communities to develop and implement environmentally sustainable economic growth through heritage-related enterprises
8. Sharing information and data bases related to heritage (through properly informed consensus), through regional strategies and communication networks that link island communities.
9. Supporting the development and implementation of effective policies and legislation for heritage by Governments in the region, including access and benefits sharing within the larger development portfolio.

³ See reference to the five Strategic Objectives in the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (version January 2008), paragraphs 25 and 26, accessible online from: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/guidelines/>

10. Establishing sustainable financing arrangements to support the effective conservation of Pacific heritage and building on other available funding sources and in-kind contributions.

11. Sustaining the ongoing consultative process by bringing together the representatives of the Pacific Islands States and Territories on a regular basis.

Specific and detailed activities to give concrete implementation to the above “Main Actions” - at regional and national level – have been identified by the Pacific Delegates at the Maupiti Workshop in November 2009 and updated at the Apia Workshop in September 2011 are provided in the annexed table.

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Activities at regional level	Corresponding Main Action	Relevant Strategic Objectives					Initiative taken by:	Intended funding sources	States Parties concerned	Venue	Proposed timeframe	Implementation Status
		Credibility	Conservation	Capacity-building	Communication	Community						
1. A workshop on heritage based tourism development, management and promotion will be held during 2012 (Australia). Assess adequacy of existing sustainable tourism guidelines to protect and sustain natural and cultural heritage properties and if necessary develop new version adapted to Pacific context	2,3, 4,6, 7,10		2	1			Advisory Bodies, Australia	World Heritage Funds	ALL	ALL	2013	
2. Regional workshops to strengthen capacity to identify and respond to impacts of climate change should also address other key threats to Pacific heritage places identified in the periodic report and at the meeting and address all States not just low lying atolls.	4		2	1			SPC/ UNESCO Apia Office / UNESCO WHC					
3. Develop a pilot field program to identify the impacts of coastal erosion on archaeological sites on small, low lying islands to provide data for the development of a conservation kit for communities to identify, record, collect and conserve cultural material eroding from coastal archaeological sites. (linked to Roi Mata) (linked to UNESCO SandWatch Programme)	4		1				UNESCO Apia Office					Fiji noted that working on a pilot field programme with Tuvalu
4. Sub-regional training workshop(s) and direct technical assistance on developing nominations to ensure inscriptions of sites and management plans.	3, 4, 5, 9	2	2	1			(World Heritage Centre / Apia Office / Australia)	World Heritage Fund and Japan	Solomon Islands; Others			New Japan FIT to be launched in Oct 2011 for training workshops
5. Sustainable funding mechanism - Revise draft feasibility study based on consultations in Maupiti and disseminate it to state parties for review together with proposed steps forward.	10	1	1	1	1	1	UNESCO Apia Office				2010	Sustainable funding now a PHH responsibility.
6. Workshop on-site management - Managing sites with the local communities - exchange of experiences Workshop to share experiences on the integration of indigenous and other local communities in conservation strategies for heritage sites, focused on marine sites	1,2,4 ,5,6, 7,8		2	1			Ministry of Heritage French Polynesia / Ministry Environment of New Caledonia	co-funding	Niue, Palau, Samoa, Rapa Nui, FSM, French Polynesia, RMI, Tonga	French Polynesia	2010-2011	

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7. Develop regional network on local and Pacific-wide links of Marae Taputapuatea / Te Po Complex and the Marquesas archipelago through a research on sites connected, followed by a conference with neighboring countries to choose sites to be nominated and discuss how to manage them.	1,3,8	1	2		2	2	Ministry Heritage French Polynesia	co-funding	France, Hawaii and others		2010-2011	To be implemented through Taputapuatea workshop in November 2011 in French Polynesia
8. Polynesian Heritage Conference - WH Nominations in French Polynesia and sharing of knowledge amongst islands - tangible and intangible elements	2,6,8	1		2	2		Different Ministries of French Polynesia	co-funding	France, US, New Zealand, Chile and others	French Polynesia	2010-2011	To be implemented through Taputapuatea workshop in November 2011 in French Polynesia
9. Establish a regional dialogue to enhance links between the World Heritage Convention and the Convention for the Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by establishing a project on traditional navigation and seafaring, canoe building and management of associated heritage places	1, 4, 8	2	2	2	1	2	UNESCO Apia Office				2002-2015	On-going through ICH safeguarding workshops in 2010/2011
10. Develop a 'plain language' publication for public use on the World Heritage Convention for translation by PICTS into local languages.	8			2	1		Cook Islands/ UNESCO Apia Office	Australia / New Zealand			2010-2011	
11. Develop World Heritage educational material for communities and schools including the expansion of World Heritage in Young Hands Programme throughout the region and linking it to the Pacific Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Programme/ NB include Web 2.0 - interaction and exchange and endorsed Cultural and Education Regional Strategy for the Pacific	1,2, 3,4, 5,8, 9			2	1	2	States Parties/ UNESCO Apia Office	World Heritage Funds / NZ assistance	ALL	WHC and State Parties	2010-2011	On-going within the framework of ESD by Apia Office

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12. Develop a Pacific Heritage Research program and plan that includes the identification of research themes relevant to the region to provide background material for trans-national, serial nominations	3	1					Aotearoa/ New Zealand/ UNESCO Apia Office					PHH responsibility
13. Establish a Hub for Pacific Heritage to strengthen and increase communication networks, coordinate training opportunities and bring together donors and projects. The Hub TOR will be established by the Management Committee of regional agencies and state party representatives.	1, 2, 5, 8	2	2	2	1	2	UNESCO Apia Office / Australia	Australia / USP	ALL		2010-2012	Interim Management Committee established with USP as host institute
14. Carry out exchanges and placements using the model implemented through the African World Heritage Fund for individuals involved in the development of nominations and management of World Heritage properties	5, 6		2	1			UNESCO Apia Office				2009-2015	PHH responsibility

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<p>15. Establish a Pacific Heritage Academy to provide regional professional and vocational training in cultural and natural heritage management. The Academy should link to existing technical, academy and university education programs in the region. Models to be explored should include 'virtual' academy, locating the academy at USP with partner universities and agencies within and around the region, flexible unit and course delivery, providing both short term accredited intensive training opportunities, work placements and longer term professional education linked to undergraduate and post graduate tertiary education. The Academy will also include a regional mentoring program including exchanges and placements using the model implemented through the African World Heritage Fund for individuals involved in the development of nominations and management of World Heritage properties. Specific activities include: 1) the establishment of a steering committee with representatives from UNESCO Apia, SPC, ICOMOS Pasifika, PIMA, IUCN Oceania, SPREP (UNESCO Apia to follow up); 2) The establishment of terms of reference for a feasibility study (Steering committee). Models for the Academy. Commission a feasibility study (WHC); and 3) The review and implementation as appropriate of the recommendations of the feasibility study (steering committee).</p>	3, 4, 5, 8		2	1	2		World Heritage Centre / UNESCO Apia Office / Australia	Australia (scoping study)	ALL		2010-2012	PHH responsibility
<p>16. Enhance underwater Cultural Heritage protection as part of a holistic approach heritage conservation in the Pacific by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness of undercultural heritage Encouraging ratification of the Underwater Cultural Heritage Convention by State Parties Seeking assistance for related capacity building activities (eg for management, underwater archaeology, policy and legislative frameworks) 	4		2	1			Kiribati		ALL		2012-2015	
<p>17. A volume in the World Heritage Papers series on the Pacific 2009 Program will be prepared and published before the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee in June 2012. The publications will include the interviews and case studies on themes related to community, diverse values and interconnected histories and capacity building. (UNESCO, with Australian funding)</p>	8			2	1		World Heritage Center/UNESCO Apia	Australia			2012-2015	

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18. There is a need to add new actions to the Regional Action section to allow action to be oriented around the preliminary findings of the Periodic Reporting process, namely the 5 major regional factors affecting natural and cultural heritage, and the 5 top training priorities identified. Regional Factors 1) Invasive and alien species 2) Climate change and severe weather events 3) Service infrastructure 4) Loss of social and cultural uses of heritage 5) Transport infrastructure Training Priorities 1) Conservation action 2) Education 3) Risk preparedness 4) Visitor management 5) Community outreach	4, 5, 6, 7		2	1				ALL		2012 - 2015		
19. Develop transboundary nominations.	3	2	1					ALL		2012 - 2015		

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COOK ISLANDS	Submit Tentative List 1)Complete inventory of national sites 2)National workshop (5 days) inviting ICOMOS 3)Develop OUV statements 4)Draw up List and submit	3,4	1					Ministry of Culture	World Heritage Fund			2010	
	Establish a World Heritage web page 1)Establish a World Heritage web page on the Ministry of Culture website 2)Simplify World Heritage Convention and translate to Cook Islands Masi	1,2,8				1		Ministry of Culture	Ministry of Culture			2010	
	Undertake a public awareness program on World Heritage	2				1	2						
	Train staff on the Focal ministry in the World Heritage process 1)Investigate the development of an exchange programme for information/knowledge including through staff exchanges in NZ (Tongario) and AUS (Kakadu) with Cook Islands heritage managers (3-6 months) 2-4 people. 2)Investigate mentoring programmes using NZ and AUS heritage managers on a 2 weeks attachment to the Cook Islands.	3,4,5			1			Ministry of Culture	New Zealand, Australia, World Heritage Fund			2011-2013	
	Prepare a nomination for a trans-boundary cultural site	3,4	1					Ministry of Culture				2015	

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FEDERATE STATES of MICRONESIA	Prepare and submit a nomination dossier (technical expertise / resources)	3	1										
	Undertake a comparative analysis to establish the OUV of Nan Madol and Lelu Ruins	3	1										Preparation of documents to put Nan Madol on the Tentative List is ongoing by FSM HPO in cooperation with international experts.
	Develop management plans for Nan Madol and Lelu Ruins	4		1									Mission of Japan Consortium visited Nan Madol site in February 2011 in order to prepare an assessment survey. Information material on Nan Madol for awareness raising and promotion of the site is being finalised by Japan Consortium and FSM. A mission of the Director of UNESCO Apia Office carried out in 2011 resulted in UNESCO financial assistance to FSM for archaeological research and emergency intervention at Nan Madol site, which will provide necessary information for the development of management plan.
	Workshop/training on preparing nomination and development of management plan		1	1	1	1	1	Samoa, UNESCO Apia, World Heritage Centre	World Heritage Fund			2010	Community consultation workshop is planned for 2 nd half of 2011 with assistance from new UNESCO/Japanese Funds-in-Trust.

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FIJI	Preparing and submitting nomination for Levuka by 2010 1) Finalise the nomination dossier for Levuka 2) Review and comment on draft management plan 3) Complete legal statute framework for natural World Heritage policy	3	1					Department of Culture and Heritage/Australia, New Zealand, consultants	World Heritage Fund, Fiji Government			2010	Nomination file submitted to UNESCO in 2011
	Preparing and submitting nomination for 2 nd site 1) Review Tentative List for natural and cultural site by examining sites from cultural mapping and protected area committee inventories 2) National workshop - NGO's, Chiefs, Government 3) Provincial workshop X 3 Confederances 4) Government – sustainable development committee 5) National youth workshop	4	1		2			Department of Culture and Heritage/	World Heritage Fund, Fiji Government			2010	
	Seek technical advice on development of a legislative framework for National World Heritage policy	4,9										2009	
FRENCH POLYNESIA (FRANCE)	Site management workshop – managing sites with the local communities – exchanges of experiences.	1 2 4 5 6 7 8		2	1		2	Ministry of Heritage + Environment + New Caledonia	Co-funding			2010 – 2011	
	Survey of the cultural and natural sites of the Marqueses Islands	1,3	1			2	2	Ministry of Heritage + Environment	Co-funding			2010 – 2011	
	Implementing a preliminary consultation process with all the concerned peoples for the inscription on the World Heritage List of two Polynesian heritage sites: Taputapuatea/ Te Pô, Opoa Valley and Marqueses Islands	2, 6, 7			2	2	1						Workshop to be held in November 2011
	Polynesian heritage conference, World Heritage nomination in French Polynesia and the sharing of knowledge amongst islands, tangible and intangible elements	2,6 ,8	1				1	Ministry of Heritage	Co-funding			2010 - 2011	
	Structure regional Web on the links (local and Pacific-wide) of Marae Taputapua Tea	1,3 ,8	1				2	Ministry of Heritage	Co-funding			2010 – 2011	
	Investigate the possibility of holding a Pacific Heritage Workshop in a small island country (e.g. French Polynesia)	1, 11					1					2010	
HAWAII (USA)	Exchange indigenous technical expertise and monitoring program design among coral reef sites in the Pacific (New Caledonia, GBRMPA, PIPA, PMNM)	1,5 ,8, 10	1	1	1	1	1	NOAA, PIPA	Co-funding			2012	
	Seek partners to participate in World Sail (2012-2015) to continue voyaging traditions and connections among Pacific peoples and beyond	1,2					1	1	'Ohana Wa`a	Co-funding			2010-2013

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HAWAII (USA)	Hold in-country workshops to explore the potential advantages and disadvantages of seeking additional WH designations in Hawaii	2,3	1			1	1	National Park Service, NOAA	Co-funding			TBD	
	Facilitate networks and gatherings among indigenous experts involved in on-site cultural use planning and restoration of sites	1,2,4,5,8	1	1	1	1	1	Cultural organizations	Co-funding			Initiate in 2011	
	Support transboundary site nomination for Taputapuatea, Te Moana Nui a Kiwa etc.	1,6		1			1					TBD	
	Assist with site restoration needs of other Pacific states (e.g. Raiatea) based on the work being done in Hawaii	1,4,5,6		1	1	1	1	Cultural organizations	Co-funding			TBD	
	Investigate the potential for a serial nomination with other Pacific Island states	1,2,6	1	1			1	National Park Service, NOAA				Ongoing	
	Share experiences and information between other oceanic country states between the cultural advisory group for Papahānaumokuākea (PMNM) and other like groups or organizations.	1,2,4,5	1	1	1	1		NOAA	Co-funding			Ongoing	Initiate with Marquesas in 2010
	Implement actions under the recent sister-site agreement between Papahānaumokuākea (PMNM) and Phoenix Islands (PIPA) MPAs to enhance heritage protection	1,6,8,10	1	1	1	1		NOAA	NOAA, PIPA, CI, NEAQ		Hawaii, Kiribati	Initiated in 2009	Identified 2010 priorities; seeking funding
	Conduct comparative research and on-site investigations of similar cultural sites (Hawaii, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Tonga, Cook Islands, Samoa etc.)	1,8	1	1			1	University of Hawaii, NOAA, other Pacific states	Co-funding		TBD	Initiate in 2010	
	Initiate partnerships for climate change research and monitoring and their impacts to heritage	1	1	1	1	1		NOAA, PIPA	Co-funding			2011	

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KIRIBATI	Develop, with technical assistance, an EIA and permit system for tourism operations in Natural and Cultural heritage sites.	3		1				Australia					
	Facilitate the management of World Heritage sites through exchanges, work experience opportunities etc.	4, 7		1	2								PIPA added to the World Heritage List in 2010.
	With technical assistance identify and assess cultural values in Kiribati and the process for nominating cultural properties	5	1										Cultural Mapping ongoing since 2005.
	Establish Tentative List.												In Progress Eg. Te Abakana (a cultural civil war site dated back to the 1660.
	Safeguard intangible cultural heritage												Ratification in processing
Nauru	Strengthen heritage preservation with priority on Intangible Cultural Heritage – inventory-making, ratification of the ICH Convention and nomination.												ICH Safeguarding Workshop held in 2011.

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NIUE	Financial assistance for Tentative List preparatory ground work	3,5	1					Department of Community Affairs	World Heritage Fund, GEF, UNDP, National Budget			2015	
	Capacity building through a visit by four national heritage committee members to undertake an observation tour to see sites in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands	4,6			1			Department of Community Affairs	World Heritage Fund, GEF, UNDP, National Budget			2013	Ongoing
	Legislation to cover tangible/intangible cultural and natural heritage, plus policies and guidelines	9	1	1				Department of Community Affairs	World Heritage Fund, GEF, UNDP, National Budget			2014	Ongoing
	Local workshops to increase awareness of heritage matters	2				1	1	Department of Community Affairs	World Heritage Fund, GEF, UNDP, National Budget			2015	Ongoing
	Youth group familiarization tour to Tongariro heritage park in New Zealand	2, 4				1		Department of Community Affairs	World Heritage Fund, GEF, UNDP, National Budget			2012	

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PALAU	Seek assistance (technical/financial) for preparation of the Rock Islands nominations by September 2009	3	1								Sep-09	IUCN/ICOMOS mission planned for Sep 2011.	
	Submission of the transboundary Yapese Stone Money nomination.	3	1								Feb-09	Nomination file was considered by the Committee in June 2011 but was deferred. To be re-submitted by target January 2012.	
	Implementation of Yapese Stone Money management plan	4		1									
	Meetings of Palau National Commission for UNESCO with state resource management agencies and community members about World Heritage process	6			1		1						
	Review the tentative list and identify priority sites	3	1										Plan to seek assistance to nominate Imeong Cultural Village and Aimeliik Terraces

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Establish on-going professional skills training in heritage management & conservation planning through regional programmes	2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10			1			PEZ, Papua New Guinea, National Commission, NCC	WH Fund, WTMA, DEWHA, DEC (PNG)		WTMAKakadu NP	2010 – 2012	Planned Participation in Periodic Reporting Training Workshop (Cairns, 2011) by DESWPaC and Wet Tropics Management Authority in Australia.	
	Request WHC for Preparatory Assistance for nomination dossiers of sites on the Tentative List	3,9	1	1			1	PNG, National Commission, NCC	WH Fund, PNG National Commission, NCC, DEWHA, DEC		PNG, Port Moresby	2010 - 2012	Planned	
	Develop Institutional Arrangements for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention including establishment of PNG National World Heritage Committee for national Government endorsement and approval	4,6,9,10	1						DEC, NCC, National Commission, UPNG, TPA, NM & AG	National stakeholders – AEC, NCC, National Commission		PNG, Port Moresby/D EC	2010	Planned Establishment of PNG National (World) Heritage Committee to be formalised and names of members to be published in official gazette. Planned
	Resource PNG National World Heritage Committee and Secretariat for effective and better communication and implementation of heritage programmes with regional & international partners for sharing of information & data	1,2,6,8			1	1			DEC	DEWHA, DEC		DEC – PNG	2010	Establishment of the Secretariat for the National (World) Heritage Committee within DEC.

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Republic of Marshall Islands	Enhancing local communities' awareness of the benefits of preserving their cultural and natural heritage	2			2		1	HPO				2010/2011	The inscription of Bikini World Heritage site in 2010 contributed to discussions between Pacific Islands nations about World Heritage sites and the nomination /inscription process at Micronesia Endowment for Historic Preservation Meeting (July, RMI, 2011).
	Increasing in-country capacity at all levels in a way that takes into account and recognises traditional knowledge and conservation practices for land, air and sea.	4			2		1	NPO				2010/2011	RMI has engaged Bikinian elders and youth in the Management Committee and generated discussion about perceived and real benefits from Bikini's status as a WH site. The Management Committee is largely comprised of members of the Bikinian community. RMI HPO hosted ICH Safeguarding Workshop and gathered 30 representatives from outer atolls, traditional experts and artists and community leaders to discuss and strategize preservation and protecting of traditional knowledge.
	Developing in-country heritage expertise	5		2	1			HPO				2010/2011	RMI sent RMI Bikini Local Government to training on World Heritage Convention and HPO staff to UNITAR training. RMI continues to send staff from Bikini Atoll local government and RMI HPO to trainings offering skills and knowledge in cultural resource management.
	Building partnerships between communities, heritage agencies, regional organisations, educational institutions and non-governmental organisations in the region	6			2		1	HPO				2010/2011	RMI HPO has a strong relationship with HPO throughout the Pacific, as well as several international institutions and the U.S. National Park service. We also partner with local non-profit organisations, the local museum, to build capacity for all aspects of cultural heritage management.
	Assisting communities to develop and implement environmentally sustainable economic growth through heritage-related enterprises	7		2	1			HPO				2010/2011	RMI HPO has requested assistance for a "feasibility study" to look at potentialities for sustainable tourism at Bikini Atoll local government.
	Implementation of the Management Plan of Bikini Atoll Nuclear Tests site, World Heritage Site in RMI 1. Soliciting international professional interest in an underwater survey of Bikini Atoll, the Unexploded Ordinance, oil and an archaeological inventory 2. Terrestrial survey of Bikini Atoll for land resources, historic structures, etc. 3. Soliciting funding to archive the material culture from the site, including documents, photographs and relevant documentation from the testing. 4. Web site, which would provide visitor access to the remote site. 5. Continued education/involvement of Bikinians in Bikini Atoll WHS, trips featuring elders and youth to the atoll.			2	1			HPO				2011-2015	

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SAMOA	Undertake a comparative analysis of natural values for the two tentative list sites to establish OUV	3,5	1										
	Hold an in-country workshop on preparation of the nomination dossier	3	2		1								
	Hold an in-country workshop on preparation of a management plan	4		2	1							Completed in 2011	
	Develop WH awareness materials for schools and communities	5				1	2						

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SOLOMON ISLANDS	Completion of periodic report on the conservation state of East Rennell World Heritage site, and Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Values	1,2, 3,9	1	1	1		1	National commission	National and DEWHA			2010	Completed.
	Compile a comprehensive cultural site Database	2,3, 4,5, 8,9	1	1	1	1	1	Ministry of Culture and Tourism	National and World Heritage Fund			2014	
	Establish national and provincial legislation for protection of cultural and natural heritage, including policy frameworks, processes and regulations	9		1				MCT, MECM, RenBel Prov	National, WWF, POWPA, DEWHA			2013	National Cultural Policy under preparation which includes a thematic area for the development of legislations that addresses cultural heritage issues.
	World Heritage & Protected Area Governance strengthening at tri levels (National, Provincial, East Rennell community)			2	1		2	Nat. Com.MCT, MECM, RenBel Prov, East Rennell	DEWHA			2013	Improved national institutional network and support in terms of finances by the national government, technical skilled human resources, and research and inventory. Need to have buffer zone in the western part of the property. Need to have the proposed Provincial Ordinance that aims at regulating the management of the property be in place. Threat from logging on the west side of the property is evident that might have adversely affect on some values of the property. Management of property by government agents to be on site rather than from Honiara. To ensure that the Stop Notice dated 8rd August 2011 given by MECDM is uphold by the logging company. To revisit the existing Management Plan and submit it to cabinet for endorsement. To further strengthen the existing mechanisms that are either not working or not doing enough to contribute to the management of the site.
	Promotion of heritage through national, provincial and local tourism & marketing plans	7					1	Nat. Com, MCT, MECM, RenBel Prov, East Rennell	DEWHA			2013	



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TONGA	Build a strategic plan for culture and national cultural policy	2,4,6,7,8		1				Ministry of Education and Culture, Tonga Tradition, SPC	Local and World Heritage Fund			2011	Ongoing
	Develop management plans for heritage sites	2,6,7,9		1	1	1	1	Ministry of Education and Culture, Tonga Tradition committee, Communities				2012	Ongoing
	Establish a national register of sites and surveys	1,2,6,7		1	1	1	1	Ministry of Education and Culture, Tonga Tradition				2013	Ongoing
	Seek technical and financial assistance for the development of a nomination of cultural sites	3	1					Australia				2010	Ongoing
	Seek technical and financial assistance for the development of a protective mechanism for the whale sanctuary	4		1									Ongoing
TUVALU	Create World Heritage awareness and educational materials for communities	2				2	1						
	Hold a training workshop in World Heritage for government agencies involved in cultural and natural heritage	5			1								
	Prepare a nomination for a site on the tentative list	3	1										
VANUATU	Strengthen capacity of State Party to implement the World Heritage Convention	2			1								
	Develop a National Heritage Action Plan (technical assistance)	4		1									
	Heritage and tourism training for World Heritage site managers	7			1								
	Assistance for the development of the Roi Mata Cultural Tour to improve income generation	7		2			1		Australia			2010	