



Seventeenth meeting of the Noumea Convention

Seventeenth ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)

Apia, Samoa
31 August 2023

Agenda Item 5: Country Reports on the implementation of obligations under the Noumea Convention

Purpose of paper:

1. To provide the opportunity for Parties to report on the national implementation of their obligations under the Noumea Convention for the reporting period of July 2021 to June 2023.

Background:

2. Country reports on national implementation of obligations by Parties to the Noumea Convention became standard agenda items at the Fourth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention in 1998.
3. At the Fourth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention, the Parties endorsed the Secretariat's simplified guidelines for National Reports. The Parties agreed the Reports are to be lodged biennially and deposited with the Secretariat no less than three months prior to the Ordinary Meeting of the Parties. The format for the National Report can be downloaded from nationalreportforSPREPConvention_1.docx (live.com)
4. At the time of drafting, no reports had been received for the relevant period. Parties are encouraged to deposit their reports with the Secretariat prior to the Meeting.

Recommendation:

5. The Parties are invited to:
 - 1) **Table** their respective reports on the national implementation of their obligations under the Convention for the reporting period July 2021 to June 2023.