

The Pacific Regional Centre for  
Training and Technology Transfer for the  
Joint Implementation of the  
Basel and Waigani Conventions

**Business Plan 2024-2025**



**BASEL CONVENTION**



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## Executive Summary

This Business Plan prepared for the period 2024-2025 aims to continue supporting Pacific Parties implement the Basel and Waigani Conventions. Driven by the ultimate goal of a Pacific region in which human health and the environment are no longer threatened by toxic chemicals and the vision of the Centre as “the Pacific’s leading institution for strengthening and building capacity in integrated hazardous waste and substances management”, the activities and projects contained in this Plan uphold the lines of the previous Business Plan and build on the experience acquired in meeting these goal and vision.

The plan is formulated based on priority issues identified by the Pacific countries in previous regional meetings and contemplating the need to conceptualize the projects, programmes and activities of an integrated hazardous waste and substances management scenario, paying attention to the life cycle of substances and products, hence, its execution is expected to contribute to facilitation of the implementation of the Basel, Waigani, Rotterdam, Stockholm and the recently adopted Minamata Conventions as an integrated activity.

The Regional Centre sees itself as a strategic actor, facilitating the processes of regional and national capacity building and strengthening through training of the key national and regional actors in environmentally sound hazardous waste and substances management, as well as the preparation and dissemination of specialized information. The execution of regional and national projects is thought to be a basic strategy for the transference of technology and successful experiences.

It is in this sense that for this period we have identified the following strategic lines of action:

1. Actively seeking support from Parties and development partners to boost its staff strength to ensure it meets its objectives as a regional Centre.
2. Continue to expand its network and engagements with governments of the Pacific, regional organizations, academia and other international partners.
3. Give its presence and role more visibility by having a more prominent position on the SPREP website with links to the Waigani and Basel Conventions.
4. Pursue and build relationships with the private sector and civil society in the region to create opportunities for their involvement in the hazardous waste sector
5. Strengthen its membership in fora such as the technical working groups of the BRS and Minamata conventions.
6. Strengthen its relationships with donors to continue accessing resources to help its members.

The budget for 2022-2023 consists of USD\$3,180,000, corresponding to the activities and projects whose execution during the term is considered possible.

## 1.0 Information on the Centre

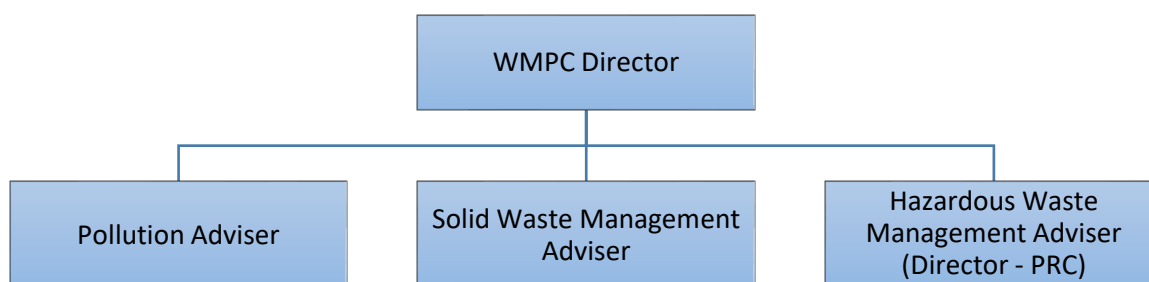
### 1.1 Vision

To be the Pacific's leading institution for strengthening and building capacity in integrated hazardous wastes and substances management.

### 1.2 Background

The Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (PRC) was established on 18 December 2003 under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). The decision (Decision VI/8) to establish the PRC within SPREP was made by the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Basel Convention. This decision was in line with Article 14 of the Basel Convention which calls for the establishment of regional centers for training and technology transfers regarding the management of hazardous and other wastes and the minimization of their generation.

At present, the PRC is embedded into the Hazardous Waste Management unit of SPREP's Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme (WMPC). The Center's Director is the Hazardous Waste Management Adviser of WMPC. The organizational chart of WMPC below shows how the PRC fits in the SPREP's structure.



The core functions of the Centre as outlined in the above MoU are:

1. Training

Developing and implementing training programmes in hazardous waste management

2. Technology transfer

Identifying, developing, and strengthening mechanisms for the transfer of technology in the field of hazardous waste management.

3. Information

Receiving, gathering, assessing, compiling, and exchanging information on hazardous waste to Parties.

#### 4. Consulting

Aiding and advice to Parties and non-Parties on environmentally sound management of hazardous waste

#### 5. Awareness raising

Promoting the work of the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the Pacific and encouraging all countries to sign up to both conventions.

The Centre extends its cooperation to other secretariats of relevant multilateral environmental agreements (MEA) that make up the Waste and Chemicals cluster of MEAs, including the Stockholm, Rotterdam, Minamata, SAICM and IMO Conventions.

The Centre currently serves the following countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu (See Annex 1 on Status of Ratification to the Basel and Waigani Convention).

### **1.3 Governance**

The Centre is governed through the COP and a revolving Steering Committee that is appointed by the COP. This governance arrangement ensures that Pacific Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions have direct control over the operations of the Centre. As such, the Centre is operated under the joint authority of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the Pacific region.

Relevant decisions taken at the Basel and Waigani Convention COPs are translated into a Business Plan by the Director of the Centre and submitted to the Steering Committee for endorsement and execution by the Centre. The Steering Committee advises on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work from countries served by the Centre. The overall monitoring of the Center's activities against the Business Plan is the responsibility of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is composed of five (5) members nominated by the countries to be served by the Centre through a process of consultation, for a period of two (2) years with the members being experts of recognized standing and with experience in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes. The representative of SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre will participate in the meetings of the Committee ex officio. The Chairperson, in consultation with SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre, convene the ordinary meetings of the Committee at least every two years. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Chairperson, when required, in consultation with SBC and SPREP.

The current members of the Steering Committee are: New Zealand (Chair), Australia (vice Chair) Vanuatu (representing the Melanesian sub-region), Federated States of Micronesia (representing the Micronesian sub-region), and Samoa (representing the Polynesian sub-region).

#### **1.4 Staffing**

The overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Centre rests with its Director. The Director of the Centre is appointed by agreement between the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC) and the Director General of SPREP. At present, the Director of the Centre is SPREP's Hazardous Waste Management Adviser. Core staff from WMPC and other SPREP Programmes dedicate part of their time attending to the Centre's activities which assists SPREP perform its role as the Secretariat of the Waigani Conventions. The staffing of the regional Centre is governed by the SPREP staff regulations while the activities of the Centre are carried out under the general guidance and supervision of the SBC and SPREP.

#### **1.5 Funding**

The Centre does not receive direct funding per se. The funding of activities related to the role of the Centre as the Secretariat to the Waigani Convention is primarily through the subscription fees of Parties to the convention. These funds are restricted to the Core Budget as decided by the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2002. The Core Budget consists of expenses relating to the Meetings of the Conference of the Parties, meetings of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and technical support to Parties.

Projects undertaken by the Centre through the WMPC Programme are funded by various donor countries and organizations.

The Director of the Centre is funded by the Australian government through donor support to the core programmes of SPREP. Other core staff of WMPC who assist the Director of the Centre from time to time are funded by the New Zealand and Australian governments.

#### **1.6 Contact information**

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## **2.0 The Centre and the Basel and Waigani Convention**

### **2.1 Performance of the core functions**

The PRC works in cooperation with Parties in the region to effect the core functions of the Basel Convention Regional Centres established in decision VI/3 of the Conference of the Parties.

As a regional centre of the Basel Convention, the Centre has been invited to attend the annual Regional Centres Director's meetings. This meeting serves as a very important forum for the exchange of information on policy and technological issues surrounding hazardous waste and chemicals. As these meetings are attended by other regional centres and staff of the BRS Secretariat, this is also a great opportunity for networking so the Centre can utilize these connections to its advantage when executing its programmes.

The Centre also has served as a facilitator for technology transfer within the region, specifically through the preparation of technical guidelines and regional Action Plans for waste management streams such as asbestos, healthcare waste and e-waste.

Training on the Basel and Waigani Conventions is another core function of the centre that is delivered on a periodic basis and upon requests made by countries. Training focuses on the Prior Inform Consent procedure, institutional and regulatory frameworks, national reporting, role of Customs and law enforcement agencies and illegal trafficking of hazardous wastes.

### **2.2 Opportunities for improvement**

A review of the PRC undertaken in 2021 revealed several issues affecting its performance. The review found that the Centre's role in hazardous waste management in the Pacific could be strengthened. The significance of the Centre as an institution is often overshadowed by SPREPs WMPC Programme and this could be improved by a reorganization of the PRC. The review also called for a reinvigoration of the 5-member steering committee so they can support the Centre in achieving its objectives.

Despite the above setbacks, the Centre continues to attract funding and technical assistance for SPREP to support improved hazardous waste management in the Pacific region.



### **2.2.1 Staffing**

The Centre continues to struggle to serve Parties in the region effectively due to limited personnel. The core functions of the Centre are performed by the Director who is SPREP's Hazardous Waste Management Adviser. A dedicated staff member will greatly improve the effectiveness of the Centre in servicing its members.

### **2.2.2 Visibility**

The existence and the work of the Centre is unknown by many key stakeholders in governments and industry across the Pacific. There is a need for the Centre to be promoted through the SPREP website and various platforms such as the Clean Pacific Roundtable and the Cleaner Pacific 2025. Given the Centre's limited resources, visibility could be attained by greater promotion of the Waigani Convention and its support services. The current link to the Waigani Convention on SPREP's website could be improved to provide more resource materials for Parties.

### **2.2.3 Sustainable financing and resourcing**

The Centre does not at present receive direct funding support, so a mechanism needs to be developed to co-finance the activities of the Centre. Opportunities for funding through mechanism under the Waigani and Basel Conventions will be explored as well as projects and requests to donor governments.

## **2.3 Cooperation with the Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions**

The Waigani, Basel, Minamata, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions are key international agreements that regulate the use and trans-boundary movement of hazardous chemicals and wastes in the Pacific. Countries signed to these conventions have undertaken to manage or track the importation and movement of hazardous chemicals and wastes in the region to ensure that they are disposed in an environmentally sound manner. However, country officials are often untrained in these procedures, which place the Pacific region at risk. To improve this situation, SPREP has established working relationships with the Secretariats of all these global conventions and have undertaken a number of activities in the region. SPREP is currently executing agency for Minamata Initial Assessment projects in seven (7) Pacific island countries. SPREP is also executing agency for the review and update of National Implementation Plans under the Basel Convention in five (5) countries of the region.

The centre is recognized by the BRS and Minamata Conventions so is regularly invited to the BRS and Minamata COPs.

### **3.0 Regional Needs Assessment**

Waste and pollution have significant impacts on the region's environment, as well as on public health, drinking water quality, fisheries, agriculture, and tourism and on the quality of life in general. Poor waste management and pollution are also major threats to sustainable development in Pacific Island Countries and Territories. Improving the region's skills base and technical capacity and increasing awareness of waste management and pollution control issues are central to the Centre's and SPREP's role.

While most Pacific island countries have made significant steps towards protecting the environment, much remains to be done. There are also a few legacy issues from the past that need to be addressed including the buildup of stockpiles of obsolete chemicals and hazardous waste around the region.

In recent times, a significant amount of work in waste management has been undertaken in the region. All this work is driven by the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025) which was reviewed by SPREP in 2020. All SPREP member countries have developed national waste management strategies that are aligned to Cleaner Pacific 2025. Meanwhile, the work on pollution prevention in the marine environment is guided by the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter 2018-2025. Previously developed regional management plans on asbestos, E-waste, and healthcare waste will be updated under upcoming projects.

The Cleaner Pacific 2025 and all other regional waste management plans stem from the chemicals and waste cluster of multilateral environmental agreements in particular the Basel and Waigani Conventions. There is a strong link between the Basel and Waigani Convention, a fact mirrored in the establishment of the Centre. Generally, the Waigani Convention duplicates the Basel Convention in the Pacific region.

#### **3.1 Barriers to effective management of chemicals and hazardous wastes**

Baseline assessments undertaken in framing the Cleaner Pacific 2025 and several hazardous waste management projects of the past and present highlighted barriers and priorities of issues that were pertinent to the management of hazardous wastes in the Pacific. These include:

- Lack of knowledge of chemicals and hazardous wastes issues
- Lack of targeted and user-friendly information on chemicals and hazardous wastes issues
- Lack of adequately trained personnel and the need for much more institutional strengthening
- Lack of in country trainers
- Lack of coverage of new emerging issues in existing educational curricula
- Poor systems in countries for chemical handling, storage and use, and information management

- Lack of guidelines and manuals to deal with specific waste streams generated in the Pacific region
- Lack of data on fate and transportation of chemicals and hazardous wastes in the region
- Lack of appropriate legislation in some countries
- Lack of knowledge on alternatives to certain toxic chemicals
- Lack of established control systems for managing chemicals and hazardous wastes including import information
- An absence of appropriate disposal facilities and is expensive to move them to another country for disposal purposes
- PICs still learning about the requirements of regional and international MEAs such as Waigani, Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and the procedures therein

By supporting Pacific Parties in implementing the Basel and Waigani Conventions, the Centre is helping them overcome the above barriers. The Centre works with various donors through projects to strengthen capacity deficits in regulatory and policy frameworks, training of policy makers and operators and the setting up of hazardous waste management systems. The Centre is also vocal in advocating for the environmentally sound management of hazardous waste to high level officials in order to raise the profile of the sector in the respective countries' development agenda.

### **3.2 Priority needs and issues for chemical and hazardous waste management**

The above list of barriers to improved implementation of chemical and hazardous waste management can be prioritized to the key areas below:

- Improved legal and policy frameworks
- Appropriate chemicals and hazardous waste management systems
- Relevant training of government officials and technical officers
- Development and dissemination of technical guidelines on specific hazardous waste streams generated in the Pacific region
- Political support and adequate funding
- Promotion of economies that support cleaner production and circular economies to reduce uses of hazardous and toxic chemicals

The above priorities will require significant resources for the Centre to support Parties in addressing them. Hazardous waste and chemicals have only received heightened government attention in recent years so many countries are only beginning to put in place Action Plans to address many of these

barriers and issues. The countries have also recognized the benefits of taking a synergistic approach to chemical and hazardous waste management by integrating the relevant MEAs and frameworks such as Waigani, BRS and Minamata Conventions.

#### **4.0 Proposed activities**

The Pacific Regional Centre Business Plan for 2024-2025 will continue progressing activities outlined in the last business plan with a focus on implementing the recommendations of the 2021 review of the Waigani Convention . This includes work on:

1. Strengthening the capacity of the Centre
2. Enhancing the effectiveness of the Waigani Convention, STAC and SCPRC
3. Improved services to Members in implementing the Waigani and Basel Conventions

This Business Plan will revisit decisions made by past COPs to improve branding the of the Waigani Convention and the Centre and promote its work so SPREP Members who are yet to ratify the Waigani and Basel Conventions are encouraged to do so.

#### **4.1 Strengthening the capacity of the Centre**

The Centre is now well established in the region and will continue to play a prominent role in the safe and sound management of hazardous wastes. The increased funding received for various hazardous waste programmes initiatives in the last 3 years means, the Centre needs to strengthen its capacity. It will do this by:

7. Actively seeking support from Parties and development partners to boost its staff strength to ensure it meets its objectives as a regional Centre.
8. Continue to expand its network and engagements with governments of the Pacific, regional organizations, academia and other international partners.
9. Give its presence and role more visibility by having a more prominent position on the SPREP website with links to the Waigani and Basel Conventions.
10. Pursue and build relationships with the private sector and civil society in the region to create opportunities for their involvement in the hazardous waste sector
11. Strengthen its membership in fora such as the technical working groups of the BRS and Minamata conventions.
12. Strengthen its relationships with donors to continue accessing resources to help its members.

As the region grows, its amount of hazardous waste will also increase thus the need for the Centre to be always seeking ways to continuously improve its service to members.

## **4.2 Activities for the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions**

### **4.2.1 COP, Pre and Post COP support to Parties**

The Centre has received funding support from the EU to improve the participation of members at Meetings of the Conference of the Parties for the BRS and Waigani Conventions. It will conduct Negotiation training to enable members to achieve better outcomes at COPs and other subsidiary meetings of the conventions. The Centre will continue to prepare members for their active and effective participation at COPs by hosting Pre-COP meetings.

The Centre will also assist Parties implement decisions from COPs such as the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments.

Apart from assistance with the Basel and Waigani Conventions, the Centre may offer support to Parties requiring its assistance in the upcoming negotiations on a possible global plastics agreement, where the discussions intersect with the Basel and Waigani Conventions.

### **4.2.2 Technical Assistance**

The past biennium has seen a slight increase in request for technical assistance from members so the Centre will continue to avail itself to them accordingly. It will continue to share information and provide advice to reduce instances of illegal movements and dumping in the region. The Centre will also clamp down on illegal dumping by training relevant Customs Officers and Port Officials.

### **4.2.3 National Development Plans**

Countries in the Pacific continue to escalate hazardous waste up their order of national priorities and need assistance in incorporating these into government policies and plans. The Centre will continue to support the development of hazardous waste management strategies for members to help them deal with their unique challenges.

### **4.2.4 Environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes**

Table 1 on page 16 shows projects that are earmarked to assist Members address various aspects of hazardous waste management in the next two years. These projects are funded through donors and will be executed by SPREP's Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme.

## **4.3 Synergies activities**

### **Fundraising**

The Centre will continue to seek funding opportunities to support its members in implementing the conventions. Potential funding opportunities include the governments of the Metropolitan Members of SPREP and annual funding rounds under the various conventions special programmes.

## **5.0 Financial information**

### **5.1 Main sources of funding**

Waigani Convention activities under the Core Budget are funded by annual subscription fees of Parties to the Waigani Convention as decided in the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Other activities designated under the Programmatic Budget are funded from various donors. From 2024-2025 confirmed sources of funding for projects include the European Union, Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD), Global Environment Facility and UNEP.

The Centre's Director is funded by SPREP from its core funding.

### **5.2 Key partners and stakeholders**

The Centre relies heavily on the support and collaboration of its partners and stakeholders. These include:

- 1 UNEP
- 2 BRS Secretariat
- 3 Minamata Convention Secretariat
- 4 FAO
- 5 GEF
- 6 EU
- 7 AFD
- 8 Parties in the region
- 9 University of South Pacific
- 10 Newcastle University

### **5.3 Proposed budget for activities**

The Centre's estimate budget for the year 2024-2025 is **USD2,475,000**. The budget is made up of **USD83,000** Core Budget and **USD2,392,000** Programmatic Budget

## **6.0 Annexes**

**Table 1: Proposed budget 2024-2025**

Focus Area	Activities	Responsibility	Timeframe	Budget (\$)	Source
<b>Core budget</b>					
<b>Thirteenth Conference of the Parties (COP-13)</b>					
Active engagement of Parties in decision making	Technical support and logistics for convening of COP-13	PRC	2025	30,000	Waigani Convention
<b>Tenth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-10)</b>					
Follow up and inter-sessional work	Convening of STAC meetings to implement COP outcomes and review recommendations	PRC	2024-2025	50,000	Waigani Convention
<b>Nineth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre (SCPRC-9)</b>					
Effective operation of the PRC	Convening of SCPRC-9	PRC	2025	3,000	Waigani Convention
				<b>Total</b>	<b>83,000</b>
<b>Programmatic budget</b>					
<b>Training and technology transfer</b>					
Capacity building training for Customs, Environment and Port officials	Logistics for training including airfares, DSA, venue hire, trainers, and training materials.	PRC	2024-2025	30,000	EU
<b>Communication and visibility</b>					
Branding and promotion of Waigani Convention	Development of a logo for Waigani Convention and the PRC	PRC	2024	5,000	EU
	Printing of banners and promotional items	PRC	2024	5,000	EU
	Revamping of the Waigani Convention website	PRC	2024	10,000	EU
Improved reporting to Parties	Drafting of annual report and dissemination to Parties	PRC	2024-2025	5,000	EU
<b>Institutional and legal frameworks</b>					

Establishment of enabling frameworks to domesticate obligations to Basel and Waigani Conventions	Develop and enact national legislation to implement the Basel and Waigani Conventions	PRC	2024-2025	40,000	EU
National hazardous waste management strategies	Development of national hazardous waste management strategies	SPREP	2024-2025	400,000	GEF
<b>Conference of the Parties</b>					
Pre and Post COP support	Convene Pre-COPs meetings to prepare Pacific Parties to BRS, Waigani and Minamata Conventions COPs	PRC/STAC/SPREP	2024-2025	40,000	EU
	Convene Post-COPs meetings for Pacific Parties to BRS, Waigani and Minamata to support follow up actions and implementation of COP outcomes.	PRC/STAC/SPREP	2024-2025	40,000	EU
<b>Environmentally sound management of hazardous waste</b>					
On the ground activities to support the management of hazardous wastes	Implementation of various activities for asbestos management	SPREP	2024-2025	350,000	EU/GEF
	Implementation of various activities for E-waste management	SPREP	2024-2025	450,000	EU/GEF
	Implementation of various activities for used oil management	SPREP	2024-2025	350,000	AFD/GEF
	Implementation of various activities for healthcare waste management	SPREP	2024-2025	350,000	EU/GEF
	Implementation of various activities for mercury management	SPREP	2024-2025	350,000	GEF
	Collection and disposal of POPs	SPREP	2024-2025	800,000	GEF
<b>Total</b>				<b>2,392,000</b>	
<b>Total 2024-2025 Budget (Core+Programmatic)</b>				<b>2,475,000</b>	





## Annex 1: Status of Ratification/Accession to the Waigani Convention

<b>Done at Waigani, Papua New Guinea</b>	16 September 1995
<b>Entered into Force</b>	21 October 2001
<b>Status</b>	27 March 2015
<b>Depositary</b>	Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat [PIFS]
<b>Secretariat</b>	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme [SPREP]

Party	Signed		Ratified		In Force	
Australia	16 September	1995	17 August	1998	21 October	2001
Cook Islands	17 September	1995	30 October	2000	21 October	2001
Micronesia, Fed. States	17 September	1995	26 January	1996	21 October	2001
Fiji	16 September	1995	18 April	1996	21 October	2001
Kiribati	16 September	1995	28 June	2001	21 October	2001
France	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Is, Rep	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nauru	16 September	1995	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	16 September	1995	30 November	2000	21 October	2001
Niue	16 September	1995	22 July	2003	21 August	2003
Palau	16 September	1995	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	16 September	1995	11 December	1995	21 October	2001
Samoa	16 September	1995	23 May	2001	21 October	2001
Solomon Islands	16 September	1995	7 October	1998	21 October	2001
Tonga	16 September	1995	22 May	2003	21 June	2003
Tuvalu	-	-	21 September	2001	21 October	2001
USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	16 September	1995	18 January	2008	17 February	2008

## Annex 2: Status of Ratification/Accession to the Basel Convention

<b>Done at Basel, Switzerland</b>	22 March 1989
<b>Entered into Force</b>	5 May 1992
<b>Status</b>	27 March 2015
<b>Depositary</b>	Secretary General of the United Nations
<b>Secretariat</b>	United Nations Environment Programme [UNEP]

Party	Signed		Ratified		In Force	
Australia			5 <sup>th</sup> February	1992		
Cook Islands			29 <sup>th</sup> April	2004		
Micronesia, Fed. States			6 <sup>th</sup> September	1995		
Fiji	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kiribati			7 <sup>th</sup> September	2000		
France	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	1989	1 <sup>st</sup> July	1991		
Marshall Is, Rep			27 <sup>th</sup> January	2003		
Nauru			12 <sup>th</sup> November	2001		
New Zealand	18 <sup>th</sup> December	1989	20 <sup>th</sup> December	1994		
Niue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palau			8 <sup>th</sup> September	2011		
Papua New Guinea			1 <sup>st</sup> September	1995		
Samoa			22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2002		
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonga			26 <sup>th</sup> March	2010		
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	1990	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Annex 3: Competent Authorities and Focal Points to the Waigani Convention

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