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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
EU NATIONAL IWRM PLANNING PROGRAMME**

1. Introduction

The Pacific Integrated Water Resources Management Planning Programme, funded for four and a half years (2008 – 2012) by the European Union, is supporting 14 Pacific Island Countries (PIC's) to improve their water governance through using the IWRM Planning approach as a tool to provide direction and action to develop IWRM frameworks such as policies, plans, strategies and legislation, foster multi-stakeholder participation and empowerment, create understanding and management of information needs and strengthen water and sanitation apex bodies as a mechanism for national level coordination.

The Pacific IWRM Planning Programme is being implemented in conjunction with the GEF Funded Pacific IWRM Project from 2009 – 2013 in the same 14 Pacific Island Countries but focusing on demonstrating practical catchment based IWRM approaches through country demonstration projects on watershed management, wastewater management and sanitation, water resources assessment and protection, water use efficiency and water safety.

The two programmes are being implemented together for an overlapping period of 2009 – 2012, whereby the lessons learned from the demonstration projects will feed into the national IWRM Planning processes and vice versa. The EU IWRM Planning Programme will help to strengthen existing policy and planning and assist countries to develop national IWRM plans, supported by the GEF project focusing on demonstrable sustainable water management to reduce environmental stress and improve water use efficiency.

The combined programme delivered through a model of mutual aid and assistance includes both the EU Funded IWRM Planning Programme and GEF Funded IWRM.






<p>Component 1: GEF Funded Demonstration, Capture and Transfer of Best Practices in IWRM and Water Use Efficiency (14 National IWRM Demonstration projects – catchment level)</p>	
<p>Component 2: IWRM and WUE Regional Indicator Framework</p>	
<p>Component 3: Regional & National Capacity Building & Sustainability Programme for IWRM and WUE, Knowledge Exchange, Learning & Replication</p>	
<p>Component 4: EU IWRM National Planning Programme</p>	
<p>Project Coordination Unit (GEF Regional Project Coordinating Unit and EU IWRM Regional Planning Team)</p>	

Figure 1: Overview of the Overall Pacific IWRM Programme

2. Programme Activity Progress from July 2010 to June 2011

The last twelve months has seen marked progress in advancing the initiatives of the Planning Programme demonstrated at both the regional level as well as national (country) level.

In general, there has been an increase in the level of national engagement in the programme, and all components of the Planning programme saw significant developments in the last twelve months. Of special mention is the advancement of components 3, 4, and 5 of the logframe. This is reflected in the development of awareness and advocacy products and advancement of a number of IWRM governance mechanisms (policy, legislation, plan, multi stakeholder consultations etc.) through increased country support and Technical Assistance (TA).

Country progress to note includes the following:

- Finalisation and support to the approval of the National Sanitation Policy and Implementation Plan completed in Kiribati;
- Finalisation of the Water Allocation Policy and Implementation Plan of Samoa;
- Development of a National Water and Sanitation Policy Framework and Implementation Plan for the Republic of Nauru;
- Continued assistance to developing an IWRM Plan for Niue;
- An analysis and strengthening of the National Consultation Structures for Water and Sanitation in Vanuatu;
- Communications Strategies drafted for FSM, Palau and RMI;
- Reviewing the Water Policies in Fiji and supporting the redefining of a more coherent policy using existing literature;
- Supporting National Water Committees in Niue, FSM, Palau, RMI and Tonga;
- Further support of national consultations through the recruitment of Policy officers in the Cook Islands, Palau, FSM and RMI;
- Initiation and implementation of the North Pacific Initiative to assist FSM, Palau and RMI in their IWRM self analysis as well as their road map of response; and
- Initiation of work to strengthen regional engagement in water and sanitation issues.

Other specific country requests for TA have also been picked up in this reporting period and have been responded to via in-country missions or remotely. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Solomon Islands – development of programme of TA to undertake a Sector Review;
- Fiji – TA developed to assist the Nadi Basin Catchment Committee undertake an IWRM Governance Review (to be sent out shortly as an EOI);
- Tonga – TA to assist with the development of a Plan and Procedures for the Implementation of Proposed Water Legislation; and
- Tuvalu – TA to assist in the development of a National Water Policy in collaboration with Policy work undertaken by Disaster Risk Reduction and the PACC project

Regional efforts have included capacity building and knowledge dissemination. This has been made possible through the delivery of the accredited Post Graduate Certificate in IWRM by the International Water Centre (IWC), as well as the 3 regional meetings organised and supported for this purpose. Additionally a Community Capacity Building (CCB) consultant was recruited to review current literature, identify gaps and recommend next steps for implementation.

Knowledge Management has been the cornerstone for the development of the programme, and efforts have continued in collecting and compiling lessons learnt and best practice from the region. The collection will be made available for viewing on the Resource Centre to enable adequate dissemination of this product. The Resource Centre continues to be an important tool for the programme in terms of information dissemination to a global audience. Of particular note was the significant effort made in the development of print, audio and visual products to enhance our regional campaign to target politicians, media and community. The Programme's Communications Advisor has also worked on numerous country specific requests to script and develop documentaries and stories.

Our support to National Water Committees (NWC) and NWC Officers has increased with 4 new Officers being recruited in the Cook Islands, FSM, Palau and RMI respectively, while continuing support has been provided to the Niue and Tonga Policy officers. Support to other National Water Committee operations and consultations are ongoing, and these were enhanced in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, the Cook Islands, Nauru and Tonga by the placement of junior professionals to assist in the Committees' development of National Outlooks for Water, Sanitation and Climate.

Major achievements of the IWRM Planning Programme are summarised in table 1, below.

3. Key Project Activities for the period July 2010 to June 2011

Table 1: Summary of IWRM Planning Programme Major Achievements

No	Component	Major Achievements
1.	Regional IWRM Resource Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 news stories produced and uploaded (1 July, 3 August, 1 September, 2 November, 3 December) • 2 videos (“Modern Day Uab” and “Improved water management and sanitation key to Tuvalu’s long term viability”) uploaded to the website for wider dissemination across the region • Recruitment of 4 NWAB officers in Cook Islands, Palau, FSM and RMI • 6 Pacific Regional liaison events (Second Regional Steering Committee Meeting and the EU funded IWRM Planning, Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAG) 2nd Meeting, Micronesia Sub-Regional Planning Workshop for Implementation of the EU IWRM National Planning Programme, Micronesian Chief Executives Summit, 27th STAR and 39th SOPAC Annual Session and the Eco Health Forum). • Sub-regional initiative to benchmark status of water resources • Methodology developed to benchmark government support to IWRM (North Pacific Initiative process) • Sub Regional meeting with representatives from Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands to kick start the process • 3 Logframes strengthened to promote IWRM mainstreaming (Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands)
2.	National and Catchment IWRM Partnership Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 lessons learnt collected (between July – December 2010) from 10 Pacific Island countries (Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Nauru, Niue, Palau, RMI, Samoa, Solomon’s, Tonga, and Tuvalu) • Participant from the Caribbean region sponsored to participate in the Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Pacific IWRM Programme • 28 sets (of 4 posters) of posters designed and disseminated to 14 countries • Twinning arrangement supported between Samoa and Cook Islands.
3.	Political and Public Awareness raising of IWRM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 high level engagements (opening of the Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Pacific IWRM Programme, by the President of Palau, Presentation at the Micronesian Traditional Leaders meeting, Presentation at the MCES) • Regional campaign launched to raise the profile of water issues in the Pacific - the Blue Water Ribbon campaign • Island Business Article- “UN declares access to water and sanitation a universal human right: The Pacific could do more.” (August) • Feature article in the Fiji Times – “Improved water management and sanitation key to Tuvalu’s long term viability” • 2 Interviews conducted by Radio NZ with Marc Overmars. (Programme Coordinator) (August) • Radio Australia Interview with Marc Wilson (GEF IWRM Regional Project Manager) (December) • 3 short videos of meeting highlights and interviews with

No	Component	Major Achievements
		<p>country focal points filmed during the Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Pacific IWRM Programme (July)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12, 5 minute videos shot specifically for each country present at the Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Pacific IWRM Programme (July) • Country Specific Documentaries: (includes script development, interviews and shooting for the documentary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Palau's water issues, a half hour documentary produced in conjunction with OTV (July) ○ Pohnpei water issues - documentary produced in conjunction with OTV (September) ○ Laura Lens in Majuro water issues - a half hour documentary produced in conjunction with OTV (November) ○ Short videos produced with all participants at the Sub Regional meeting in Pohnpei that looks at water policy issues and steps towards IWRM in each Micronesian country. (November) • Water for Life Cards and ribbons prepared for the MCES meeting in Palau to launch the Blue Water Ribbon Campaign (November) • Seven minute video shot on the water and sanitation issues in Tuvalu, which was picked up by REUTERS wire and distributed globally. http://www.pacificwater.org/pages.cfm/news?newsid=tuvalu-confronts-climate-crisis (December) • Three minute awareness video developed for Palau, which was entered into the COP16 video contest and won third place.
4.	Support to IWRM National Initiatives to develop IWRM Policies and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 new Policy officers recruited in Cook Islands, RMI, FSM and Palau • EOI for the Nadi Basin Catchment Committee to undertake an IWRM Governance Review • Tonga – TA to assist with the development of a Plan and Procedures for the Implementation of Proposed Water Legislation • Tuvalu – TA to assist in the development of a National Water Policy in collaboration with Policy work undertaken by Disaster Risk Reduction and the PACC project • TA for the Republic of Nauru to develop a National Water and Sanitation Policy Framework and Implementation Plan • TA for the Government of Vanuatu to conduct an analysis on the National Consultation Structures for Water and Sanitation. • TOR developed for the recruitment of National Water Policy Support Officers in RMI, FSM and Palau • TOR developed for Solomon Islands to undertake a Sector Review • Communications strategies drafted for RMI, FSM and Palau • 11 countries (Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Palau, Samoa, RMI, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu) assisted by country visits • Consultation of the Niue Water Steering Committee (NWSC), as well as consultation of the Communication, Education and Awareness sub group, and consultation of the Policy Advisory sub committee. • Multiple consultations of the Tonga National Water Resources Committee (NWRC) (September 2010)

No	Component	Major Achievements
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 meetings of the Fiji Water Sub-Committee • 3 meeting of the NBCC Governance sub committee
5.	Promoting IWRM Good Governance policies and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiribati National Sanitation Policy completed and endorsed by Government • Kiribati National Sanitation Implementation Plan completed and endorsed by Government • Samoa Water Allocation Policy and Implementation Policy • Niue Village Management Plans finalised • Niue IWRM Plan first draft completed
6.	Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face regional training course for the IWC Post Graduate Certificate in IWRM; 19 students attended. • Community Capacity Building consultant hired to review current literature, identify gaps and recommend next steps for implementation

4. Key Sub-regional Initiatives

In addition to individual in-country activities, the Programme is undertaking several of its major activities on a sub-regional basis.

A. North Pacific Sub-Regional Initiative (FSM, RMI and Palau)

The genesis of the sub-regional process in Micronesia had at its core a simple question: How to convert the on-ground activities of the GEF IWRM demonstration projects into national water and sanitation policies (a key result for the EU IWRM planning programme)? Doing so would link both the EU and GEF IWRM components in a way that was mutually beneficial and contextualise the need for policy based on outcomes tested by the demonstration projects. It would also make it easier to communicate the theory behind IWRM planning by linking them to tangible on the ground activities.

One of the key characteristics of traditional water and sanitation management practices is that responsibility is fragmented within different government agencies and ministries. Effort is at times duplicated or activities by one party detrimental to the activities of another. An idea to hold summits to discuss water management issues was initially proposed by Palau and agreed to by FSM and RMI at a sub-regional workshop on EU IWRM Planning in Pohnpei, FSM, from the 8th to 12th November, 2010.

The idea was that national water summits would facilitate the discussion of water resources needs and would serve to benchmark the state of water resources and their management, identify policy gaps, and be a first step towards developing national water policies in three Micronesian countries.

In order to further raise the profile of water and sanitation as a key development issue for Micronesia and to get high level government buy-in it was proposed that the issue be raised at the Micronesian Traditional Leaders Conference in late November, 2010 and the Micronesian Chief Executives Summit (MCES) in Palau in December, 2010.

This resulted in the Traditional Leaders passing a resolution endorsing “access and right to safe drinking water and sanitation in the Micronesian region” and the MCES supporting recommendations to:

- Establish a “Micronesian Water Committee” as a permanent working group of the MCES.
- That each jurisdiction form National Water Task Forces for the development of national water policies and a regional water strategy
- That each jurisdiction hold National Water Summits on World Water Day, 2011
- That each jurisdiction participate in the review of the of the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management
- That requests be made to SOPAC and SPC to provide technical and financial assistance for improved water and resource management in Micronesia

- And in support of the UN resolution that Water and Sanitation is a human right, to establish a “Blue Ribbon Day” in support of “Water for Life” awareness campaign to take place annually every World Water Day.

The support and endorsement by both the Micronesia Traditional Leaders and the MCES raised high level awareness of the issue and paved the way for National Water Summits to take place. These were opened by the Presidents of Palau, FSM and RMI on World Water Day, March 22, 2011. Refer SOPAC/GEF/IWRM/RSC.3/Inf.8 Report of the Micronesia Sub-Regional Planning Workshop for the EU IWRM National Planning Programme.

Major achievements of these National Water Summits are summarised in table 2, below.

Table 2: Detailed Summary of National Water Summit Achievements in FSM, RMI and Palau

Component	Major Achievements
Contributes to results 1-6.	<p>FSM</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Parade from the Capital (Palikir) to the State Administration Building (Kolonias Town) • Water conservation awareness programmes implemented at 5 elementary schools during the day • Summit opened by President, participated in by State Governors, Traditional Leaders, about 90 participants • Four really excellent water presentations from Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae ... great discussion on policy, and very strong closing remarks from traditional leader, Iso Nanken. <p>Significant results from the day included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential proclamation declaring 22 March “FSM National Water Day” to be celebrated annually • Resolution signed by President Emmanuel Mori and State Governors establishing National Water Task Force and endorsing national water and sanitation policy development process • Presidential signature of FSM Framework Water and Sanitation Policy entitled “Water is Life from Ridge to Reef” • Traditional Leader signature of statement of support to water initiatives in FSM • Traditional Leader “Iso Nanken Hen Wein Nett” appointed “National Water Champion” • Great reception dinner with including very inspiring speech on water by Congressman Peter Christian (ex SOPAC National Rep) <p>Additional Publicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article on WWD, the Summit, and Pacific IWRM in the Kaselehlle Press • Launch of the Water Micronesia Music Video (written by Leerenson Airens) - http://www.pacific-iwrn.org/videos/Micronesia-Water-Music-Video.html • Interview on ABC Radio Pacific Beat – http://www.pacific-iwrn.org/videos/world_water_day_interview_audio.html • Live Skype Interview into the Capetown, South Africa event – http://blip.tv/file/4916764
Contributes to results 1-6.	<p>RMI</p> <p>Activities:</p>

Component	Major Achievements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first ever RMI National Water Summit convened over two days (March 22nd and 23rd) • Opening • Summit opened by President, participated in by Ministers, Traditional Leaders, about 300 participants • Two days of presentations and discussions on water issues in RMI. The agenda, speeches and presentations can be found here: http://www.pacificwater.org/pages.cfm/water-governance/micronesias-national-water-summits/ • Two press releases distributed locally and regionally at the start and end of the summit: http://www.pacificwater.org/pages.cfm/news?newsid=the-marshall-islands-holds-first-ever-national-summit-on-water, and http://www.pacificwater.org/pages.cfm/news?newsid=rmi-water-summit-ends-with-plan-move-forward <p>Significant results from the day included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 key recommendations on water and sanitation developed from the summit workshops. These are to be included in a draft National Water policy currently being finalized. • First Lady Hannah Zedkaia appointed “National Water Champion” • Strong participation by traditional leaders and landowners. <p>Additional Publicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three articles on WWD, the Summit, and Pacific IWRM in the Marshall Islands Journal. • All day national radio transmission of the Water Summit on day one. • Two live Skype Interviews into the Capetown, South Africa event http://blip.tv/watercube/live-skype-video-interview-with-marshall-islands-on-world-water-day-4934778 & http://blip.tv/watercube/2nd-live-skype-video-interview-with-marshall-islands-on-world-water-day-4934821 • Press release distributed internationally by Pacnews: http://www.pina.com.fj/index.php?p=pacnews&m=read&o=2394617634d8834d9bb61bc42bf2cf • A video for Oceania TV’s regional (Micronesia) news service on the opening of the RMI summit here: http://www.pacificwater.org/pages.cfm/news?newsid=marshall-islands-celebrates-world-water-day • Launch of the Marshall Islands documentary on water issues. This can be seen here: http://www.pacific-iwr.org/
Contributes to results 1-6.	<p>Palau Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugural National Water Summit held at Ngarachamayong Cultural Centre in Koror on March 22nd, bringing together of government officials, traditional leaders and community representatives to discuss key water and sanitation issues. • Opening of Summit by President Toribiong. • Presidential signing of declaration of Blue Ribbon Water Awareness Month. • Cross-sectoral workshop to identify key water and sanitation issues to be addressed by national policy. • Press release distributed locally and regionally at the start and

Component	Major Achievements
	<p>end of the summit: http://www.pacificwater.org/pages.cfm/news?newsid=palauan-president-declares-blue-ribbon-water-awareness-month-directs-development-of-national-water-policy-</p> <p>Significant results from the day included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential commitment to future annual staging of Palau Blue Ribbon Water Awareness Months. • Presidential commitment to the development of a cross-sectoral national water policy. • Identification of key issues to be addressed by policy, including issues related to water resources, water supply, environment, health and governance. • Strong participation by high-level Government, traditional leaders, community groups and landowners. <p>Additional Publicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue ribbon branding of Koror town, and route from airport to Koror. • Two local press articles. <p>Television coverage, including interviews with SOPAC and Palau Water Policy Officer, to be found at: http://www.pacific-iwrm.org/component/content/article/3-newsflash/80-pacific-iwrm-palau-water-summit-promotion.html</p>

Subsequent to the National Water Summits, steps to establish a Micronesian Water Committee as a permanent working group within the MCES were taken. The first meeting of the MCES Water and Sanitation working group took place in Majuro RMI in April, 2011. Delegates from Palau, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, and RMI gathered to draft recommendations on the Terms of Reference for the Committee, priority areas of work, financing arrangements and membership. These recommendations will go to a subsequent meeting of the MCES in the coming months.

B. Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)

We have had the opportunity to engage with the MSG through an invitation to present the Water, Sanitation and Climate agenda at a meeting in Fii on 28th March in 2011 and also at the at the MSG Sub-Committee meeting on Economic and Social Development on 27 – 29th June 2011.

The purpose of this engagement is to increase the level of awareness and response by MSG to the increasingly poor coverage of improved drinking water and sanitation (WatSan) in it member countries. The results of which are worsening standards of living as measured by general health indicators and increasingly a barrier to development

Through this engagement the MSG and its Secretariat are considering the issue of Water, Sanitation and Climate as well as the offer of potential Water and Sanitation Management support to MSG Secretariat's Economic and Social Development Division also the establishment of a Working Group on Water, Sanitation and Climate under the MSG Sub-committee on Economic and Social Development which will have a better chance to focus attention and garner genuine national level buy-in to water sectoral reform.

5. Activities planned for July 2011 to June 2012

The 12 months to June 2012 will see the implementation and completion of all remaining national and regional activities, as well as sharing of information, evaluation and reporting of individual activities

and the Programme itself. Support to ongoing country-related programmes will continue, and in some cases planned country activities will commence in the third quarter of 2011 in order to be completed by the first quarter of 2012.

In accordance with the programme log-frame, final year activities will take a particular focus on strengthening the level of national and regional engagement on water and sanitation issues, in order to address an identified barrier to the successful uptake of IWRM approaches. This will be supported by work with apex bodies on the development of national water, sanitation and climate outlooks, with a view to establishing firm national and regional positions on how key water and sanitation issues must be addressed in the coming years.

Activities in the second quarter of 2012 will focus on the finalisation of activities, as well as evaluation, reporting and information sharing on individual activities and the Programme itself. Table 3 contains a summary of planned activities to June 2012, in accordance with the Programme's work plan.

Table 3 EU IWRM Planning Work Plan for the next 9 months from August 2011 – March 2012

Key Implementation Information Sharing & Reporting

No.	Activities	2011 Q3			2011 Q4			2012 Q1			2012 Q2		
		J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
1 Operational Resource Centre, Improved Communication & Coordination, IWRM Indicators developed & delivery of a well managed work programme													
1.1	Establishment of Resource Centre <i>- Website Development, Support and Transfer to SOPAC</i>												
1.2	Regional Partnership. Multi Stakeholder Consultations <i>- MCES and MSG Support</i>												
1.3	Database for inventory of IWRM in the region and website												
1.4	Regional and International collaboration & coordination of IWRM initiatives <i>-On-going support</i>												
1.5	Development of IWRM Indicators <i>-Continued support Regional Indicator Framework and work with RTAG</i>												
2 IWRM Partnership Promotion													
2.1	Review of international and regional examples of IWRM approaches and partnerships <i>-On-going support</i>												
2.2	Development & dissemination of Best Practice on setting up integrated national and watershed partnerships <i>- Continued support to lessons learned work.</i>												
2.3	Expert support in sustainable partnership development <i>On-going support</i>												
3 Political and Public IWRM Awareness Raising													
3.1	Development of awareness materials to target politicians <i>Ongoing support, including tools developed in national and regional outlooks</i>												
3.2	Development of awareness materials to target media <i>On-going media engagement, including material developed through outlook development</i>												
3.3	Development of awareness materials and educational programmes targeting youth and civil society <i>- Youth and Civil involvement in the Regional and National WSC Outlooks</i>												
4 Strengthened national consultations, interim partnerships													
4.1	Continued Promotion of best practice in 14 Countries <i>-On-going support to country work</i>												
4.2	Seminars to support National IWRM self-analysis <i>-On-going support to country work, including through development of National and Regional Outlooks</i>												

No.	Activities	2011 Q3			2011 Q4			2012 Q1			2012 Q2		
		J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
4.3	Support to National Dialogues, seminars and consultations <i>-On-going support to country work</i>												
4.4	Expert support for policy and plan development <i>-On-going support to country work, including support provided through development of Outlooks</i>												
5 Promoting IWRM Good Governance													
5.1	Identification of national priority issues <i>-On-going support, including National and Regional Outlook process</i>												
5.2	Identification of IWRM best governance practice <i>-On-going support</i>												
5.3	Development of manuals/ guidelines for best practice replication <i>-WUE Guidance</i>												
5.4	Expert support for implementation strategy development												
5.5	Support and documentation of best practice priority governance implementation <i>-On-going support</i>												
6 Capacity Building													
6.1	Initial training for IWRM decision making <i>IWC training</i>												
6.2	Country specific training requests <i>-On-going support to training requests</i>												

6. Budget and Co-financing

Table 4: Overall Budget of the EU Pacific IWRM Planning Programme

EXPENDITURE Jan 2008- June 2011					
	Jan 2008- June 2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Expenses	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost
	(Euro)	(Euro)	(Euro)	(Euro)	(Euro)
Human Resources	1,681,110	282,876	398,667	669,056	330,510
Travel	214,924	58,983	40,326	82,620	32,995
Office equipment, vehicles and supplies	22,854	8,348	14,254	-315	567
Local office/Action costs	18,072	5,319	7,153	5,144	456
Other costs, services	80,573	18,942	12,515	47,698	1,418
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Direct costs	2,017,532	374,468	472,915	804,203	365,946
Administrative costs	87,539	44,257	43,282	0	0
Subcontracting related to construction activities	0	0	0	0	0
Contingencies	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,105,071	418,725	516,197	804,203	365,946

Table 5: Summary of Funding for the EU Pacific IWRM Planning Programme

EU IWRM	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total EURO
Project Implementation*:	418,725	516,197	804,203	365,946	2,105,071
Co-finance:					
UNDP GEF PDF- B	40,204				40,204
GEF UNDP IWRM		74,680	156,290	61,721	292,691
GEF UNEP IWRM		80,785	98,117	24,438	203,340
WDM	61,965	20,356	10,001		92,322
Other					
<i>Water Coordination Unit</i>	48,000	48,000	48,000	20,000	164,000
<i>WQM</i>		6,600	6,600		13,200
<i>WASH</i>		2,500	2,500		5,000
<i>WSP</i>		6,600	6,600		13,200
Sub-Total Co-financing:	150,169	239,521	328,107	106,159	823,956
Total Project Cost:	568,894	755,717	1,246,324	472,104.73	2,929,027

Table 6: Summary of Country Expenditure under IWRM Planning Programme

Country Expenditure 2008- 2011	EURO		%	Local Currency		
	Budgeted	Actual			Budgeted	Actual
Cook Is	35,679.09	28,065.98	78.66%	NZD	69,305.13	54,517.00
Fiji	35,679.09	3,649.04	10.23%	FJD	99,662.25	10,192.85
FSM	35,679.09	36,342.90	101.86%	USD	51,316.09	52,270.84
Kiribati	35,679.09	39,063.30	109.49%	AUD	55,910.52	61,213.72
Nauru	35,679.09	32,572.96	91.29%	AUD	55,910.52	51,043.11
Niue	35,679.09	44,968.53	126.04%	NZD	69,305.13	87,349.49
Palau	35,679.09	35,955.80	100.78%	USD	51,316.09	51,714.08
Papua New Guinea	35,679.09	2,803.50	7.86%	PGK	103,648.74	8,144.24
Marshall Is	35,679.09	47,707.59	133.71%	USD	51,316.09	68,616.31
Samoa	35,679.09	63,781.78	178.77%	SAT	117,980.17	210,907.48
Solomon Is	35,679.09	8,125.85	22.77%	SBD	274,449.90	62,505.50
Tonga	35,679.09	34,000.10	95.29%	TOP	69,305.13	66,043.78
Tuvalu	35,679.09	3.58	0.01%	AUD	55,910.52	5.61
Vanuatu	35,679.09	24,945.31	69.92%	VATU	4,402,081.52	3,077,749.70

7. Project Management and Coordination

The last year has seen a fully complemented Regional IWRM Planning team, which has contributed significantly to the implementation of the programme for much of the second to last year. Developments of note include:

- Approved 18 month non-funded Extension**
 The EU approved an 18 month non-funded extension in December 2010 against a revised workplan and budget to cater for an extended period to project end until June 2012. This has allowed the team and countries to implement activities and expend funds over a longer period of time including accounting for a close down period of a few months towards programme end.
- Final Evaluation and Financial Audits**
 The IWRM Planning Programme has just received the financial audit report for the financial year January - December 2010. We are in the process of submitting management comments on the audit and this report will be circulated once finalised. Also to note that as per programme requirements a final evaluation of the programme will be commissioned and undertaken before the end of the 2011 or early 2012. Details of this will be shared with all once we have confirmed tentative dates for the final external review.
- Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) review.**
 The EU commissioned the second external evaluation of the IWRM Planning Programme which was carried out during the period 06/09/10 – 20/09/10. Mr Ueli Sasagi was once again appointed as the monitor for the IWRM Planning Programme and worked closely with the team to carry out his review which included a selection of, one on one discussions, a country , country visits and discussions with other programme partners. Key overall observations and results of the ROM evaluation are captured in table 7, below.

Table 7: Summary of ROM Results

Criteria	Grade	ROM Comments	ROM Recommendations	IWRM Planning Programme Response Measures
Relevance and quality of design	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project continues to be relevant as it responds to the priorities defined by the 14 participating countries in the Regional Action Plan for Sustainable Water Management, and has demonstrated commitment to the process of improving water governance from countries Absence of exit strategy is unlikely to significantly affect the relevance of the project design Stakeholder empowerment at the national level identified in the logframe has been demonstrated in implementation through clearly understanding by project partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OVI's are suitable and informative but would require a number of these to be quantified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the process of the no-cost extension request to the delegation and progress reporting, OVI's have been further quantified. Under a new regional consultation process closely linked and partly facilitated through the IWRM programme, the development of national strategies will be targeted in 2011 which will serve as roadmaps for improved water governance and IWRM planning with improvements in associated national indicators
Efficiency of Implementation to date	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully resourced regional team progressed workplan and activities. Resource Centre improved in operation due to short term consultancy inputs towards streamlining the Centre's functions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Resource centre is an important tool in information dissemination but must reach the intended audience Focus on capacity building, production of awareness and education material, development of guidelines has been shown to be of great use to the participating countries. Technical assistance provided to address specific country needs has also been a positive step Must improve its reporting structure to better demonstrate co-financing activities with the GEF IWRM project No hits on the resource centre from the Pacific except Fiji. Improve and make the pacificwater portal more user friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connection, speed, and access vary across the Pacific, and not all Pacific countries are able to have similar access to the resources on the Pacific Water website. To ensure the resources get to all country counterparts, we have developed CD's containing the resources that are on a regular basis sent to countries, and distributed during workshops and training. The website will be amended into SOPAC's new portal as Division of SPC and use is increasingly made of alternative and innovative modes of communication such as for instance through Facebook etc The Planning programme will continue its efforts in developing and improving capacity over the life of the project. We are currently sponsoring 22 Pacific

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				<p>students to participate in a regional postgraduate certificate programme run by the International water centre, and are looking to run a capacity building programme targeting communities in the coming months. Aside from this we are also compiling lessons learnt in lieu of country programmes which will feed into capturing best practices from the pacific IWRM project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report 3 recently provided to the delegation was accompanied by a spreadsheet outlining logframe activities against % spend and completion and efforts will continue to be made in this regard.
Effectiveness to date	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unavailability of trained policy staff in some participating countries has affected the project results but this has improved Access of the participating countries to information about good processes by more successful countries is also improving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge dissemination via awareness and education material and knowledge exchange on IWRM, WUE and water governance has been received positively by countries There has been improvements in the recruitment and retention of trained policy staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the first time since the inception of the project, there is a complete team on board with all the required positions secured. The importance of having these human resources in place is reflected in the substantial improvement in project delivery. The Planning programme will continue to include training sessions linked to regional meetings, in-country technical assistance etc. making use of opportunities for the effectively transfer of knowledge, experiences and best practices across the participating countries and international fora. Increased national engagement has led over time to further prioritisation of water at higher levels in government in quite a number of countries, allowing the project to deliver more effectively.

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Impact prospects	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will have an impact on water governance in some countries whilst others have yet to come to grips with the objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will most likely have an impact on water governance in the region but may not have the same level of impact in each participating country PCU has been prioritizing this and ensuring capacity development occurs where needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is being addressed through the regional indicators framework being developed by the MAIN Advisor and the mainstreaming of IWRM into national priorities. In addition the use of national summits and consultations will be targeting increased impact of the programme within national and local decision making processes.
Potential Sustainability	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project is not well embedded in local structures largely due to institutional fragmentation, and lack of water policies and strategies in some participating countries. For IWRM to succeed individual countries must demonstrate their support. SOPAC should develop a strategy with consultation of the steering committees that will result in greater sustainability and will suggest further actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCU has been able to get countries to prioritize IWRM and water governance over the last 12 months; however some countries just lack the resources to be able to support these initiatives themselves after the life of the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mainstreaming aspect of the work will address these issues, including support for participating countries through the national IWRM, policy, plan or strategy development process linked to national priority issues including mainstreaming funding and resources. The new regional water and wastewater consultation process will provide further opportunities to develop national strategies for sustainable water and wastewater management as well as a new regional strategy to support national efforts in water management and governance. High level engagement through the Asia Pacific Water Forum and Summit and a Water Ministerial to be organised in 2011 will further enhance the development of National strategies including a emphasis on improved water governance.

8. Conclusion

As the Programme progresses in its final year of operation, the Regional Steering Committee is invited to note this progress report, and to note and where appropriate respond to the following important advice:

Country IWRM teams are requested to note the timeframe for the finalisation of financial support for country activities under the EU IWRM Planning Programme, whereby the implementation of country activities will need to be in their final stages by the first quarter of 2012;

Country IWRM teams should prepare now for tasks associated with the finalisation of country activities, including the compilation of lessons learned and the development of exit strategies to ensure the transfer of project outcomes to country programmes;

Where country IWRM teams have not fully utilised their allocations for in-country activities, proposals for appropriate and feasible additional activities will be considered if these are received by the end of August 2011; and

Countries that have already fully utilised their allocations are also welcome to submit proposals for consideration, but these must also be received by the end of August 2011.

The National IWRM Planning team at SPC-SOPAC thank country IWRM teams and partners for their continued support and collaboration, and look forward to working together in the final 12 months of the programme to achieve some solid water and sanitation results for participating countries and the region as a whole.

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