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**To:** SPREP National Focal Points
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**Subject:** Introducing the following:
1. Mr. Bruce Jefferies, Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Officer; &
2. Mr. Epeli Tagi, Information Technology Network & Systems Support Engineer

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SPREP is pleased to introduce the following new recruits who have now joined the Secretariat.

1. Mr. Bruce Jefferies has been appointed to the new position of Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Officer (TEMO) in the Island Ecosystems Programme. Mr. Jefferies is a New Zealand national and brings to SPREP more than 30 years of experience working in a number of national, regional and international organizations mainly in the field of conservation planning, management and monitoring. Prior to joining SPREP Mr. Jefferies was the IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Deputy Vice Chair for New Zealand and worked as a conservation planning and management systems advisor and consultant. He holds a Master of Science in Protected Landscape Management from the University of Wales and a Diploma in Parks, Recreation & Tourism from Lincoln University, NZ. He started official duties on Tuesday 11 January 2011.

The Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Officer position is a key position within SPREP providing technical advice and support to Pacific Island members on terrestrial ecosystem conservation and ecosystem management strategies.

2. Mr. Epeli Tagi has been appointed to the position of IT Network & Systems Support Engineer (ITNSSE) and will be working with the Secretariat's IT Team. Mr. Tagi is a national of Fiji and he joins SPREP from the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Fiji where he has been working for the last 5 years as Lab Supervisor/ Network Support and Cisco Academy Instructor. He also graduated from USP, Fiji with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Engineering Technology. In addition, he holds recognized computer networking industry certifications such as CCNP (Cisco Certified Networking Professional) & CCNA (Cisco Certified Networking Associate). He started official duties on Monday 10 January 2011.

The ITNSSE will assist in providing technical assistance and services on IT systems with specific focus on the SPREP Local and Wide Area Network.

We welcome our new staff to SPREP and look forward to improved services to the region with their arrival.

Yours sincerely,

David Sheppard
**Director**