



**United Nations Development Programme**  
Country: Cook Islands

**PROJECT DOCUMENT**

**Project Title:** National Biodiversity Planning to Support the implementation of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan in Cook Islands

**UNDAF Outcome(s):** Environmental management, climate change and disaster risk management

**Expected SRPD Outcome(s):** Improved resilience of PICTs, with a particular focus on communities, through the integrated implementation of sustainable environmental management, climate change adaptation and/or mitigation and disaster risk management.

**Expected SRPD Output (s):** Demonstration projects on natural resources management and biodiversity at the community level that can be scaled up are implemented, and the formulation of evidence-based policies is supported.

**Executing Entity/Implementing Partner:** National Environmental Service, Cook Islands

**Implementing Entity/Responsible Partners:** N/A

**Brief Description:** This project is part of the second generation of Biodiversity Enabling Activities (BD EA) under the GEF. Cook Islands has been Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) since 20 April 1993. The project addresses the country's need to continue to fulfill its obligations under the CBD, with particular focus on the Convention's Article 6 and the CBD COP Decision X/2. Above all, the project is a significant contribution to Cook Islands' efforts towards implementing the CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 at the national level. The project builds on the current status and achievements of Cook Islands with respect to biodiversity planning and reporting. It aims to integrate Cook Islands' obligations under the CBD into its national development and sectoral planning frameworks through a renewed and participative 'biodiversity planning' and strategizing process. This process is expected to produce measurable targets for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. It will equally ensure that the value of ecosystems' goods and services, as well as the challenges and opportunities for ecosystem-based adaptation and resilience are taken into consideration in the process. The project will achieve its objective through the implementation of three components, whose activities are thoroughly described in the GEF approved proposal for BD EA. They are: (1) A participative stocktaking exercise on biodiversity planning takes place and national biodiversity targets are developed in response to the global Aichi Targets; (2) The NBSAP is revised/updated and it fully integrates new aspects of the CBD strategic plan, such as mainstreaming and anchoring the implementation of the plan into national development frameworks, valuing ecosystem services and promoting ecosystem-based adaptation and resilience; and (3) National frameworks for resource mobilization, Convention reporting and exchange mechanisms are strengthened

**Programme Period:** 2014-2016  
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**Management Arrangements:** NIM  
**PAC Meeting Date:** 18 June 2014

<b>Total resources required:</b>	USD 490,000
<b>Total allocated resources:</b>	
<b>GEF</b>	USD 220,000
<b>In-kind contribution:</b>	
<b>Government and NGOs</b>	USD 270,000

Agreed by (Government):  23-10-2014  
Date/Month/Year

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