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DIRECTION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE ET DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT – DDE-E (ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION)

The mission of the DDEE is to structure and assist the economic development of Province Nord with respect and valorization of the environment which is taken into account at the early phases of project design and development. The DDEE helps local development projects in accordance with structural projects. The DDEE provides technical support, reviews funding requests, and develops and implements pertinent regulations. Within the DDEE, the Aquaculture and Fisheries Service implements politics on aquaculture and fisheries at the provincial level. This service also provides support to the Environmental Service on management of marine resources. The Environmental Service, based at DDEE, has a cross-cutting coordination mission within the Province and implements environmental actions and measures to protect the natural heritage.

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CORAL REEF INITIATIVES FOR THE PACIFIC — CRISP

The Coral Reef Initiatives for the Pacific (CRISP) is a 5-year programme that aims to combine cross-cutting networking activities, local field projects and conservation and economic development objectives as well as research, management and development; to integrate the contributions of different scientific disciplines, including biology, ecology, geography, economics, sociology, law and anthropology; to be active in all areas — land and marine—that have a bearing on the reefs, including watershed management and land tenure arrangements and avoid creating a new structure but, instead, make financial resources available to already active partners who indicate an interest in developing and consolidating their activities in a spirit of regional cooperation. To achieve these objectives, the programme is divided in 3 components that can be simplified as Marine Protected Areas, Coral Reef Research and Coordination. The components are implemented by International NGOs, local NGOs, government agencies, research institute and private sector and all Pacific Islands Countries are eligible to participate.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

People are the most important part of the Pacific Islands. The welfare of the people is a defining value that guides all of the work of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). SPREP is a regional organisation established by the governments and administrations of the Pacific region to look after its environment. It has grown from a small programme attached to the South Pacific Commission (SPC) in the 1980s into the Pacific region's major intergovernmental organisation charged with protecting and managing the environment and natural resources. It is based in Apia, Samoa, with over 70 staff. SPREP's mandate is to promote cooperation in the Pacific islands region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve the environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations. SPREP's vision is that people of the Pacific islands are better able to plan, protect, manage and use their environment for

sustainable development. SPREP's unique focus is to sustain the integrity of the ecosystems of the Pacific islands region to support life and livelihoods today and tomorrow. SPREP has 21 Pacific island member countries and four countries with direct interests in the region. SPREP operates two programmes: Island Ecosystems and Pacific Futures.

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THE SOCIÉTÉ CALÉDONIENNE D'ORNITHOLOGIE - SCO

The Société Calédonienne d'Ornithologie (SCO) was established in 1965 to address the need for a better understanding and information exchange for avifauna conservation. These goals have been maintained and strengthened over the past forty years. The SCO has been a BirdLife International Affiliate since 2001.

Bird conservation remains a source of controversies, if only because our knowledge of avifauna in tropical habitats is rather limited on a global level. Therefore, the main mission of the SCO is to **improve knowledge** on the birds of New Caledonia. Our association carries out ornithological surveys and specific monitoring programs of species such as the Fairy Tern and the Pacific Shearwater. In 2008, we initiated a monitoring scheme of populations of forest birds in two pilot IBAs (Important Bird Areas) with the objective of studying their long-term evolution. The SCO also takes part in the evaluation for the IUCN (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) of the status of birds of New Caledonia in order to contribute to the Red List of Threatened Species, a world reference tool for biodiversity conservation.

Another mission of the SCO is to **share knowledge** on the exceptional and endangered ornithological heritage of New Caledonia to reach the best awareness on the need to sustainably preserve this heritage. The SCO organizes fieldtrips on initiation in birding and participates in various public events, celebrations, and fairs during which the association presents to all the rich biodiversity of New Caledonia.

Besides its objectives of gathering knowledge and raising public awareness, the SCO works, independently or in partnership, at **protecting** the bird fauna and its habitats. Between 2004 and 2007, the association participated in the identification of the IBAs of New Caledonia and contributed to strengthen a network of sites that are now globally recognized with more than 10,000 areas. Armed with this experience, the SCO built new partnerships at the local level and henceforth works on conservation of sites. In 2007, with support from Provinces Nord and Sud of New Caledonia, the organization initiated the development of participatory management plans for two IBAs of Grande Terre. With the

sponsorship of the Packard Foundation, the SCO works on restoring seabird colonies. The first step is the eradication of introduced predators in two IBAs of the lagoon. Since 2007, efforts also focused on petrels and shearwaters through the “SOS Petrels” operation. The first objective is to rescue beached birds but the operation should propose in the medium run some measures to mitigate threats on these species.

To conclude, the SCO brings as much as possible its expertise and advice in order to make preservation of birds and their habitats a priority for environmental protection.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF NEW CALEDONIA (ADECAL)

ADECAL is an economic development agency founded by the public authorities and boasts support from the corporate world (Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chamber of Agriculture, Guild, financial institutions, corporate organisations....). Within its missions, it acts as an interface, a consultative and coordination body to accompany new action and projects of benefit to New Caledonia. It is mainly funded by the French Government, the Government of New Caledonia and the three Provinces of New Caledonia. ADECAL’s mission is to promote New Caledonia economic potential, promote inward investment. It is also in charge of external trade and regional cooperation. Last, it manages the exploration programme of the Exclusive Economic Zone, called *Zonéco*.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, NEW ZEALAND

The Department of Conservation is the central government organization charged with conserving the natural and historic heritage of New Zealand on behalf of and for the benefit of present and future New Zealanders. Its mission is “to conserve New Zealand’s natural and historic heritage for all to enjoy now and in the future”. The department’s responsibilities are encapsulated in its Maori name - Te Papa Atawhai; Te papa signifies a box or container (for the taonga or treasures) and atawhai the act of caring, nurturing or preserving.

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