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## DRAFT HARMONISED RESULTS REPORTING

For Discussions Purposes Only

## Product Description:

Simplified Harmonized Results Reporting for the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme

## Context/Situational analysis:

Usually, programs and projects reports results following the indicators stated in the project document. These results are a consequence from implementing 'a chain of proven measures or processes' plausibly contributing to the desired changes. These desired changes are commonly referred to as outcomes and impacts. GEF (Global Environmental Facility) funded projects are required to report results in the annual project implementation reports (PIR). At mid-term and end of the project, a prescribed GEF Focal Area tracking tools shall also be accomplished. This practice of reporting results has been altered specifically for those projects belonging to the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme whereby a simplified yet integrated reporting tool is introduced to avoid each country having to produce tracking tool submissions for as many as 5 focal areas (PFD page 38). Pursuant to this provision, an indicator in the Regional International Waters Ridge to Reef Project (a project implemented by SPC) included an indicator that requires development of a simple and integrated national and regional reporting based on national indicator sets and regional framework to facilitate annual results reporting and monitoring from 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICs). Moreover, a unified/harmonized multi-focal results tracking approach and analytical tool will be developed, endorsed and proposed to the GEF, its agencies and participating countries.

## Description of the Tool:

The simplified harmonized results reporting is tool intended for use by the GEF STAR<sup>1</sup> supported Projects in the Pacific Island Countries (PICs) under the umbrella programme referred to as the GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme. This is an attempt to consolidate the programmatic contributions of each country to the GEF Focal Areas such as biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, and sustainable forest management. It aims to standardize results reporting across all PICs to enable effective aggregation of results into the GEF Focal Areas. It has five major sections for which each project has to report its results. These sections are:

- GEF Focal Area objectives and outcomes;
- Attribution of project results to the Aichi Targets;
- Attribution of the project results to the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Description of management and operational issues, and corresponding appropriate solutions undertaken; and
- Description of the Programmatic approach, issues and concerns, and corresponding measures undertaken.

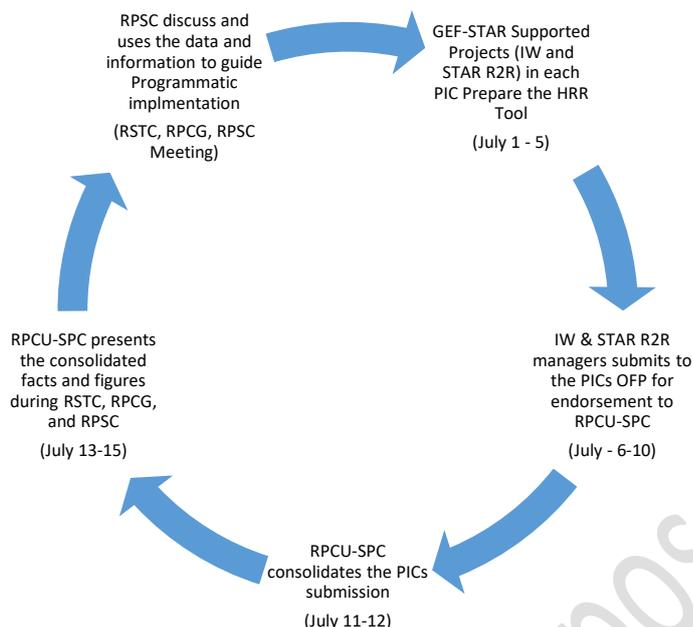
These five sections provides the opportunity for project to report on their contributions to the appropriate GEF Focal Areas outcomes and outputs, and its plausible contribution to the Aichi Targets and SDGs. Moreover, by indicating the management and operational issues and corresponding measures undertaken to resolve or respond to these issues, a readily available information which could describe the context and condition for which the outcomes and outputs have been achieved including the limitations thereof. Also, the information about the implementation of the programmatic approach is a significant section of the tool. This section provides reference information and context for which the programmatic approach will work including its limitations under the respective PICs framework condition.

The reported data and information in this tool reflects the PICs contribution to the GEF Focal Area following the programmatic approach of implementation. This therefore mean that each GEF supported project in each PIC shall come together and jointly prepare one consolidated report indicating the combined results and other information required therein. This tool shall be submitted once a year and shall cover the accumulated accomplishment from start of the project till 30<sup>th</sup> of June of the reporting year. It is imperative that the accomplished tool shall be endorsed by the OFP of the PICs and be transmitted to the RPCU-SPC not later than July 12 of every year. This will ensure that the reported facts and figures of the PICs shall be considered into the final consolidated report. Upon receipt of this report by the Regional Programme Coordination Unit (RPCU), further consolidation shall be made that will then be considered as the overall contribution of the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme to the GEF Focal Areas. This will then serves as input and one of the bases for guiding the Pacific Ridge to Reef programme

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<sup>1</sup> System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR).

implementation. Please refer to the diagram below indicating the process flow in the preparation and utilization of data and information contained in the HRR.



**Prototype Testing:**

This tool was presented at the UNDP Project coordinators and managers meeting on May 23, 2018 with participating PICs such as Tuvalu, Nauru, Fiji and Palau. The Fiji GEF-STAR project team had the opportunity to use the tool during the RBM training held on May 28-29, 2018.

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The Pacific Islands Ridge to Reef national priorities – Integrated water, land, forest and coastal management to preserve ecosystem services, sequester carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihoods is a multi-focal area Ridge to Reef programme financed by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). This project is also known as the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme. Led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) together with the United Nations Environment (UNE) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme aims to maintain and enhance Pacific island countries’ ecosystem goods and services (provisioning, regulating, supporting, and cultural) through integrated approaches to land, water, forest, biodiversity and coastal resources management that contribute to poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience. The Pacific Community (SPC) through the Regional International Waters Ridge to Reef Project provides the secretariat function to the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme.

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