



# Association Affairs

PACIFIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Note that the Association Affairs are abbreviated in this issue due to planning for the 21st Pacific Science Congress in Okinawa in June 2007. The next issue will contain additional announcements pertaining to PSA's current and future activities and initiatives.

## PSA ACTIVITIES

PSA Executive Secretary Burke Burnett represented the Pacific Science Association at the Our Sea of Islands: A Regional Forum for Oceania on Marine Managed Areas and World Heritage, held in Honolulu from 29 January–2 February 2007. The Our Sea of Islands Forum (OSIF) brought together more than 100 community and traditional leaders, practitioners, and managers from throughout Oceania with expertise in the management of marine managed areas (MMAs).

The workshop was organized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Centre as a forum to facilitate building partnerships and strengthening capacity to address the distinct heritage and marine management needs of island communities. The forum was attended by delegates from over 20 Pacific nations, including American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Guam, Hawai'i (USA), Kiribati, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Australia, and the United States.

The OSIF was the first opportunity in over a decade for people across the Pacific Islands region to meet and discuss the diversity of types, scales, approaches and status of MMA development and management across the region. There was strong agreement among participants that the meeting was a valuable opportunity for dialogue and collaboration as an interconnected Pacific Island region. The region has demonstrated global leadership in their commitment to marine conservation and the sustainable use of marine resources—approximately 25% of the world's marine protected areas are located in Oceania, and all the jurisdictions have established MMAs, particularly using community-based and traditional approaches.

The official OSIF communiqué ([www.hawaiireef.noaa.gov/news/events/oso/OSOI\\_Communique.pdf](http://www.hawaiireef.noaa.gov/news/events/oso/OSOI_Communique.pdf)) notes the following conclusions and recommendations from the workshop:

Despite the many strong MMA initiatives in the Pacific, the current rate of MMA development in Oceania is still lower than required to reach the global targets for 2010 and 2012, and actions need to be accelerated. Increased investment in adaptive MMA development and management is also urgently needed to respond to global and local threats, including habitat loss, climate change, ocean acidification, invasive species, pollution, and overexploitation.

Participants at the Forum identified and recognized critical needs, gaps and opportunities that must be addressed to sustain Oceania's people and environment. Outcomes focused in six key areas of marine area management—progress and status in MMA development, customary practices, surveillance and enforcement, science to inform management, conservation finance, and the application of the World Heritage Convention.

The participants affirmed that traditional knowledge and management practices are integral to the maintenance, development and management of MMAs in Oceania. This principle underpins all of the following commendations, proposed participant actions and recommendations to governments and organizations by the Our Sea of Islands Forum.

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## Pacific Science Association Membership Information

The Pacific Science Association is a regional, nongovernmental scientific organization founded in 1920. The objectives of the association are to advance science and technology in the Pacific region by increasing interdisciplinary collaboration; to build capacity in science and technology; to encourage science for public policy and the common good; and to promote the "science of the Pacific" and Pacific Island involvement in regional and international scientific activities. Scientific committees have been long established to study and to seek solutions for important problems of Pacific interest. Scientific task forces have been established to explore interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary areas identified as relevant.

Regular members of the association are adhering organizations (e.g., the national academy of science or a like body) from each country or definite geographic area within or bordering the Pacific Ocean, or with scientific interests in the region. In addition, associate membership may be held by individual scientists, scientific societies and institutions, and corporations.

The association is directed by the Pacific Science Council with its elected executive board. The executive board meets annually and makes recommendations to the council, which meets during congresses and inter-congresses. The president serves as chair of the council. The secretariat is located at:

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