

11th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas

7 - 11 September 2026, Tjibaou Cultural Centre, Noumea, New Caledonia

Your behind-the-scenes snapshot for Sunday, 6 September 2026



Why protecting biodiversity matters as the world grapples with multi-faceted challenges

Opinion piece by Amena Yavouli, Director, Biodiversity Conservation, SPREP

Culture, faith and identity are central to the lives of Pacific communities. Sadly, at a time when the world is grappling with a trifecta of challenges ranging from wars, fuel shortages and changing weather patterns, these pillars are increasingly being challenged.

A key threat is the impact of the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

Today, the need to ensure our natural environment is protected as the bedrock for preservation of such key pillars, has never been more important. The reality for our Pacific communities is both unfair and grim.

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Showcasing youth-led biodiversity action at the 11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas

Youth generated priorities and recommendations for biodiversity conservation in the Pacific are high on the agenda for the 11th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas. Convened in Noumea, New Caledonia this year, the meeting is the region's platform for conservation and advancing biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management.

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Tjibaou Cultural Centre: Where Culture, Nature and Biodiversity Meet

As delegates from across the Pacific arrive in Nouméa for 11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation (PCNC11), they will be welcomed into one of the Pacific's most iconic and inspiring landmarks, the Tjibaou Cultural Centre.

Nestled on the Tina Peninsula and surrounded by the spectacular natural beauty of New Caledonia's lagoons, forests and coastal landscapes, the Centre provides far more than a venue for discussion and collaboration. It offers a powerful reminder of the deep and enduring relationship between people, culture and nature that lies at the heart of Pacific identity.

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Amplifying our Pacific voices:

What would you most like to get out of the conference?



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The 11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation is held from 7 to 11 September 2026 at the Tjibaou Cultural Centre in Noumea New Caledonia.

Bringing together over 400 delegates from across the Pacific, the conference is organised by New Caledonia, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, and the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation with the support of partners.

For more information please visit : <https://www.pacificislandsroundtable.com/pacific-nature-conference>

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