
ICOMOS PASIFIKA: THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

'Pacific Heritage in Pacific Hands / Le Patrimoine du Pacifique pris en main par le Pacifique'

ICOMOS Pasifika's Strategic Workplan 2007-10

ICOMOS Pasifika's mission

ICOMOS Pasifika is a body of professionals and experts from the Pacific dedicated to the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and enhancement of the traditional and historical heritage of the Pacific Islands.

ICOMOS Pasifika's vision

'In 20 years time Pacific island Countries and Territories will have a pool of ICOMOS registered experts representing Pacific conservation enhancement to ICOMOS and International bodies, through promoting awareness of Pacific heritage. '

ICOMOS Pasifika's aims and activities

The aim of the Committee is to further the conservation and protection of heritage places in the region of the Pacific Islands, with a focus on the cultural and natural specificities of the region.

In particular, the Committee will:

- (a) promote awareness of the conservation of heritage places in the Pacific Islands amongst local, national and regional cultural organisations in the region;
- (b) serve as a body with expertise promoting regional cooperation amongst professionals involved in study relating to heritage places in the region;
- (c) be a forum for discussion and for the exchange of information, regionally and internationally, on matters of principle and of technical, legal and administrative practice affecting the conservation of heritage places in the region;
- (d) focus on the provision of information for the general public, traditional landowners and political organisations about the conservation of heritage places in the region.

ICOMOS Pasifika's triennial program of activities

The Committee will formulate and carry out a triennial program of activities, which must be in accordance with the aims and activities of ICOMOS.

a) Representation, promotion and co-ordination

- Promote International Monuments Day to PICTs (18th April every year)
- Be available to ICOMOS, UNESCO and the World Heritage Centre as a body of experts for research, comment and consulting services on issues of relevance to PI heritage such as cultural landscapes, intangible cultural heritage, etc.

- Raise awareness of the existence of ICOMOS Pasifika with key regional bodies including:
 - Asia Pacific Focal Point
 - Secretariat of the Pacific Community
 - Pacific Islands Forum
 - UNESCO
 - World Heritage Centre
 - Funding and philanthropic bodies
- Develop a listing/calendar of events of relevant PI cultural heritage workshops, conferences, symposia for the use of the ICOMOS Pasifika board and membership
- Work towards hosting a conference on Pacific heritage to be held in the Pacific in 2009

b) Endorsement and advancement of international standards, best practice and the ethical management of Pacific Islands heritage places

- Study and endorse ICOMOS's Code of Ethics
- Develop a Pacific Islands Code of Ethics for heritage management
- Research the development of a Pacific Islands version of the Burra Charter
- Raise awareness of the Xi'an Charter within each PICT government
- Promote the endorsement and take-up of the principles stated in Item 11C of the UNESCO Conventions Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

c) Education

- Work with UNESCO Pacific Office and PICT primary and secondary education schools to promote the use of UNESCO resource "Pacific Heritage in Young Hands"
- Support the development of tertiary level heritage management courses and degrees in PICT universities and training colleges
- Explore opportunities to fund and offer scholarships for PICT students of cultural heritage management

d) Training

- Working with PIMA, provide opportunities for the training of Pacific Islands heritage professionals in the topics of:
 - Cultural mapping, and
 - Community involvement in heritage management
- Foster the exchange of staff between PICT heritage institutions for capacity building and professional development
- Develop a list of appropriate host institutions for above-mentioned staff-exchange programs

e) Research and publications

- Foster the development of practical guideline documents/brochures regarding the conservation, study, interpretation and promotion of PI heritage places (to be available in English and French)
- Seek funds for the publications of UNESCO/Deakin Universities resource (*A Training Program for Heritage Managers in the Pacific: Conserving Pacific Places*) currently only available in CD-ROM format)
- Explore the possibility of publishing the proceedings from the PREMO/PIMA workshop (Conserving Pacific Heritage Sites) held in Pohnpei in November 1996
- Lodge appropriate PICT cultural heritage publications with ICOMOS's Documentation Centre