

## Subregional workshop for the marine ornamental and trade

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A SPC/SPREP/CRISP subregional workshop for the marine ornamental and trade will be held at SPC headquarters, Noumea New Caledonia, from 2 to 5 December 2008.

This workshop is a technical consultation between private and public stakeholders and specialists whom are active in marine ornamental trade sector in SPC member countries and territories.

The goal of this workshop will be to examine the marine ornamental trade and identify national and regional initiatives that will ensure the long term ecological, social and economic sustainability of this important, yet relatively unknown industry.

The workshop objectives are to:

- \* Assess the global and regional trends of the industry in terms of market and production systems;
- \* Investigate criteria for commercial viability at both community and company levels;
- \* Assess requirements and issues related to international agreements for export, such as non-detrimental findings for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the recent World organisation for animal health (OIE) veterinarian requirements;
- \* Determine the role of certification programmes;
- \* Assess resource assessment techniques to ensure sustainability of wild fisheries;
- \* Identify further opportunities for aquaculture;
- \* Determine base requirements for national management plans; and
- \* Identify priorities for research, development and training.

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