



# RESPONSE Project



## Summary note

Project title: Reducing Single-use Plastics on Small Island Economies (RESPONSE)

Objective: To reduce the amount of **single use and unnecessary plastic products** in the **food & beverage industry** entering the Cook Islands, and support enabling environments for **reuse and other alternative solutions**, thus reducing the burden of end-of-life waste management, pollution and other harmful plastics impacts.

Total Project cost = US\$6,200,000, funded by the Global Environment Facility

Length of project = 5 years, 2025 – 2030

Outcomes	Description
Outcome 1	Upstream policies to limit plastic pollution in the Cook Islands are strengthened
Outcome 2	Large scale regional producers are identified to replace harmful F&B packaging commonly imported into the Cook Islands
Outcome 3	Local private sector (incl SMEs), NGOs and communities are engaged and supported to pilot and scale up innovative solutions
Outcome 4	National data on single use plastics is enhanced to inform and improve decision making
Outcome 5	Best practices, innovative solutions and lessons learned are documented and exchanged through knowledge management and knowledge transfer

To see the full concept note for the RESPONSE project go to the Cook Islands Environment Data portal: <https://pacific-data.sprep.org/resource/annex-8-cook-islands-response-concept-note-plastics-integrated-programme>

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