

Oceania's Environmental Frontlines: Marine Protection, Forest Conservation,

Environment · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Fiji has announced a significant commitment to marine conservation. By the end of which year does Fiji aim to have 15% of its waters designated as marine protected areas, as part of its broader 30% by 2030 target?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026**
- C) 2027
- D) 2028

2. The Melanesian Ocean Corridor of Reserves (MOCOR) is a new initiative aiming to expand and connect marine protected areas across which three Pacific Island nations?

- A) Fiji, Samoa, and Vanuatu
- B) Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and Vanuatu**
- C) Solomon Islands, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea
- D) Vanuatu, Tonga, and Fiji

3. In Papua New Guinea, recent reports indicate a slowdown in deforestation rates. What was the average annual deforestation rate between 2000 and 2013, according to a UNFCCC report?

- A) 1.5%
- B) 0.5%**
- C) 2.0%
- D) 0.1%

4. Western Australia has launched a new initiative to aid coral reef recovery. What is the total funding allocated for this marine restoration initiative following the 2024-2025 marine heatwave?

- A) \$5 million
- B) \$11 million**
- C) \$20 million
- D) \$15 million

5. New Zealand has made significant strides in renewable energy. In the first three months of 2026, what percentage of the country's electricity was generated from renewables?

- A) 85.5%
- B) 90.1%
- C) 94.5%**
- D) 83.2%

6. Which Pacific Island nation is actively working to phase out single-use plastics in its tourism industry, with a commitment to achieve this by 2035?

- A) Vanuatu
- B) Samoa
- C) Tuvalu
- D) Fiji**

7. The Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) provides localized technical support to developing nations to access climate finance. In its first year of operation, how much climate finance did CFAN's Pacific advisors help mobilize?

- A) US \$150 million
- B) US \$67 million**
- C) US \$348 million
- D) US \$10 million

8. A new IUCN-led initiative is expanding to include Tonga, in addition to Fiji, Samoa, and Vanuatu, to address plastic pollution. What is the primary focus of this program?

- A) Promoting sustainable fishing
- B) Strengthening private sector engagement and enhancing regulatory environments**
- C) Developing new renewable energy sources
- D) Expanding protected marine areas

9. Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and Vanuatu have agreed to create the Melanesian Ocean Corridor of Reserves (MOCOR). This initiative aims to become the world's largest transboundary marine protected area, covering at least how many square kilometers?

- A) 1 million
- B) 3 million
- C) 6 million**
- D) 10 million

10. Australia is implementing a "Shellfish Reef Rebuilding Program" to restore critically endangered marine ecosystems. What is the target area to be restored by 2030?

- A) 150 hectares
- B) 300 hectares**
- C) 450 hectares
- D) 600 hectares

11. NASA's recent analysis highlights the severe impact of climate change on Pacific Island nations. By the 2050s, how many times greater is the projected increase in high-tide flooding days for nearly all Pacific Island nations?

- A) Twice
- B) Five times
- C) An order of magnitude (ten times)**
- D) Twice and a half

12. New Zealand has a national target for renewable electricity. What percentage did renewable sources generate in the first three months of 2026, marking two consecutive quarters above 90%?

- A) 90.5%
- B) 92.3%
- C) 94.5%**
- D) 96.4%