

Oceania's July 2026 Environmental Focus: Climate Action, Marine Protection,

Environment · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which Pacific Island nation is hosting the Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and Environment (PIFCE) in July 2026?

- A) Fiji
- B) Samoa
- C) Vanuatu**
- D) Papua New Guinea

2. The 16th International Coral Reef Symposium is scheduled to take place in Auckland, New Zealand, in July 2026. What is a key focus of this symposium?

- A) Developing new fishing technologies
- B) Discussing management solutions for coral reefs**
- C) Promoting deep-sea mining
- D) Advocating for increased plastic pollution

3. French Polynesia announced plans to expand its fully protected marine waters. By what date did they pledge to add an additional 500,000 square kilometers to this protected area?

- A) World Oceans Day 2025
- B) World Oceans Day 2026**
- C) End of 2026
- D) Mid-2027

4. The Melanesian Ocean Corridor of Reserves (MOCOR) Declaration and Framework 2026-2030 involves a collaboration between which three Pacific Island nations to create the world's largest transboundary marine protected area?

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

5. The Global Sustainable Tourism Summit is set to be held in the Gold Coast, Australia, in June 2026. Which organization is partnering with Tourism Australia and the City of Gold Coast to host this event?

- A) Ecotourism New Zealand
- B) Ecotourism Australia**
- C) Pacific Asia Travel Association
- D) Sustainable Tourism Association of PNG

6. In July 2026, the IUCN will host a webinar focused on the Strategy on Invasive Alien Species for which regions?

A) South America and Africa

B) Asia and Oceania

C) North America and Europe

D) The Arctic and Antarctic

7. What is the primary goal of the RENEW Pacific program, an Australian Government initiative focusing on off-grid renewable energy in the Pacific?

A) To establish large-scale wind farms

B) To provide solar-powered sustainable growth and resilience to rural and remote communities

C) To fund research into geothermal energy

D) To develop hydroelectric power plants

8. Which of the following is a key thematic area for the Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and Environment (PIFCE) in July 2026?

A) Urban development and smart cities

B) Renewable energy and low carbon communities

C) Space exploration and satellite technology

D) Advancements in artificial intelligence

9. The 'Reefs of Hope' methodology, supported by UNEP and focusing on climate-adapted corals, is being implemented in Fiji and neighboring Pacific nations. What is the main objective of this methodology?

A) To promote coral bleaching research

B) To develop heat-adapted coral larvae through diverse gene-bank nurseries

C) To establish artificial coral structures

D) To increase the global trade of coral species

10. The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution in May 2026, largely driven by Vanuatu's initiative, to enforce legal obligations on member states to combat climate change. What key finding of the International Court of Justice did this resolution endorse?

A) The need for increased fossil fuel production

B) That countries have a duty to protect the climate system and can be held liable for harm

C) The benefits of geoengineering technologies

D) The importance of space exploration for climate solutions

11. In July 2026, Auckland, New Zealand, will host the 16th International Coral Reef Symposium. This event aims to highlight the plight of coral reefs and discuss management solutions. Which of the following is a major threat to coral reefs mentioned in relation to this symposium?

A) Overfishing and coral bleaching

- B) Increased volcanic activity and seismic shifts
- C) The expansion of kelp forests
- D) The introduction of new fish species

12. The 'Increasing Access to Renewable Energy Project' in Tuvalu, supported by the Asian Development Bank, aims to transform which type of power system into one based on a high level of renewable energy?

- A) Coal-powered systems
- B) Nuclear power systems

C) Manual, diesel-based power systems

- D) Geothermal power systems