Name: Anna Tiraa

Current employment and/or position/title: Director of Climate Change, Cook Islands Government

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Anna Tiraa is a committed conservationist with more than 20 years working for the benefit of the Pacific Islands environment. Anna has undertaken environmental related work for Government, National and International NGOs, communities, private sector, inter-governmental regional organisations and the UN. Work experience includes project design, implementation, negotiation, monitoring, review and evaluation. Individual work assignments have been in the Cook Islands, Samoa, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Tuvalu and Tokelau. She has been a major contributor to bringing back a critically endangered endemic Rarotongan bird from the brink of extinction. As Biodiversity Officer for the Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP), she has contributed to the biodiversity conservation efforts of more than 20 Pacific Island countries and territories. She has also served 3 years as an incumbent IUCN councillor for Oceania, where she has gained a lot of experience which can be consolidated and used effectively in the next inter-sessional period between World Conservation Congresses. This experience has given her a sound knowledge of processes within Council, which she can use to the benefit of the Oceania region, as well as globally.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Anna’s educational qualifications include a BSc Environmental Studies from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji (1994), and an MSc in Natural Resources Management from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, (2011), for which she was awarded a UNEP scholarship. Her research project was on the topic of biodiversity and climate change in the Cook Islands. Anna is presently a member of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) and the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA). She is an Executive committee member of the IUCN Trans boundary Specialist Group (Oceania Representative). She is also an Executive founding member of Te Ipukarea Society (a Cook Islands Environmental NGO formed in 1996, also an IUCN Member) and was a Global Councillor for BirdLife International Council from 2004 – 2006. She is a current Councillor of IUCN and would like to consolidate her work on Council by serving a second term.
Acceptance of nomination

I, Anna Tiraa, accept the above nomination as a candidate for Regional Councillor of IUCN and declare that:

(a) I have read the Statutes and Regulations and the Council Handbook including the Code of Conduct for IUCN Councillors and accept the responsibilities that the position implies.

(b) If elected, I will be prepared to devote the time and energy required to discharging these responsibilities.

(c) I hereby commit to observe and uphold the conduct and principles set forth in the ‘IUCN Council's Guidance for 2016 Election Candidates’.

Signature: 21 December 2015

(Note: At least one of the required number of nomination forms must be signed by the nominee or be accompanied by a letter duly signed by him/her confirming agreement with paragraphs (a) to (c) above.)