

PROVINCIAL OUTREACH

MISSION

Work with the six provincial governments, chiefs, communities, women, men and youth to implement DEPC's environment extension services

OBLIGATIONS

1. To develop and expand the Department's extension services to the six provinces
2. To help implement the Vanuatu Government's decentralisation policy
3. To provide environmental information and awareness to the people of Vanuatu.
4. To develop resource materials and information and disseminate to the schools, communities and the general public.
5. To work with the media, schools, provinces and the general public to help promote the protection and management of the environment.



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LEADING VANUATU TO A CLEAN, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT SERVICES

OBLIGATIONS

1. Provide administrative support to all divisions and the general public
2. Development of DEPC's annual business plan, budget and reporting
3. Budget management and revenue collection
4. Provide executive support to the Ministry Cabinet and Corporate Services Unit



COMPLIANCE UNIT

MISSION

Monitoring, inspecting and investigating non-compliances

OBLIGATIONS

Ensure all environmental laws, regulations and conventions are observed in safeguarding, preventing and sustaining our environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MANDATE

1. Waste Management Act No. 24 of 2014
2. Pollution Control Act No. 10 of 2013
3. Ozone Layer Protection Act No.22 of 2019

MISSION

To have an Environmentally Sustainable Vanuatu in which all types of waste are collected, Reused, Recycled & Treated by Environmental Sound Technologies suitable to local conditions and that waste going to landfill is minimized and pollution to the receiving environment is within acceptable standards.

OBLIGATIONS

1. Waste Management: Plastic Ban, Private Waste Operators, Littering Law, Container Deposit Scheme
2. Chemical Management: Conventions - Minamata, Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm
3. Ozone Layer Protection: Convention - Vienna
4. Pollution Control: Water Quality, sanitation Standards, Oil Spills, Emission Controls, & other Pollution Types

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & IMPACT ASSESSMENT

MANDATE

Environmental Protection and Conservation Act [CAP 283] and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation

MISSION

To identify & manage the social, custom & natural environmental impacts, assess the risks & evaluate the costs & benefits of development projects before implementing & provide information on the environmental consequences for decision making to promote sustainable development

OBLIGATIONS

1. Ensure that developers comply with the EPC Act and EIA Regulation
2. Ensure that developers apply for Environmental Permit for any development apart from residential development
3. Ensure sustainable growth and development
4. Work with developers and communities to ensure that the possible impacts of a project does not affect the social, custom and natural environment
5. Safeguard the environment through advanced planning and critical decision making to ensure environmentally sound development

BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION

MANDATE

Environmental Management and Conservation (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 2010

MISSION

Vanuatu's Biodiversity are the fundamental livelihood of its people, PROTECT IT.

OBLIGATIONS

1. To enable sustainable use of Vanuatu's natural resources
2. To meet obligations of international Conventions
3. To support and strengthen the traditional resource management systems with community participation in establishing community conservation areas (CCA).
4. To ensure that the communities equally share the benefits arising from researches.
5. To manage, control and eradicate invasive species.
6. To integrate biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation & mitigation related initiatives and projects.

