

World Ozone Day 2025 - Cook Islands

From Science to Global Action

World Ozone Day falls on the 16th September every year. This year the theme being From Science to Global Action was taken to the outer-islands in the Cook Islands, proudly to the land of birds- Atiu. The Cook Islands National Environment Service (NES) led awareness of World Ozone Day on the Land of Birds, Atiu (Outer Island in the Cook Islands).

Activity 1: Planting of trees

Date: 15 September 2025

Description of Activity:

The National Environment Service (NES) team conducted a courtesy visit to the Island Council at the Islands Administration Office (Mayor of Atiu, Executive Officer, Traditional Leader representative present), in accordance with protocol for visiting groups. The purpose of the visit was to inform the Island Council about the group's activities on the island, raise awareness on the protection of the ozone layer, and commemorate World Ozone Day as well as 40 years of the Vienna Convention. Two planting holes had been prepared in advance by the Executive Officer, and during the visit, two dwarf coconut trees were planted to mark 50 years of environment in the Cook Islands and to celebrate 40 years of the Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer. [Here](#).

Outcome and Impacts of Activity:

The trees were planted outside the Atiu Island Administration Office to demonstrate partnership and support for safeguarding Atiu's environment.



Activity 2: Enuamanu School

Date of Activity: 16th September, 2025

Description of Activity:

On World Ozone Day, the team from the National Environment Service (NES) went to Enuamanu school to spread awareness on the protection of the Ozone Layer. The school only consisted of 63 students. Two sessions were spread across two hours. The first session was for students from Year 1 to Year 6 and the second session was for students from Year 7 to year 12. The students were overly engaged and the NES team fascinated by their questions and answers. Teachers were also interested as this project aligns with their science curricular. We shared a presentation with the students. During the presentation, the NES team distributed Montreal Protocol merch as spot prizes such as the bucket hats, each child was given an activity book teaching them on the protection of the ozone layer, coloring pencils and gifted 120 Ozzy Ozone Comic books for the school as well as 10 Montreal Protocol calendars for the years 2026 to 2028. What really was interesting was that students were eager to find out what opportunities are out there for them to protect the ozone layer, especially our environment. Followed by the awareness, by commemorating World Ozone Day, we planted five fruit trees for the school.

Outcome and Impacts of Activity:

You can tell students enjoyed and were interested in the protection of the Ozone Layer as they ran away with their activity books and got started on it straight away. Students also know what the ozone layer is and why we need it.



