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AN ACT to establish the Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination and to provide for matters associated therewith.

Commencement:

December 3, 2003

Source:

P.L. 2003-83

§401. Short Title.

This Chapter may be cited as the Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination (OEPPC) Act, 2003.

§402. Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires;

- (1) **“Director”** means the Director appointed under Section 410 (1) herein;
- (2) **“GEF”** means the General Environmental Facility established by representatives of participating states in Geneva, Switzerland, in March of 1994, and which constitutes the main funding mechanism under which the United Nations Conventions on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Biological Diversity(UNCBD) and Land Degradation (UNCCD) source their funding from.
- (3) **“International environmental programs”** means programs or projects directly under the responsibility of the Office of

Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination, funded through international sources;

- (4) **“International projects”** shall have the same meaning as international environmental programs as defined under subsection (3) above.
- (5) **“Office”** as used herein below means, the Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination .
- (6) **“Office of the President”** refers to the Office of the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- (7) **“President”** refers to the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- (8) **“Republic”** means the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- (9) **“Unit”** means one of the components of the Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination as set out under sections 404 (2), 405, 406 and 407 herein.

§403. Establishment of the Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination.

There is hereby established, within the executive branch of government, the Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination (OEPPC).

§404. Purpose and Functions of the Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination.

- (1) The Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination is established:
 - (a) to act as an advisory body to the Office of the President, Cabinet, the Ministries and government agencies, on matters of environmental planning and policy generally;
 - (b) to act as the focal point of contact in the coordination, management and implementation of all international environmental projects/programs and to ensure the successful implementation of such projects; and
 - (c) to act as the national focal point of contact in all negotiations with external sources and lending institutions on programs and/or projects of assistance;