



**Pacific Islands Program**  
**- Opportunities for regional collaboration**  
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# Pacific Islands Program The Fautasi approach!

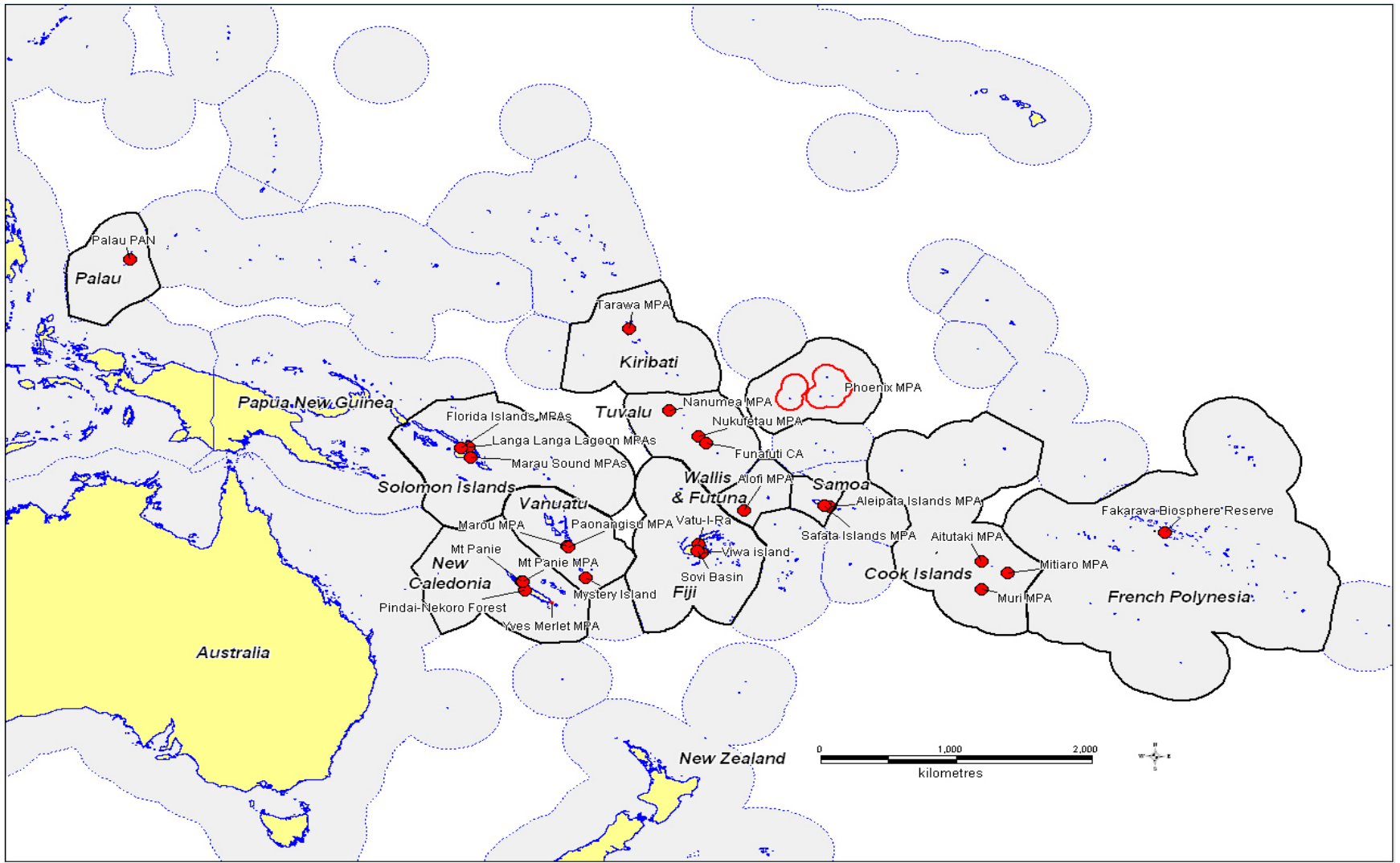


# Pacific Islands Program Areas



- **Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot and terrestrial invasive species initiative**
- **New Caledonia Hotspot Program**
- **Fiji Country Program**
- **Marine Conservation Initiative**





# Conservation Support Sites Pacific Islands

# CI Pacific Islands - Strategy



- **Outcomes Definition and Monitoring.**
- **Species Conservation Approaches.**
- **Development and Management of Key Biodiversity Areas.**
- **Development of Seascapes/Landscapes Management Areas for island systems.**
- **Addressing Threats.**
- **Creation and maintenance of the conditions for sustainability for conservation outcomes.**



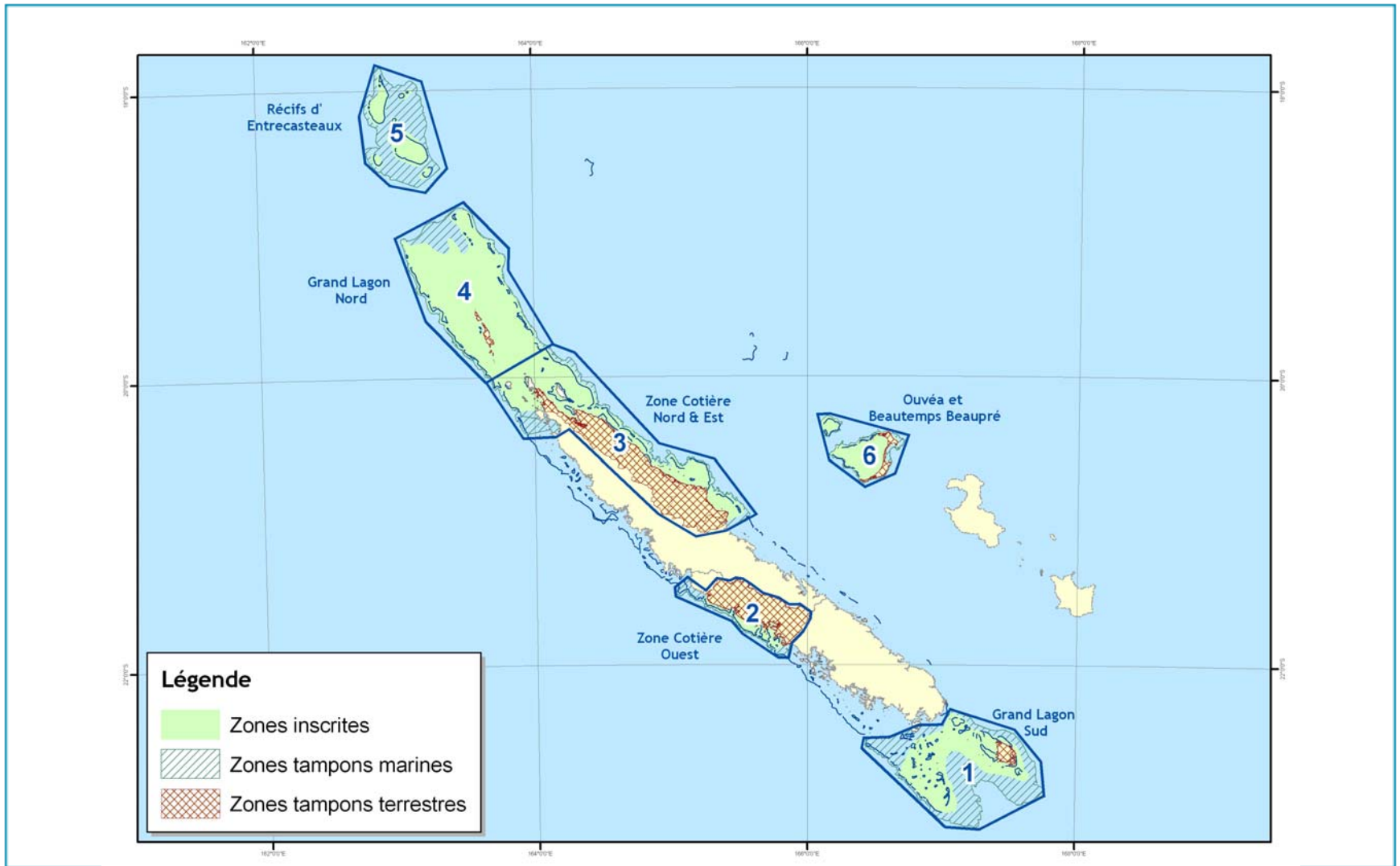


# Marine Initiative



- **CRISP MPA and Watershed Component & partnership**
  - Coastal Marine Outcome definition
  - Existing & New MPAs/MMAs
  - Capacity Building
  - Integrated Coastal/Watersheds
- **Micronesia Challenge (30% near-shore)**
- **SPREP CI Marine Conservation Planning Initiative**
- **Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Kiribati)**
- **Fiji – MMAS Priority Site development**
- **New Caledonia – marine RAPs and support WH nomination**



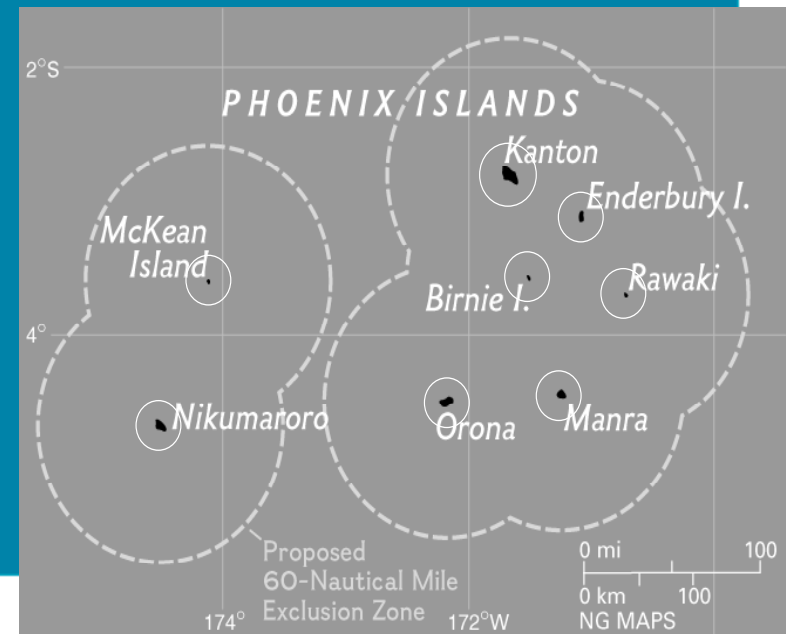




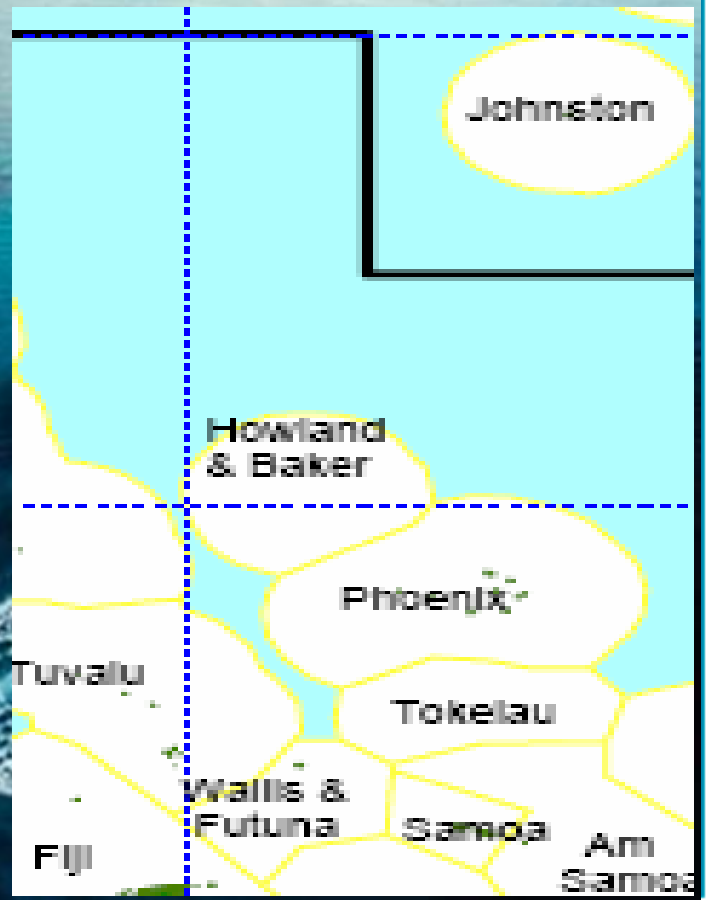
# Key strengths/accomplishments



- Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Kiribati)
- Marine Conservation Planning & Analysis (SPREP/CI)
- Fiji – MMA Science Priority Site development



# Phoenix Islands Protected Area

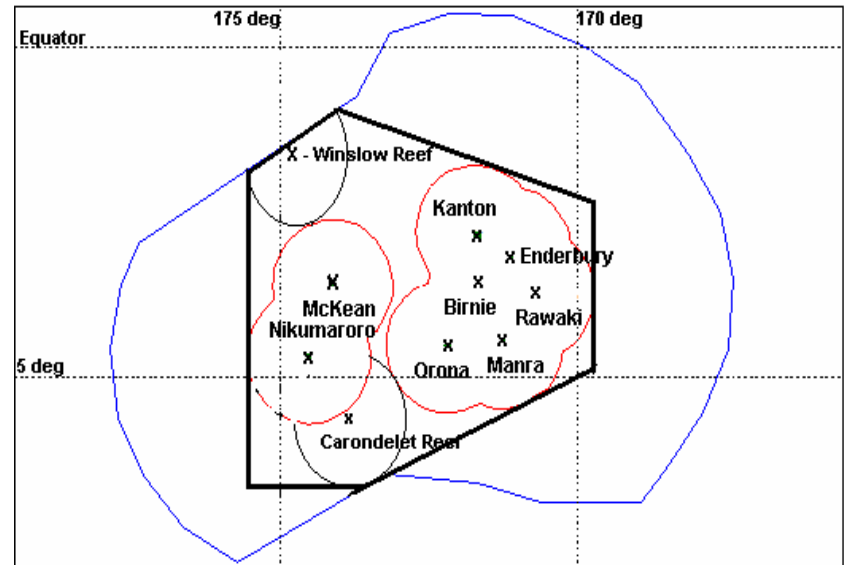
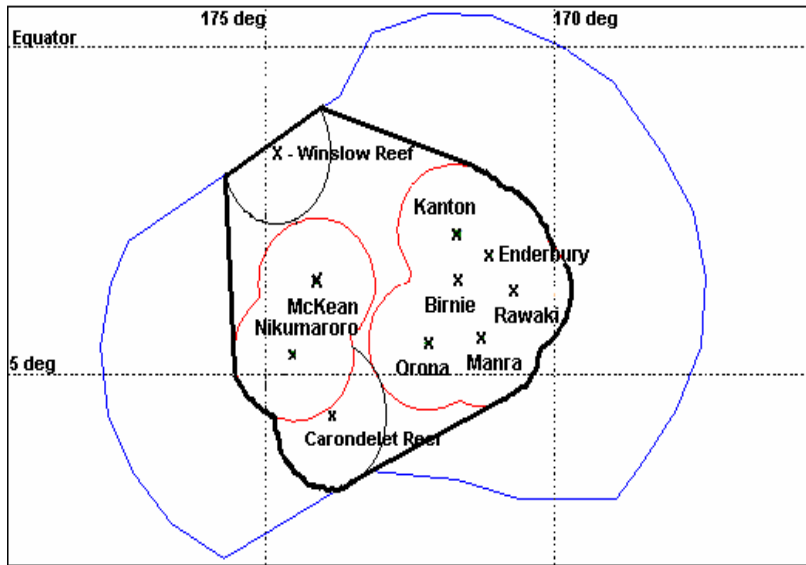


### Option 1. PIPA

Area estimate 32.1 million ha  
(8.9% Kiribati EEZ).

### Option 2. PIPA

Area estimate 39.1 million ha  
(10.8% Kiribati EEZ).



# Challenges



Recognizing, supporting and investing in the diversity of range and scale of MMA/MPA approaches needed as part of managing the Pacific Ocean:

- from village based, e.g. LMMA to large marine ecosystem e.g. Phoenix Islands
- all nations in the region having the capacity and resources to plan, implement, monitor and further develop a MMA/MPA network
- supported by a solid planning basis of information at national/regional level with fisheries and environment sectors working together to support community needs/MPA development
- used throughout EEZ footprint of countries as a tool to conserve representative portion of all marine habitat
- mechanisms to effectively learn from and link effort across the region
- MEET AGREED TARGETS eg CBD 2012!

# Regional Efforts and Linkages



- **Identify Pacific Islands MMAs/MPAs needs and adopt a pro-active framework to build capacity and provide targeted technical/financial support**
- **Invest in planning for marine biodiversity conservation and partnerships – linkages to national and local plans – support regional initiatives – key role of USCRTF**
- **Monitor the conservation investment and development of learning networks on coral reef conservation – a Pacific framework is needed**





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