

Reflections on two decades of evolving ocean governance in the Pacific

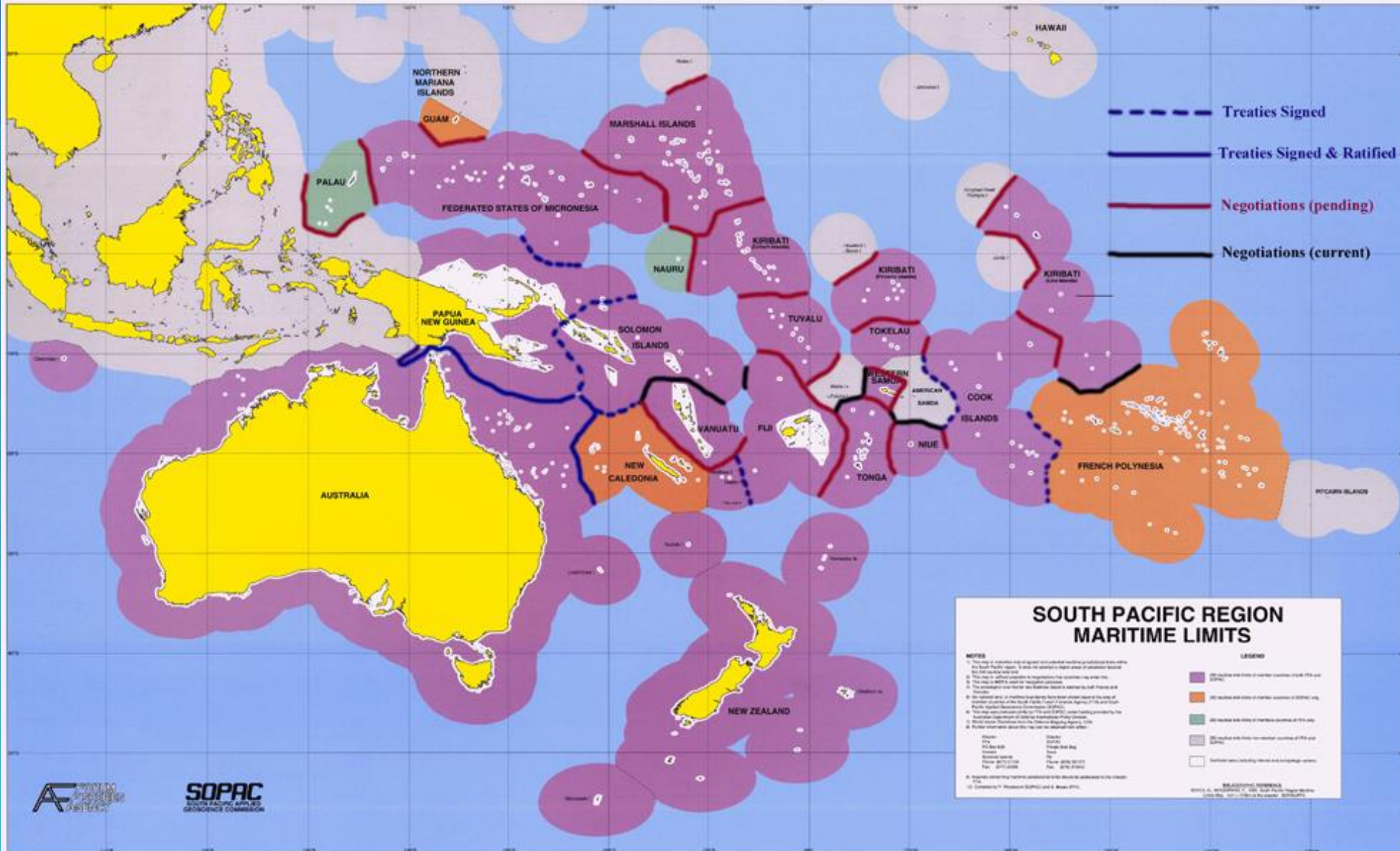
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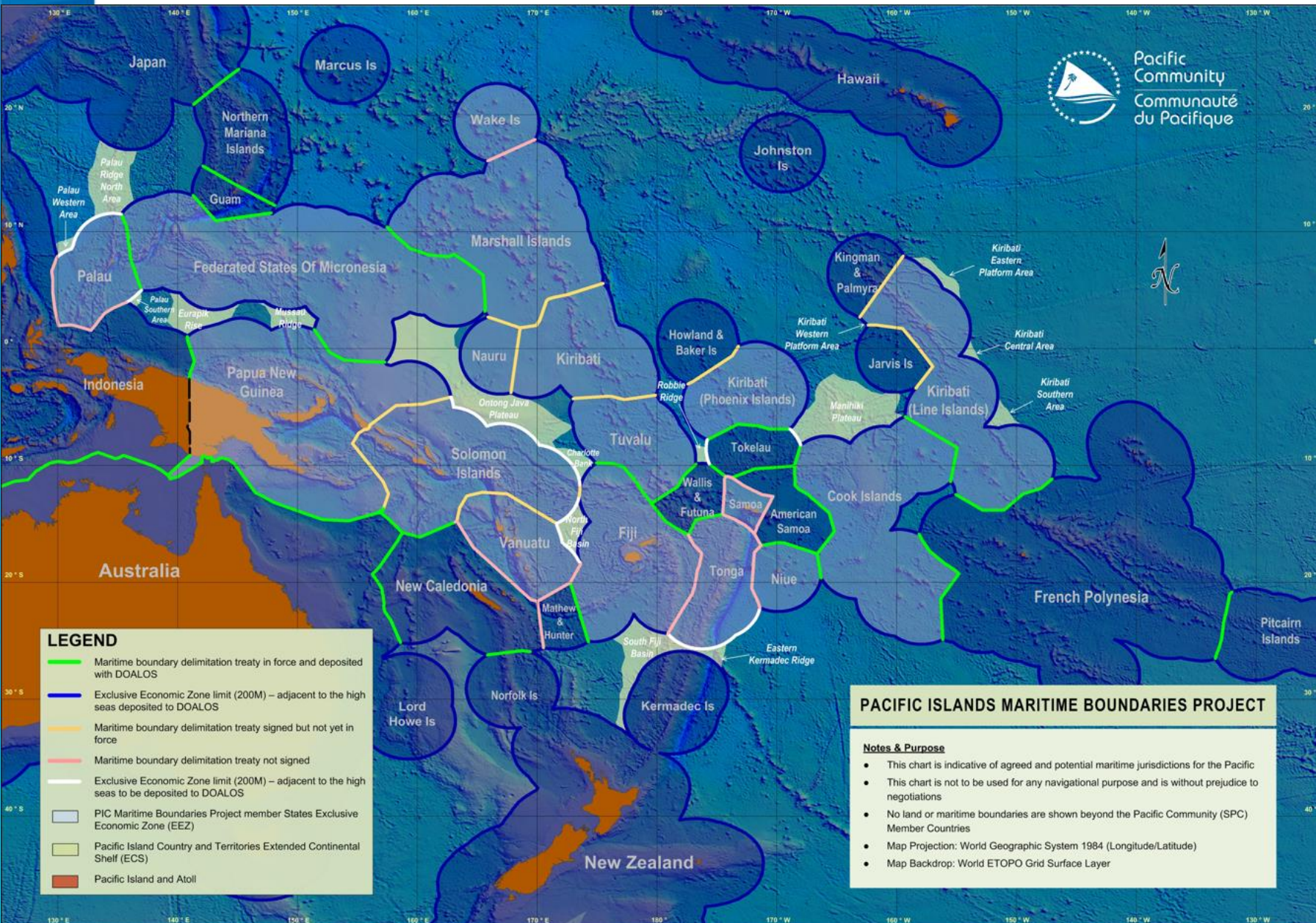
Foundations of Ocean Governance



Regional Maritime Boundaries in 2001

9 out of 48 shared boundaries under treaty (blue lines)

0 ECS submissions



STATUS UPDATE

Boundaries:

- **36 out of 48 shared boundaries are under treaty**
- **8 treaties remain to be brought into force (yellow)**
- **12 shared boundaries remain to be signed (pink)**
- **5 countries high seas limits have yet to be declared (white)**

Extended Continental Shelf:

- 9 PICT submissions in the queue
- 2 have received recommendations
- 2 in review
- 5 are partial submissions
- Another 6 are preliminary info notes, requiring more data

Success through fostered cooperation

Work through a recognised regional body

Harmonised regional approach

Supporting countries at different stages

Partners complement skills and expertise

Taking time to build a community of practice

Sense of community and trust built over time

Common understanding and practices

Expedite implementation of projects and demonstrate impact

Regular working sessions

Continued momentum

Country team approach

Countries drive priorities

Reinforced by attachments and national workshops

The value of champions

National leads with political connections have been vital

Commitment of individuals to act and deliver

Evolving Ocean Governance Seascape



FPO, 2010:

- little progress on ocean governance
- no national ocean policies
- no dedicated national institutions

2016 Vanuatu's National Ocean Policy	2016 Cook Islands Marae Moana Policy	2018 Solomon Islands National Ocean Policy	2020 Samoa Ocean Strategy	2020 PNG National Ocean Policy	2020 Niue Moana Mahu regs.	2021 Fiji's National Ocean Policy	2021 Tonga's Ocean Management Plan

Analysis of NOPs shows that all include the principles of, and aspire to the implementation of **Integrated Ocean Management**

Pacific Solutions for Integrated Ocean Management

CULTURE & TK:

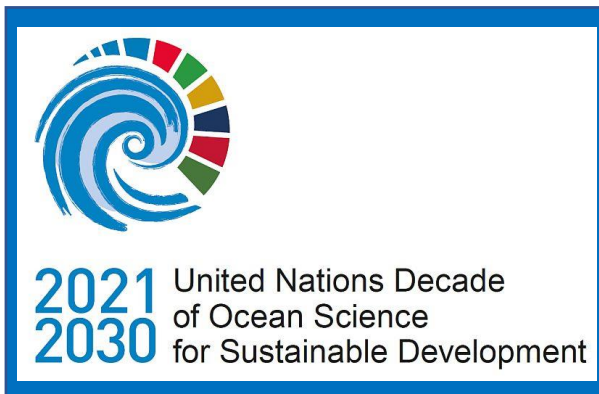
Actions are inclusive of traditional knowledge



LAW & POLICY:

Robust legal instruments and policy frameworks

Officially Endorsed Program



SCIENCE: Improved decision support systems

Supported by the EU



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