

Vanuatu's National Ocean Policy

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Our Ocean

Our Culture

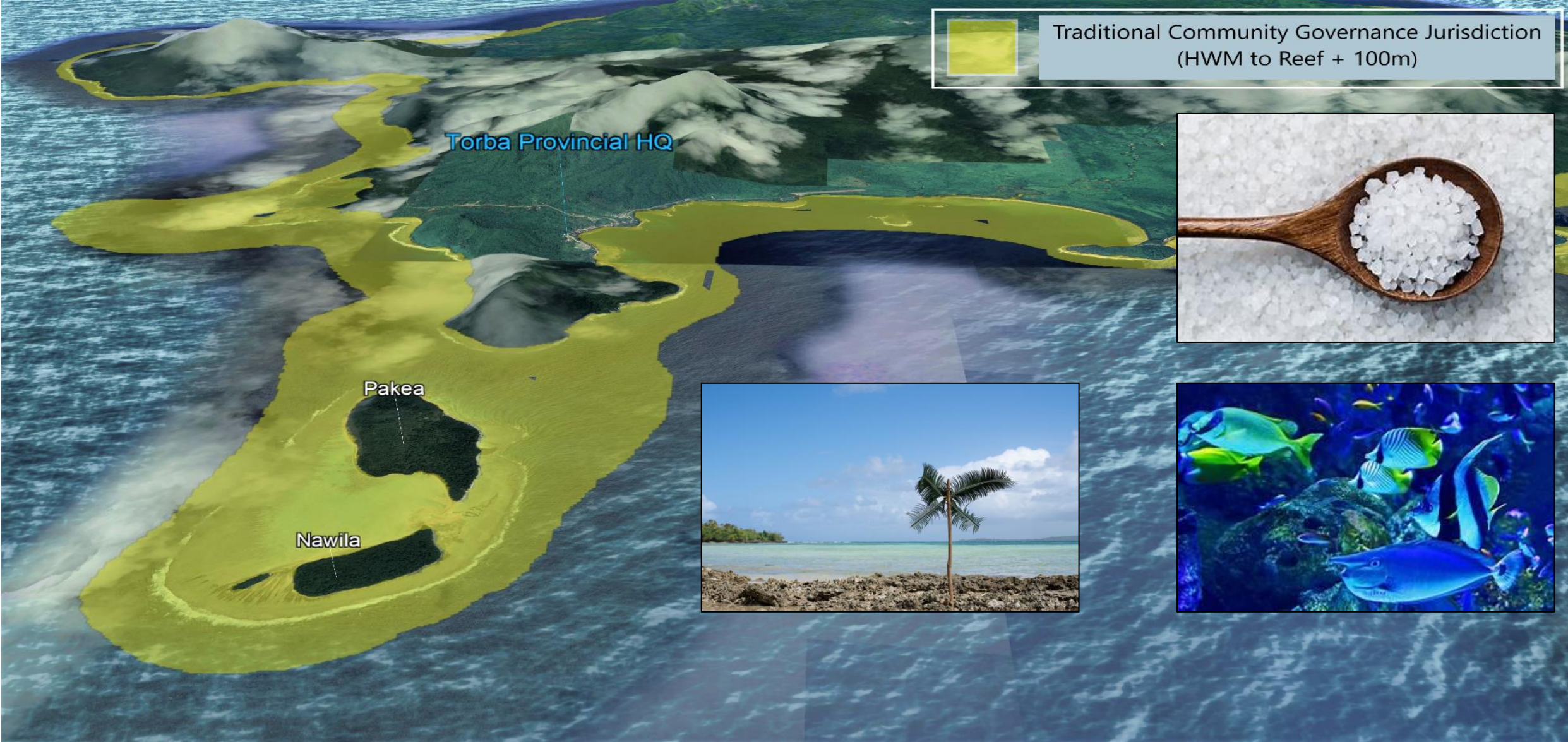
Our People

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What does the ocean mean to you



Our Ocean Journey



UNCLOS



United Nations
Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Vanuatu signed the
Convention on the
Law of the Sea in
1982**

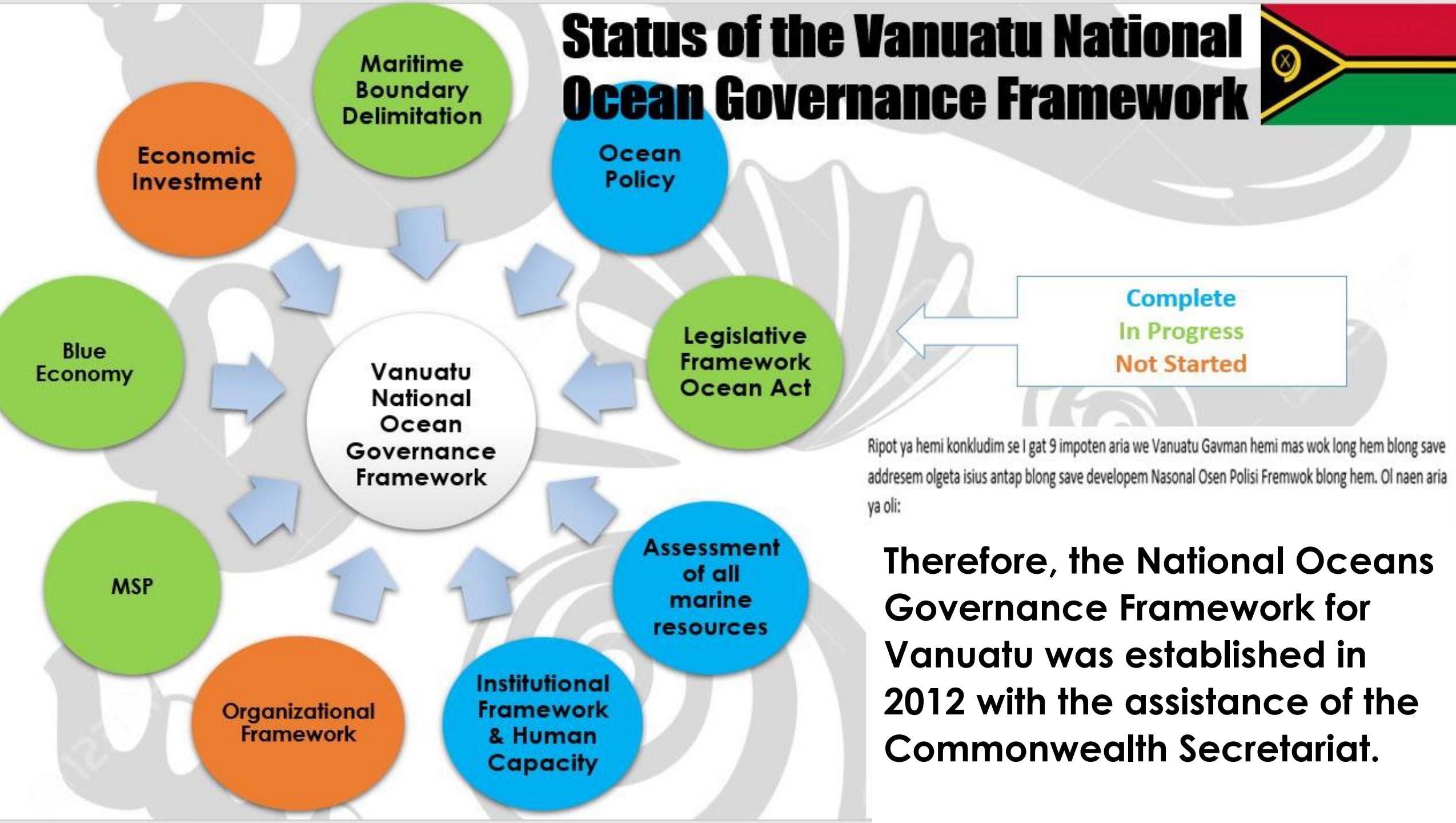


The Late former Prime Minister Father Walter Lini in 1984 established the National Committee on Maritime Boundary Delimitation (first body to govern our ocean).



- **1984 & 1987 – negotiations on resolving outstanding maritime boundary delimitation.**
- **From 1987 – 2004 (17 years) nothing happened in the oceans space.**
- **The announcement of the deadline for countries to make submissions for a claim on an Extended Continental Shelf Submission by 13th August 2009 to the UNDOALOS, prompt Vanuatu Government to take serious action in making a submission.**
- **In 2007, Vanuatu government re-established the National Committee on Maritime Boundary Delimitation, to resolve all outstanding matters on Maritime Boundary Delimitation with neighbor countries, dispute over Matthew and Hunter Islands and possible submission for an Extended Continental Shelf.**
- **In 2009 the government further reviewed the composition and the mandates of the committee and injected fundings to facilitate the work of the committee. On 2012, the national committee further extended its mandate from maritime boundary to its Ocean space and beyond. The national committee felt that the issue of resolving outstanding maritime boundary should encompass the issue of ocean governance. Given that there was no policy or legislation to manage our oceans given that our entire EEZ is still unresolved.**

Status of the Vanuatu National Ocean Governance Framework



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Therefore, the National Oceans Governance Framework for Vanuatu was established in 2012 with the assistance of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Lessons Learnt



‘Small is beautiful,

Peace is powerful

***Respect is
Honourable”***