

# Future of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans:

Relevance to implementation of the Global Programme of Action

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# Outline

- Context
- SPREP – the Pacific Regional Sea
- Regional Seas in context
- Future keys to success for RSCAPs

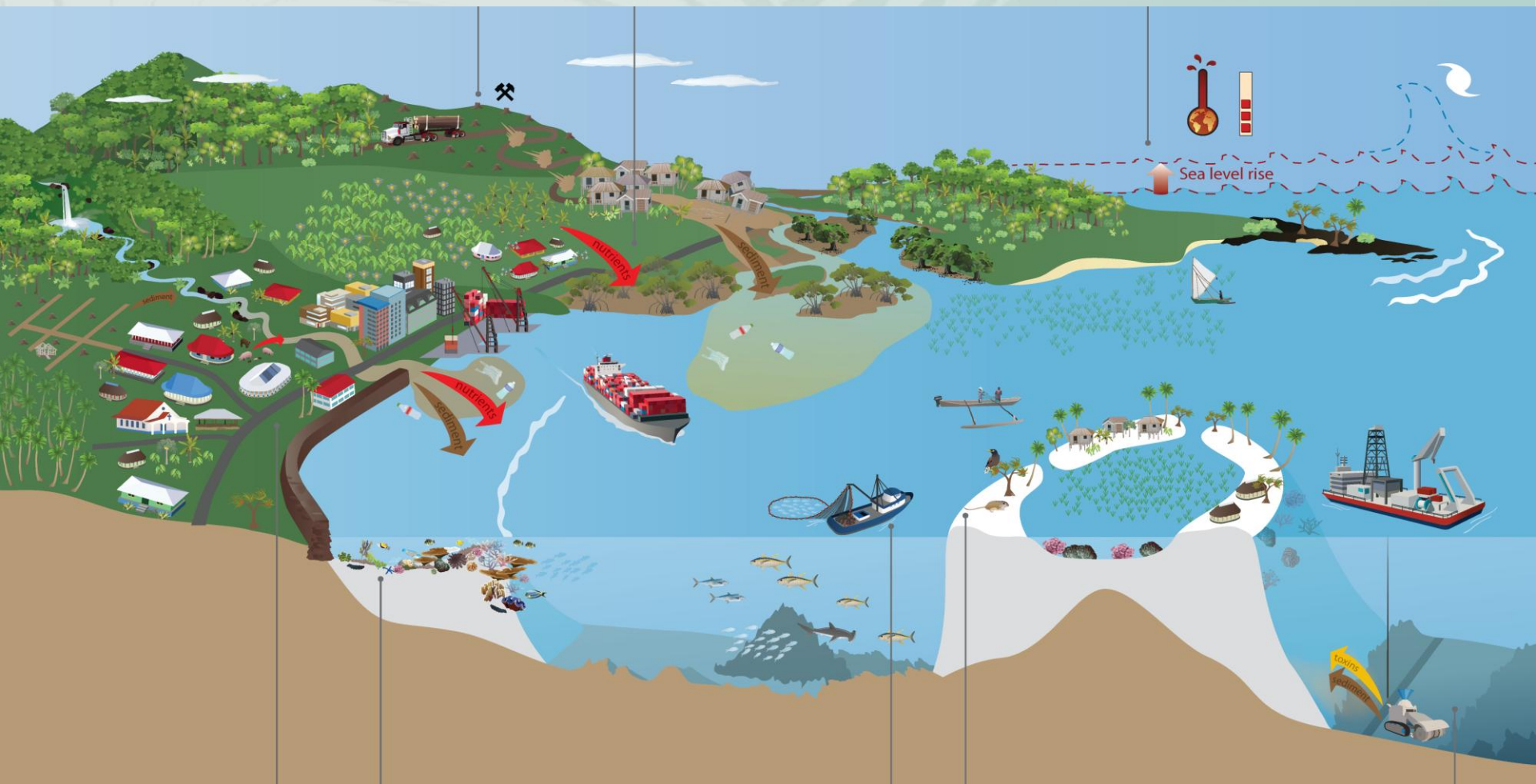


# Multiple challenges require an integrated solution

Unsustainable land use

Pollution and Waste

Climate Change



Coastal Development

Unsustainable Fishing

Invasive Species

Emerging Uses

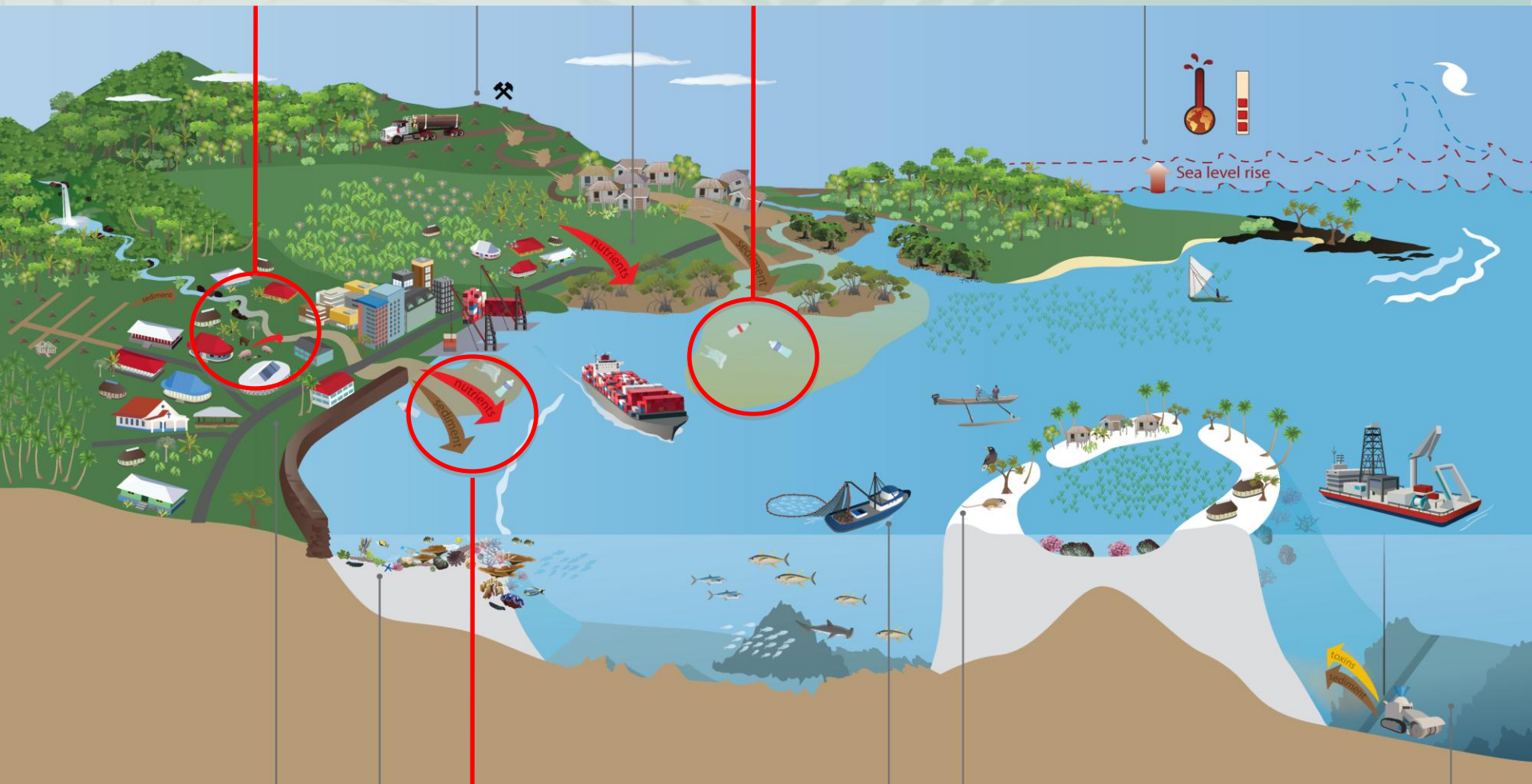




# Global Programme of Action priority sources

Wastewater

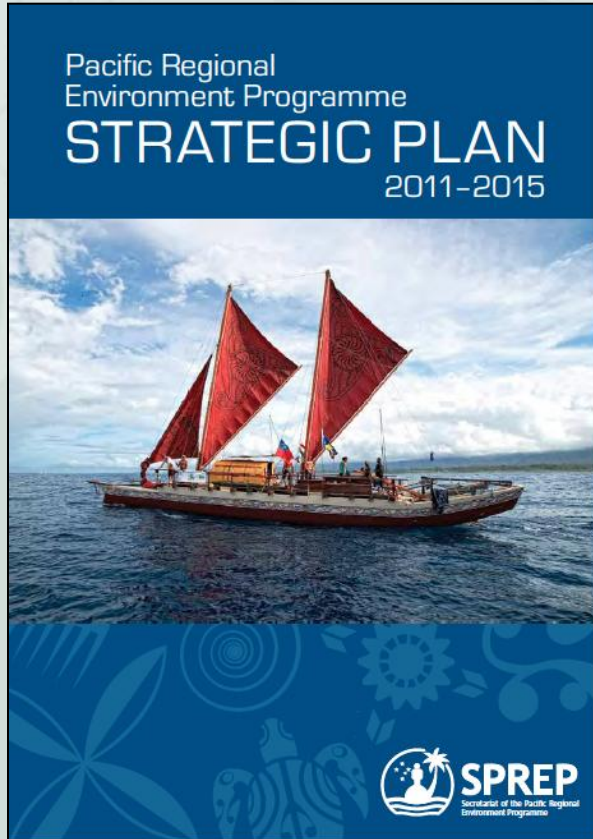
Marine Litter



Nutrients



# SPREP – Secretariat Pacific Regional Sea

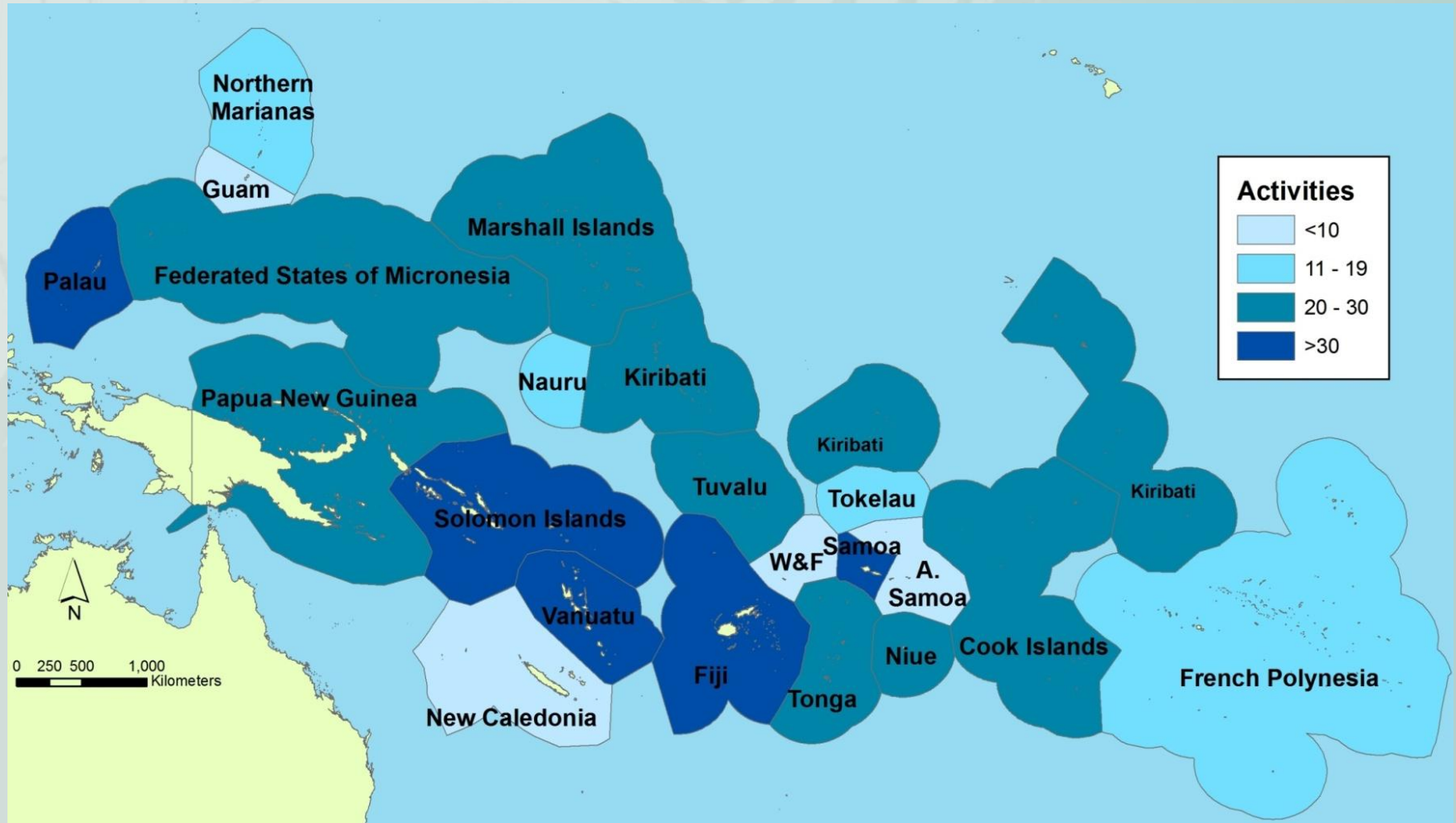


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- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
- 26 Members  
(21 Pacific island countries and territories)
- Four Divisions:
  - Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management
  - Climate Change
  - Waste Management and Pollution
  - Environmental Monitoring and Governance
- Currently 65 staff, based in Apia, Samoa

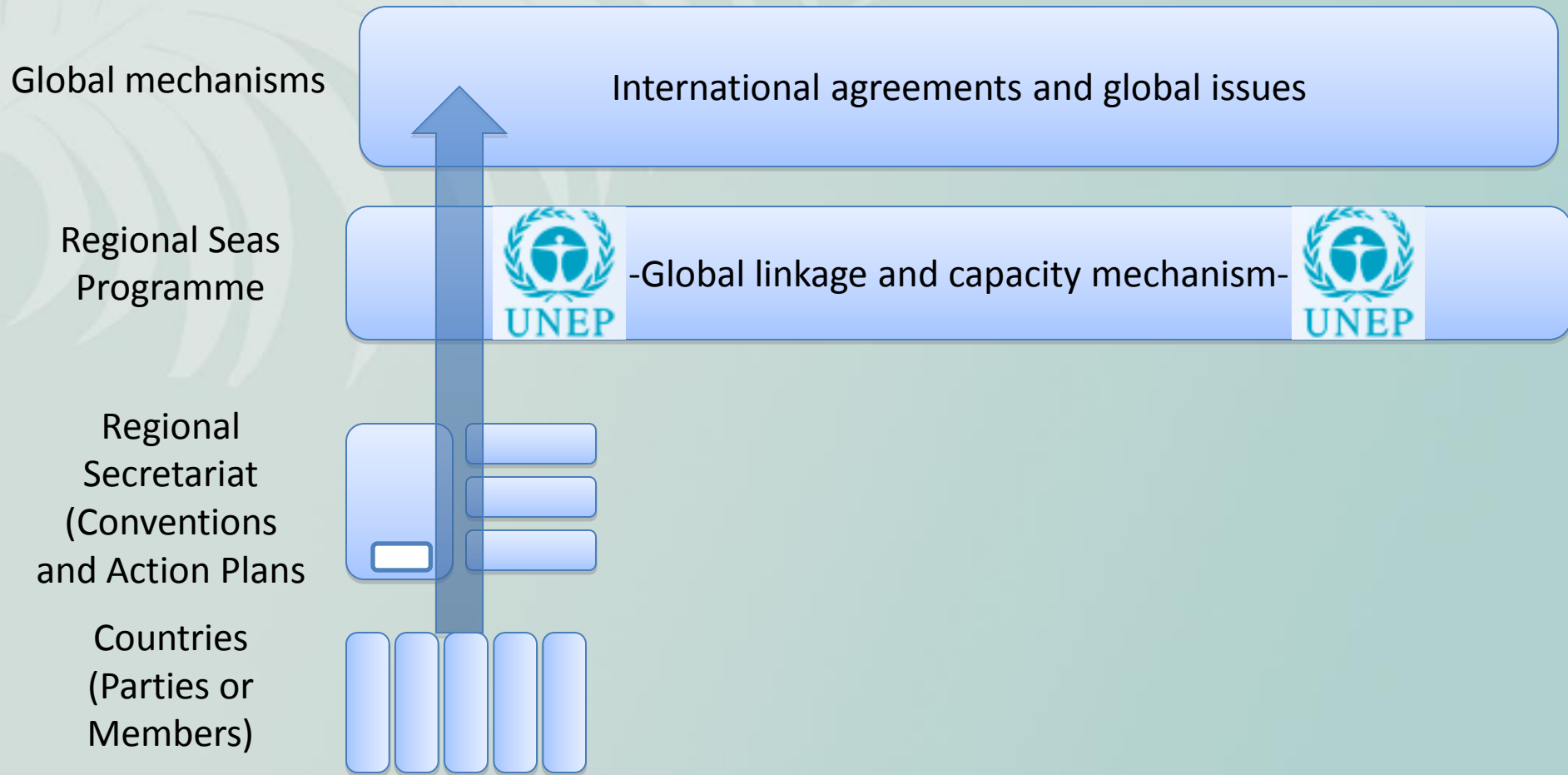


# SPREP Regional and National Activities - 2012

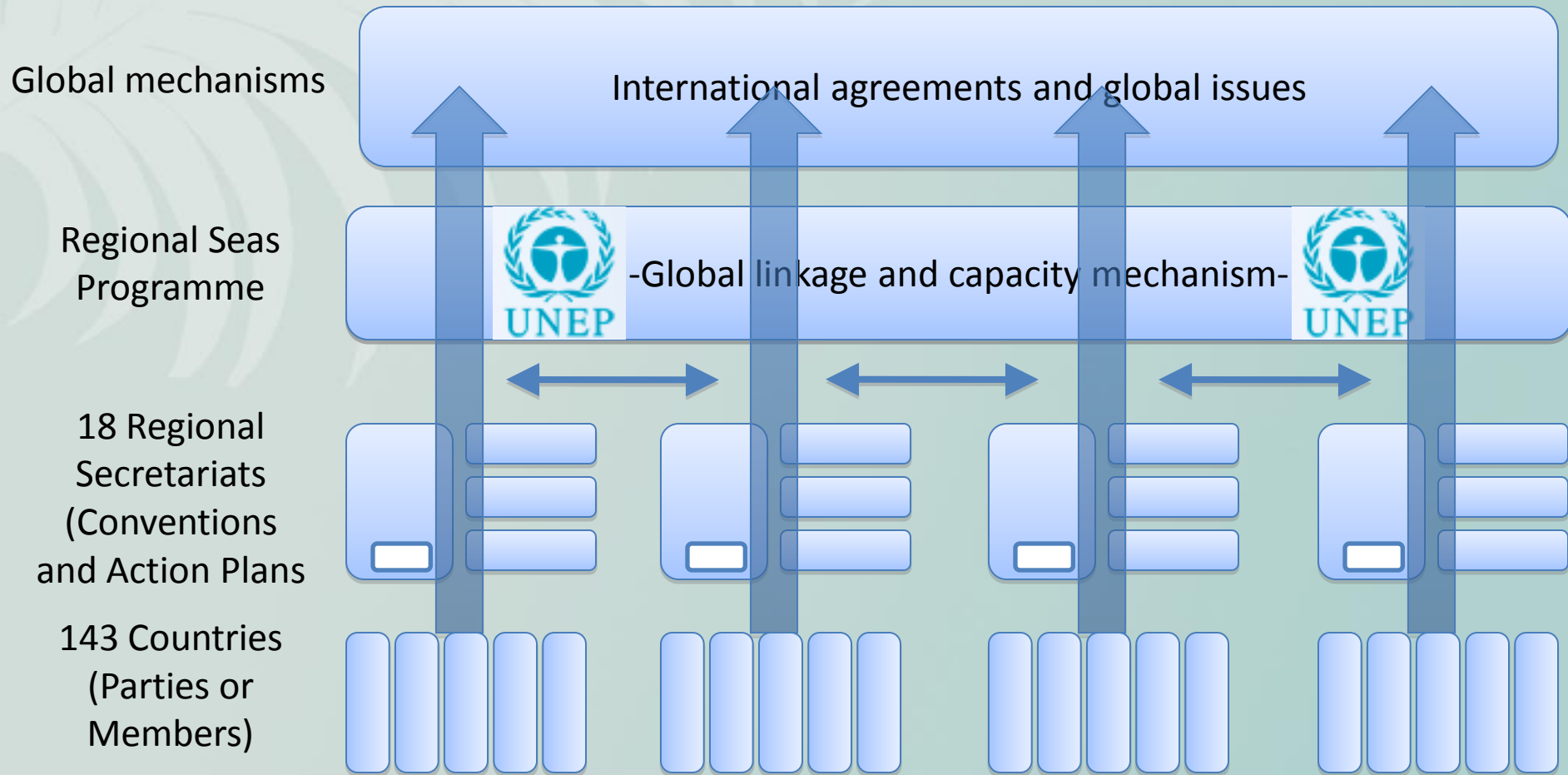




# RSCAPs support Countries in global linkages

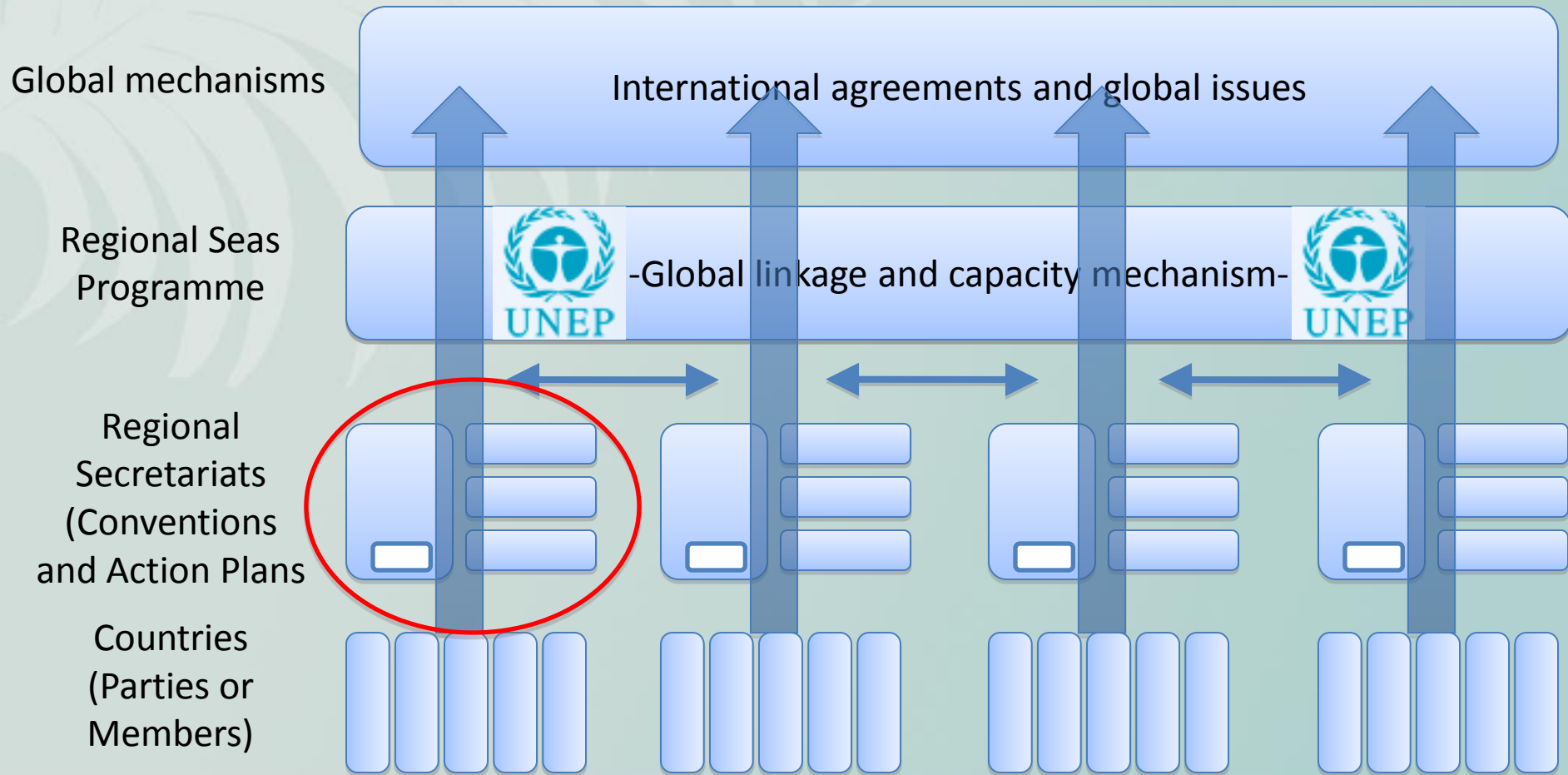


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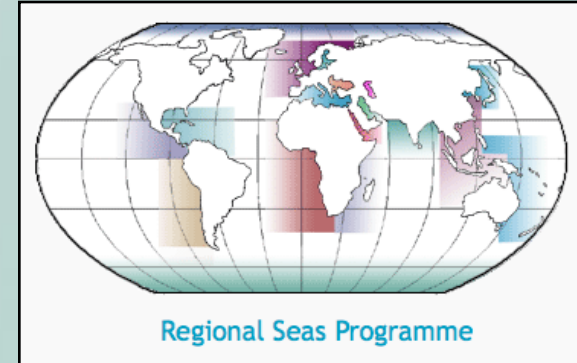
# Unique regional governance arrangements make RSCAPs well embedded mechanisms for national and regional engagement and implementation





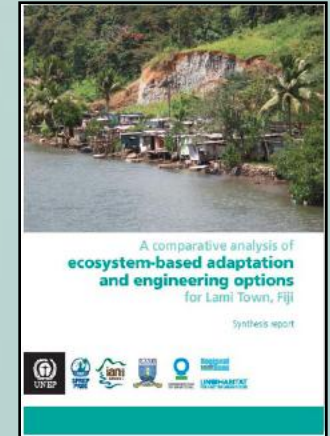
# Five key elements of a future vision for a strong and vibrant Regional Seas Programme supporting GPA implementation (In response to RIO+20)

1. Strategic planning and reporting
2. Strong partnerships
3. Effective inter-region collaboration
4. Delivery of key strategic efforts across Regional Seas
5. Support countries in engaging with international mechanisms



# 1. 2013-2016 Regional Seas strategic directions

- Effectively apply Ecosystem Based Management
- GPA: Protection from Land Based Activities
- Strengthen capacity for coastal and marine governance
- Promote resource efficiency and productivity
- Strengthen coordination and capacity for state of marine environment reporting
- Strengthen mechanisms for MEA, UN and IFI collaboration





## 2. Strong partnerships are essential for Regional Seas to deliver effective outcomes



- Global, regional, national, sub-national
- Agencies, civil society, private sector
- Developed long term collaborations as well as strategic, directed partnerships

# 3. Effective inter-region collaboration

- Twinning between RSCAPs and experience sharing increase delivery of outputs
- Potential for joint support to parties of international MEAs
- Collaboration and support in relation to data synthesis and support (eg EBSA)
- Strategic support to global efforts (eg World Oceans Assessment)





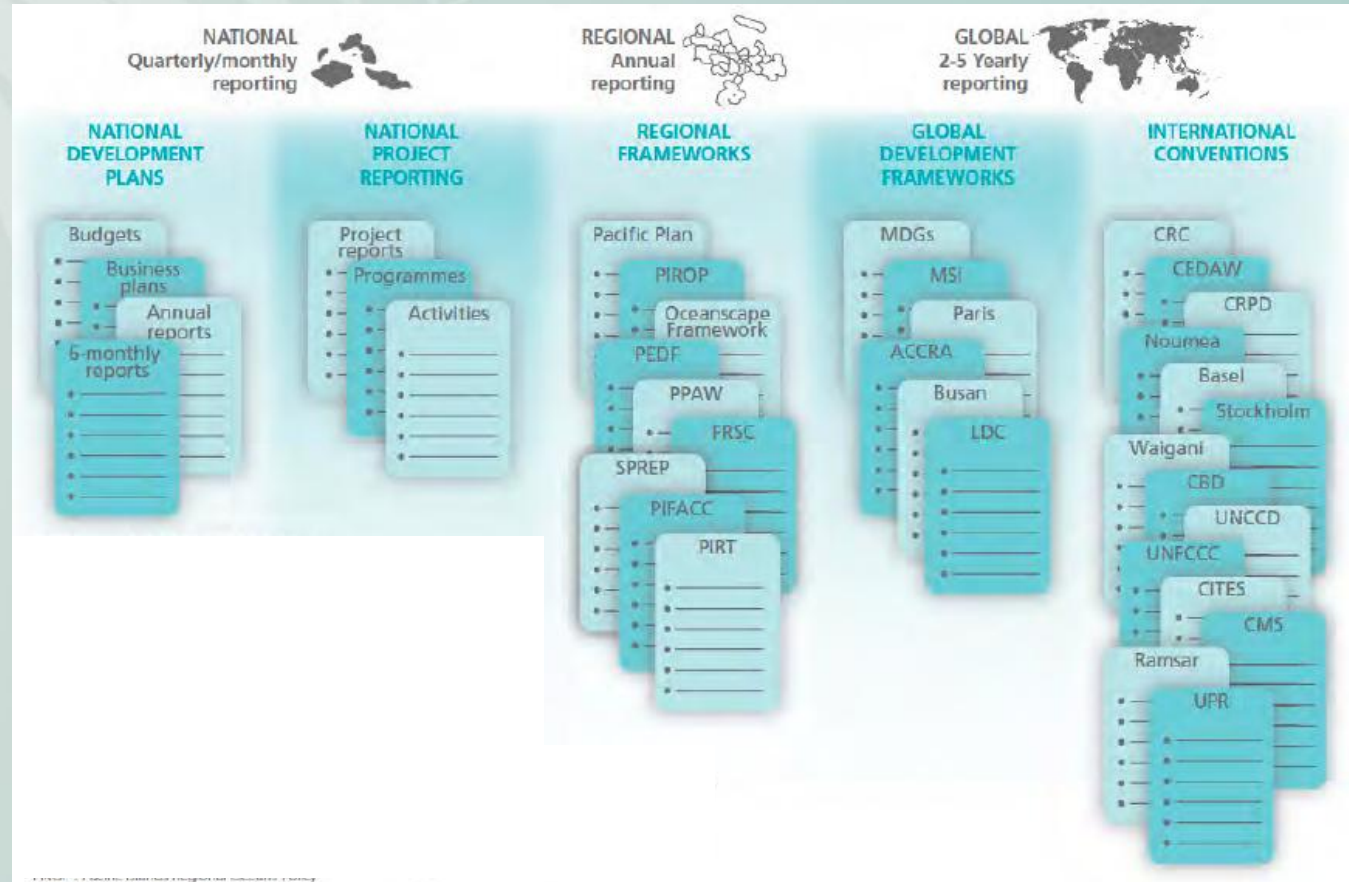
# 4. Delivery of key strategic efforts across Regional Seas

- Previously strategic efforts including marine assessments, marine litter reports and global synthesis of biodiversity were flagship outputs
- **Future potential strategic efforts include:**
- Regional Oceans Governance (eg: linking Regional Seas, Large Marine Ecosystems and Regional Fisheries Bodies)
- Effective MPAs including in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
- Developing common assessment framework for condition of Regional Seas – to support World Oceans Assessment and national reporting needs (RSCAPs 5 of 6 regional workshops)
- Green Economy in a Blue World (Caribbean April 2013 and W Indian Ocean Nov 2013)



# 5. Support countries in engaging with international mechanisms

Work to streamline MEA reporting  
Harmonise donor requirements  
Develop indicator frameworks





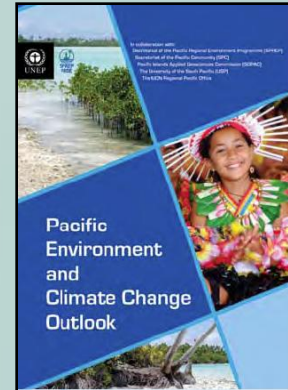
# 5. Support countries in engaging with ongoing and emerging issues

- Linkages, technical support and capacity building on global or emerging issues:
- Deep Sea Minerals
- Oil and Gas Protocols
- Delivery of integrated data on migratory species
- Plastics and marine litter

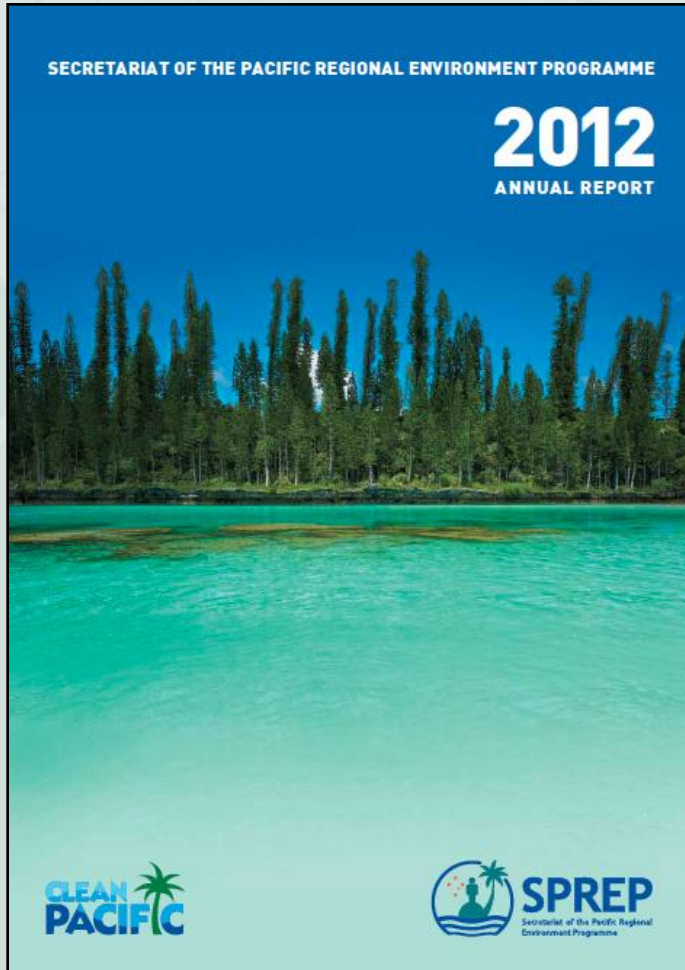


# In Summary:

- Regional Seas continue to work to primarily support and respond to member states
- UNEP has continued commitment to the Regional Seas Programme
- RSCAPs are well embedded within regions and able to absorb input for effective implementation
- Continue to strengthen linkages and develop targeted strategic outputs amongst RSCAPs
- Strong synergies and linkages exist with GPA, high potential for support and coordination



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