



# Regional Seas -9th Global Meeting

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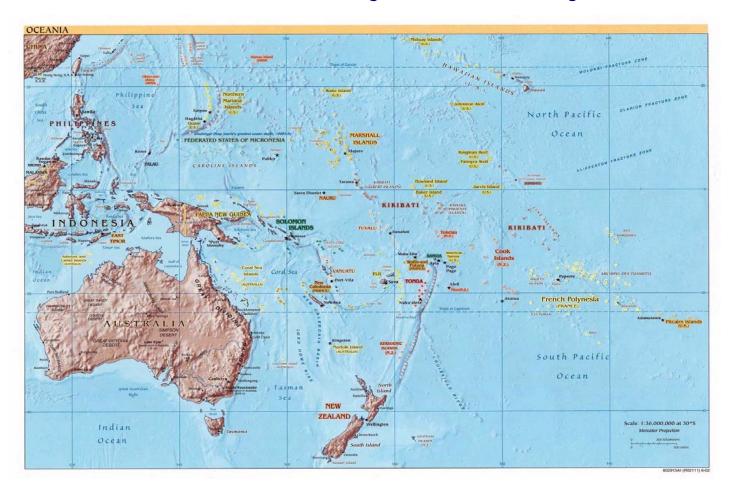
## **SPREP**

- SPREP Membership:
  - Pacific Islands Countries (14)
  - Pacific Islands Territories (7)
  - Australia, NZ, USA, France
- Broad Environmental Mandate





#### Small islands - Big EEZs - Pacific region

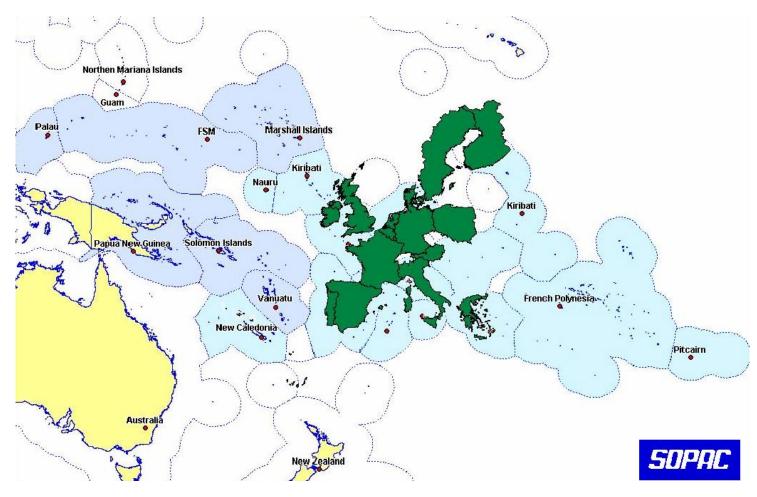


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# **Europe transposed on Pacific**



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## **Pacific Island Countries**

- Small, isolated, vulnerable environments
- Developing nations (including LDCs)
- Not industrialised
- Small populations
- Limited capacity in governments
- Mostly coastal





# Regional Support

- SPREP environment
- SPC Coastal fisheries
- SOPAC non-living resources continental shelf
- FFA Tuna management/development
- RFMOs
  - Pacific Tuna migratory species
  - South Pacific non-migratory species





## **Noumea Convention**

#### SPREP Action Plan 2005 - 2009

- Climate Change
- Pollution Waste
- Natural Resource Management
- Sustainable Development





## **Achievements**

# Regional Agreements and Strategies

- Climate Framework and Action Plan
- Marine Invasive species strategy
- Oceans policy
- Year of the Sea Turtle 2006





## **Achievements**

# Regional Agreements and Strategies

- Communications Strategy
- Regional waste management strategy
- GEF PAS
- Year of the Coral Reef 2008





# Challenges

- Capacity
  - National Systems/governance
  - Technical skills / expertise
  - Legal systems / compliance
  - Education / Information / monitoring
  - Resources /costs
- Mainstreaming
- Coordination





Thank you for your attention