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PI-GOOS
PACIFIC ISLAND GLOBAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM

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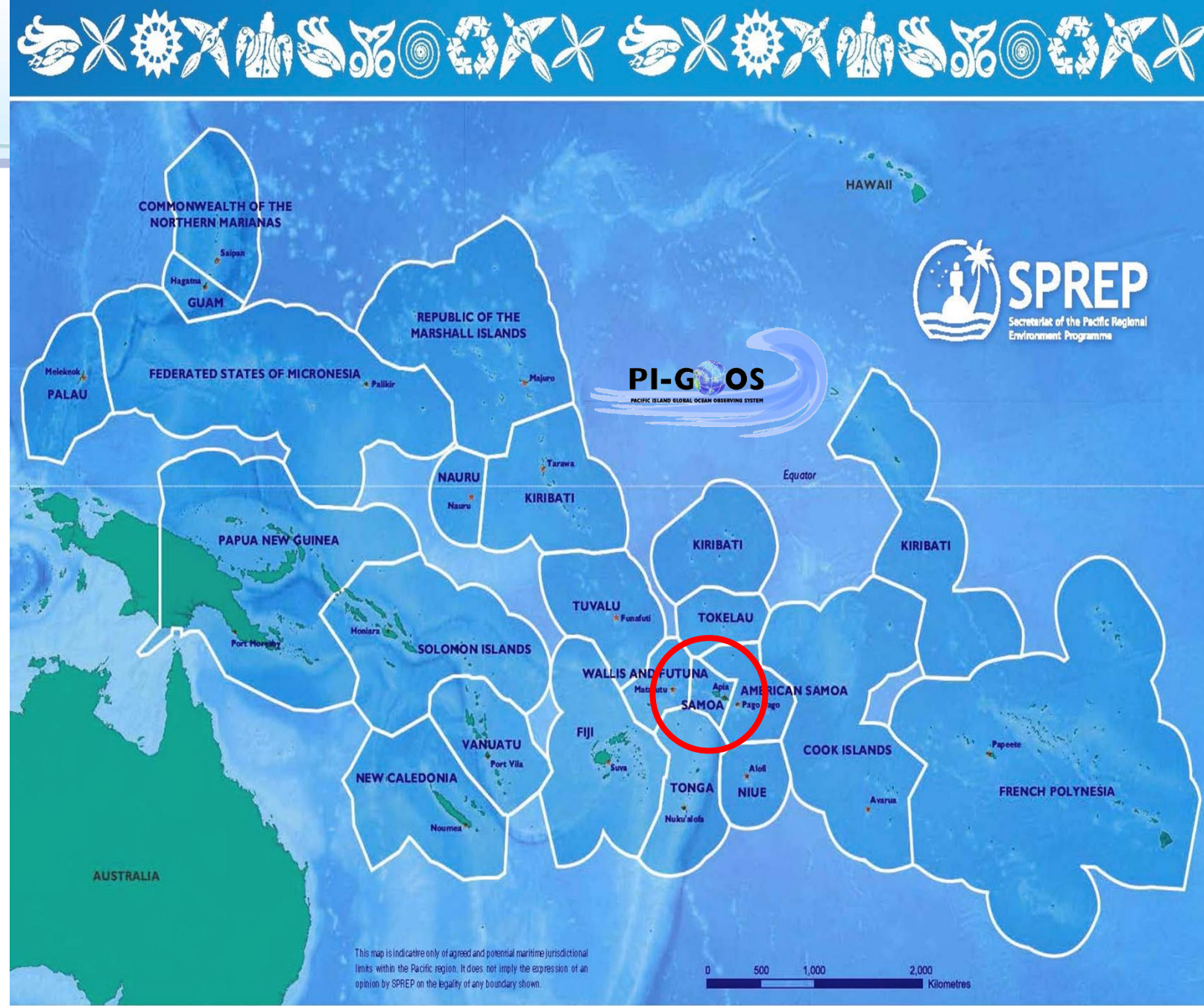
Intergovernmental org.
for protection of Pacific
islands environment

HQ: Apia, Samoa

**21 Pacific Island
Countries & Territories**

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5 Metropolitan Members:
Aus., Fr., NZ, UK, USA



Established as a GOOS Regional Alliance in 1998

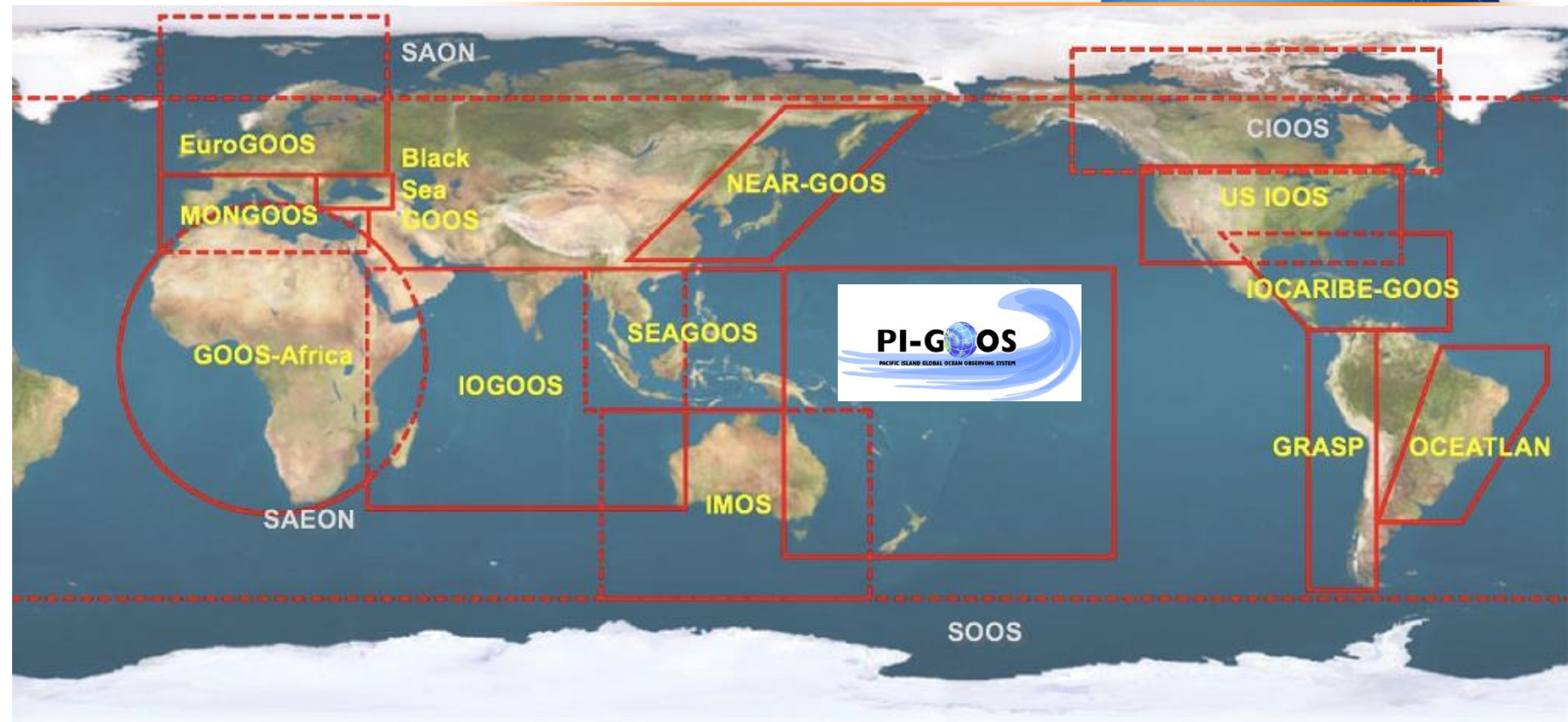
To assist in:

- OO development
- uptake & use of data

Sponsors:



The Global Ocean Observing System

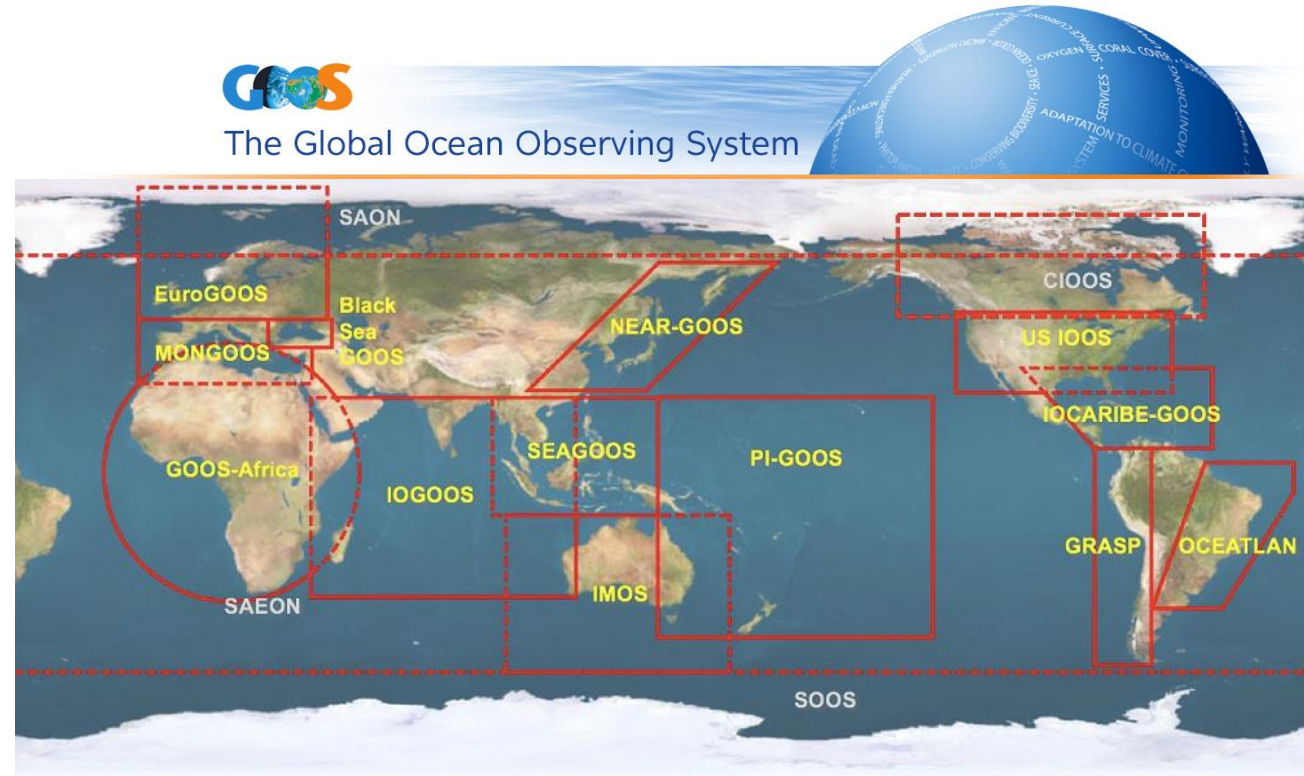


Key Activity Areas:

- Coordinating OO in PICTs
- Supporting Development of Marine Weather Programmes
- Marine Data Access and Management
- Education & Training



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→ Work closely with



PACIFIC
METEOROLOGICAL
COUNCIL

PMC-5: 5th Meeting of the PMC, Apia, Samoa 2019

- Directors of Met Services
- Est. 2011, to coordinate sci & tech activities of NMHS
- Advises SPREP on needs and priorities of NMHS
- Biennial meetings →
- Supported by PMDP

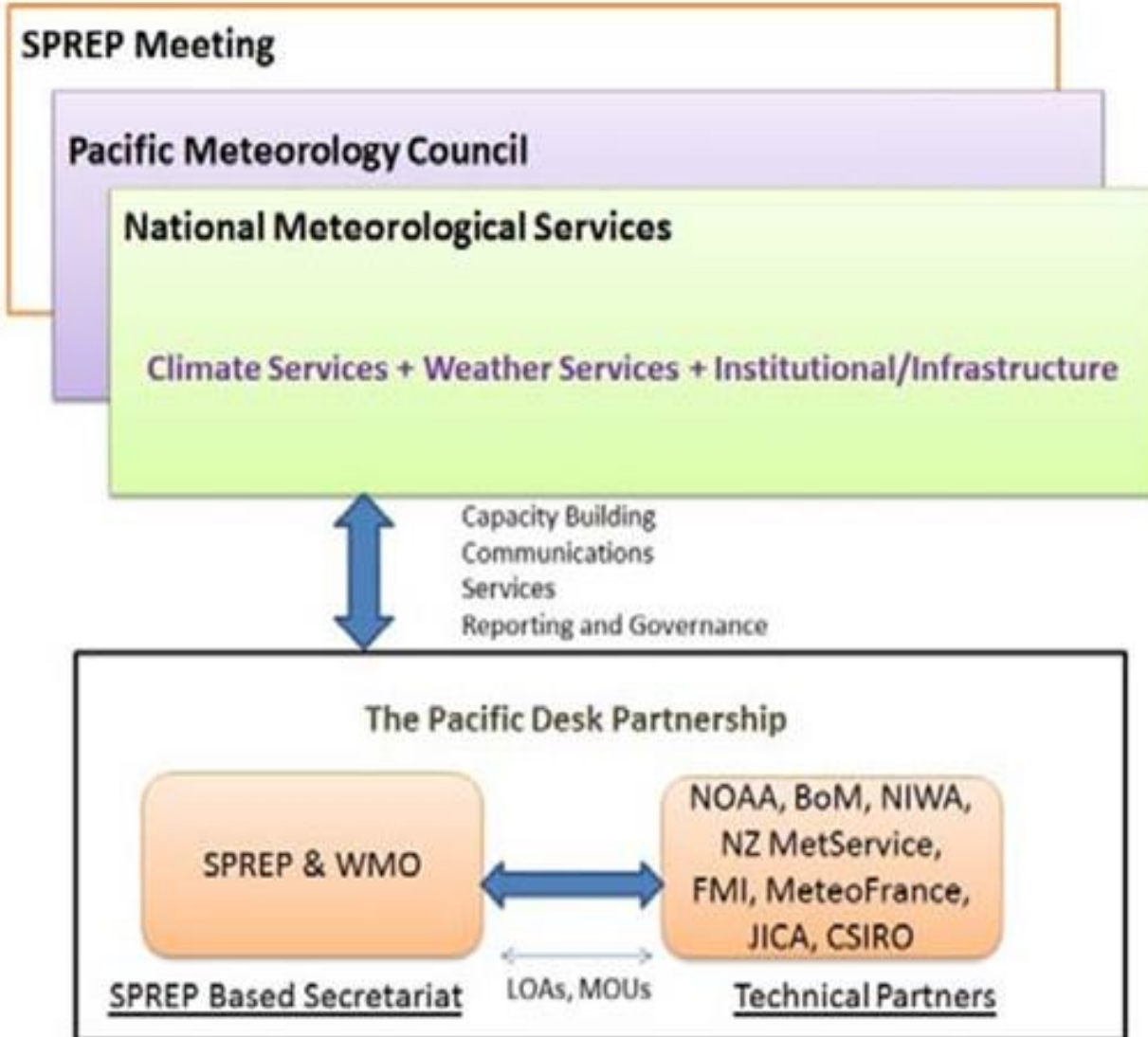
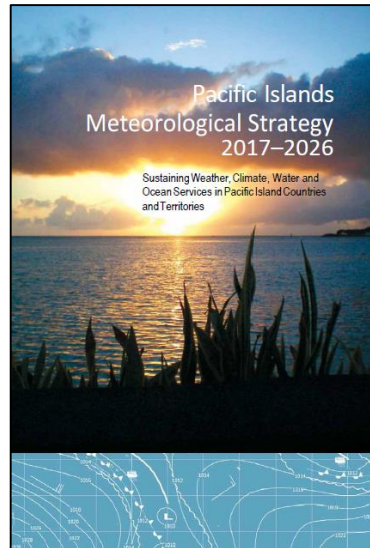


Pacific Met Desk Partnership

Supports PMC through:

- Coordination & planning of technical projects & programs
- Mobilizing resources to support PMC & NMHS

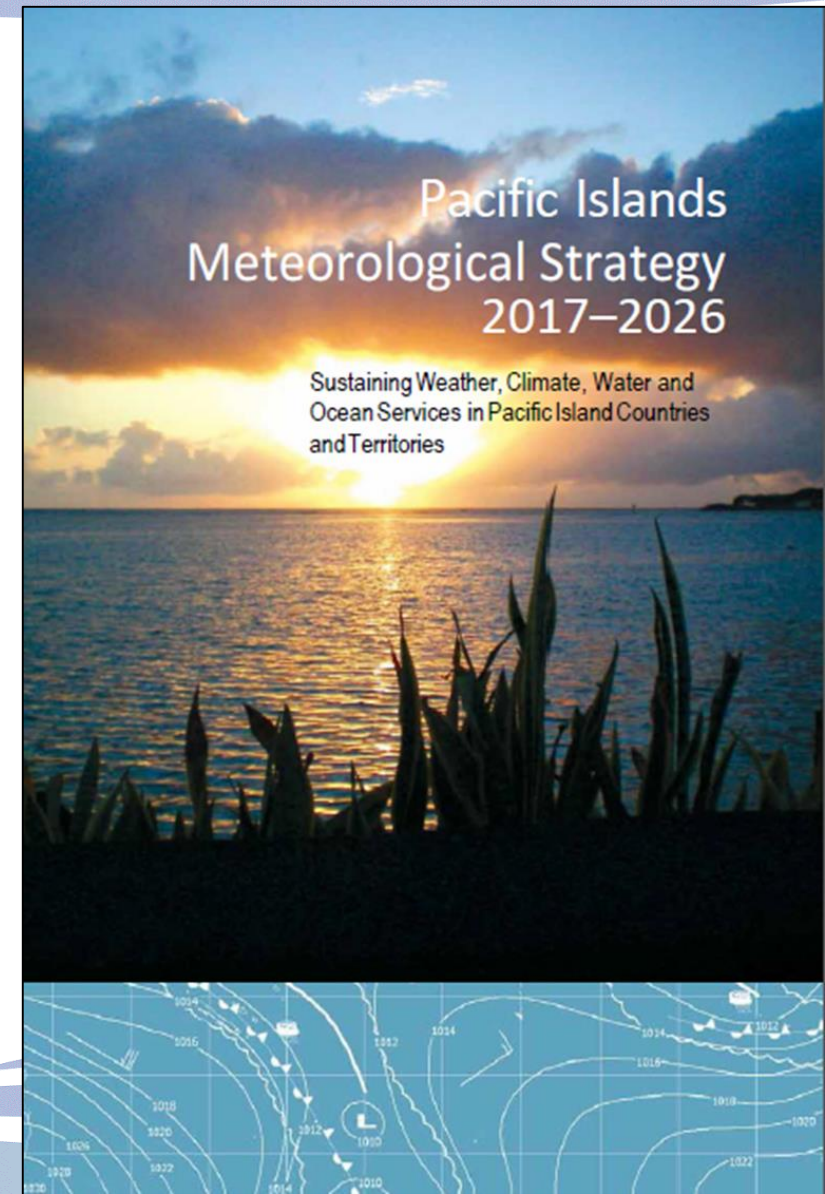
→ Guided by **PI Met Strategy**:



Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy

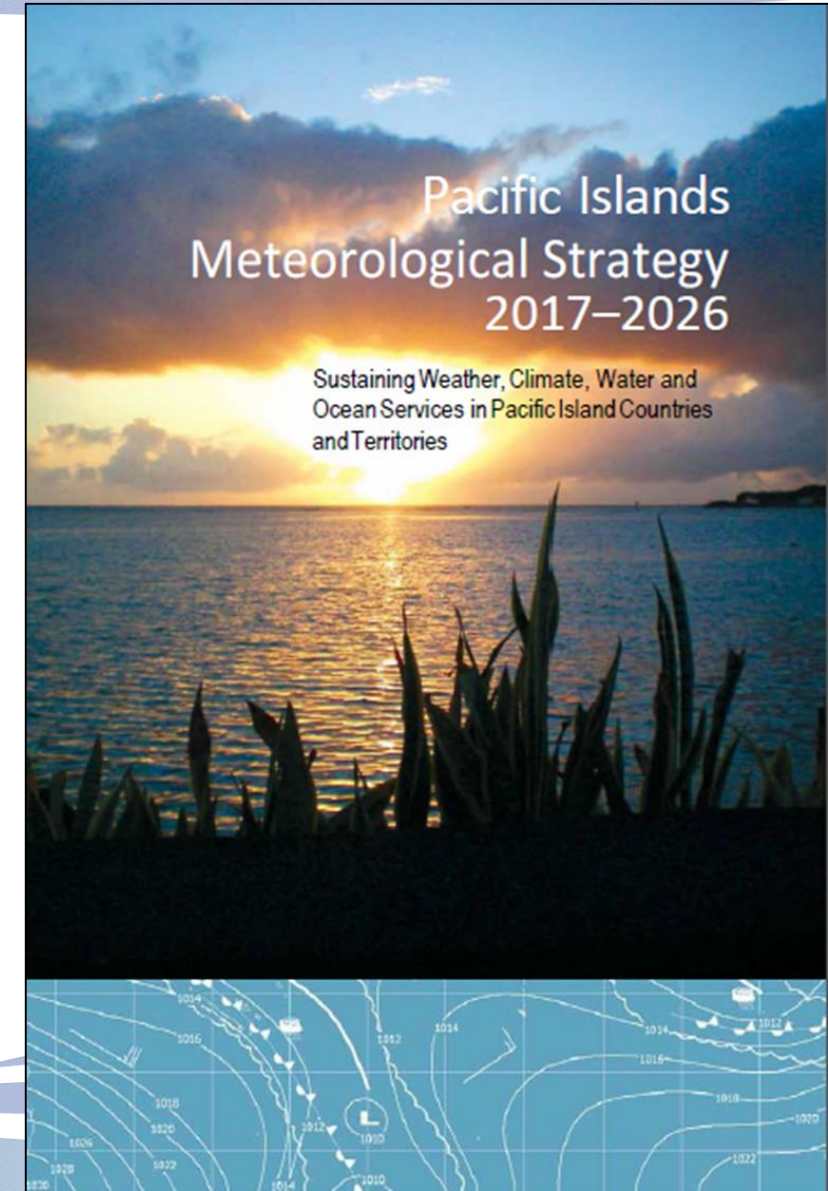
5 Priority Areas:

1. Improved weather services
2. Disaster Risk Reduction
3. Improved climate & hydrological services
4. Integrated **observing** & comms systems
5. Coordinated support for NMHSs, PMC, and PMDP



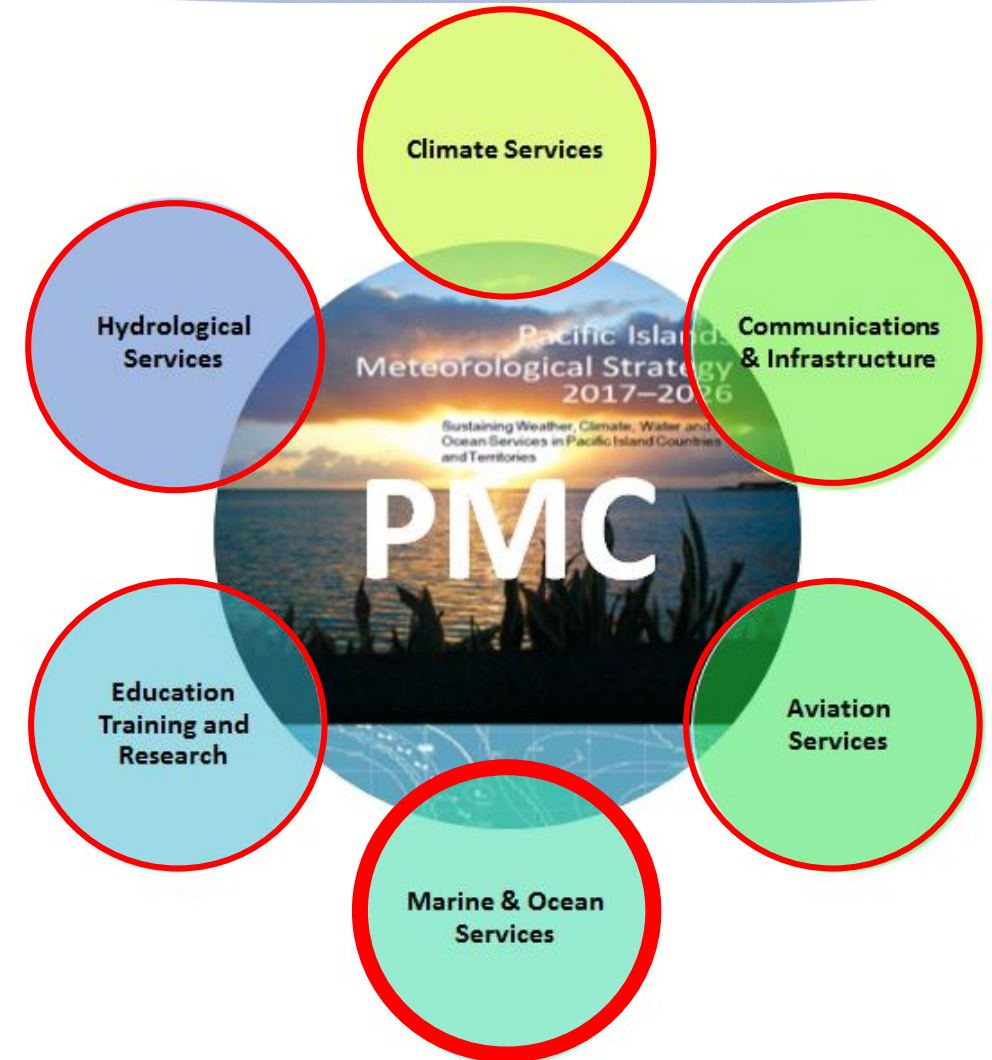
Pacific Key Outcomes

- Pacific Key Outcome 2: Marine weather services in the PICTs' region are improved
 - 11 National Priority Actions and 8 Regional Priority Actions
- Pacific Key Outcome 4: Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems for tropical cyclones, storm surges, waves and tsunami in the PICTs' region are implemented and improved
- Pacific Key Outcome 7: Improved quality of **observations** and coverage of networks in the Pacific Islands region



Advise PMC on 6 thematic areas of the Pacific Islands Met Strategy:

- Pacific Island Climate Services (PICS)
- Pacific Island Communications and Infrastructure (PICI)
- Pacific Island Aviation Weather Services (PIAWS)
- **Pacific Island Marine and Oceans Services (PIMOS)**
- Pacific Island Education, Training and Research (PIETR)
- Pacific Hydrological Services (PHS)



PMC-5 Meeting of PIMOS Panel: Key Priority Areas:

- Coastal Inundation and Hazards
- Marine Weather → Maritime Safety (SOLAS)
- Marine Meteorology and Climatology
- Ocean Acidification

These are supported by:

- **Observations** and data management
- Forecasting
- Climate, Marine & Ocean Services
- Comms and Capacity Building



Observing Ocean Acidification

Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification

Building capacity of Pacific Islanders to
monitor and report **ocean acidification** data

Partnered with TOF to provide equipment & training to
7 Pacific island nations to monitor OA & report data to
SDG Indicator 14.3.1:

*Average **marine acidity (pH)** measured at agreed
suite of representative sampling stations*



Photos: The Ocean Foundation



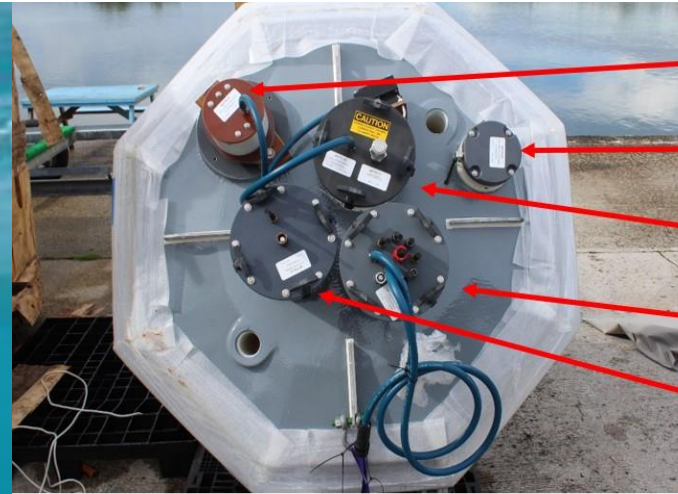
Pacific Island Countries Ocean Acidification Observation and Response Network

KIOST + SPREP
establishing OA monitoring
(MAPCO2) buoys in:

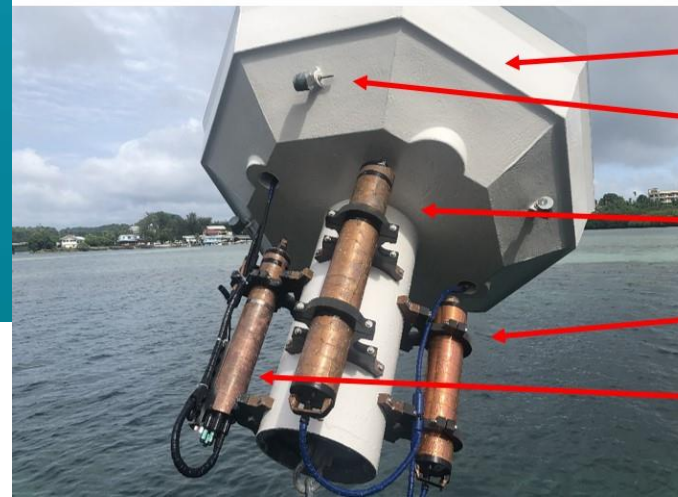
- Palau
- FSM (Chuuk)
- Samoa



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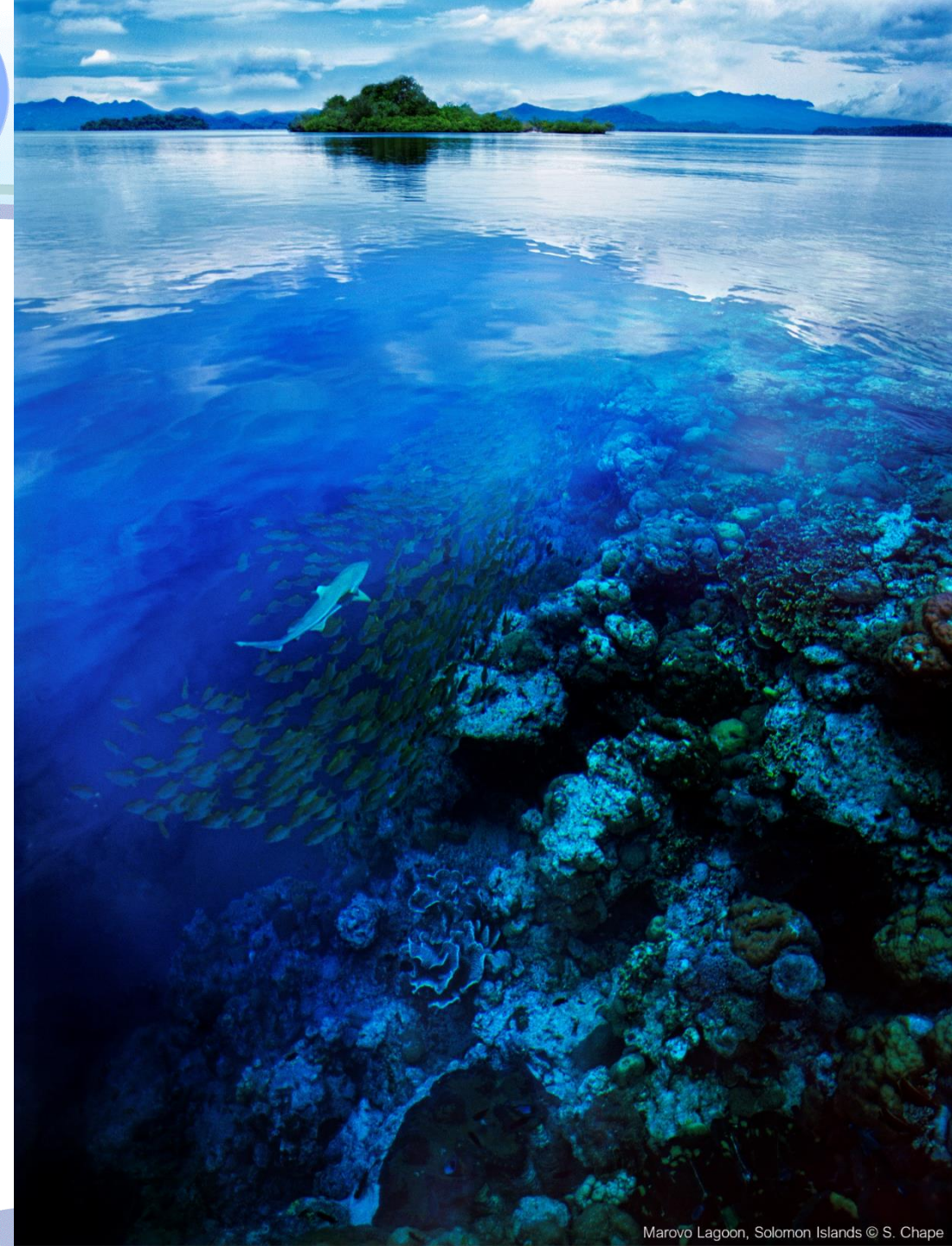
- Equilibrator assembly
- Communication assembly
- Gas-span assembly
- Electronic assembly
- Battery assembly



- Buoy hull
- Zinc
- Battery pack (SeaFET pH sensor)
- SeaFET pH sensor
- Seabird CTD

Challenges

- Maintaining financial support for PI-GOOS
- Low levels of ocean literacy and capacity
→ PICTs need oceanographers
- Low awareness of the importance of OO
- Data sharing in the region is poor



Opportunities

- UN Decade of Ocean Science
→ raise profile of OO for PICTs
- Commonwealth Blue Charter AG on OO
- Increasing awareness of ocean-climate nexus
→ UNFCCC 'Blue COP' 25 Chile 2019
- Donors (GCF, AF) interested in marine climate-adaptation
→ need to demonstrate importance of OO and how baseline data is key part of adaptation work



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