

# PI-GOOS

PACIFIC ISLAND GLOBAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM

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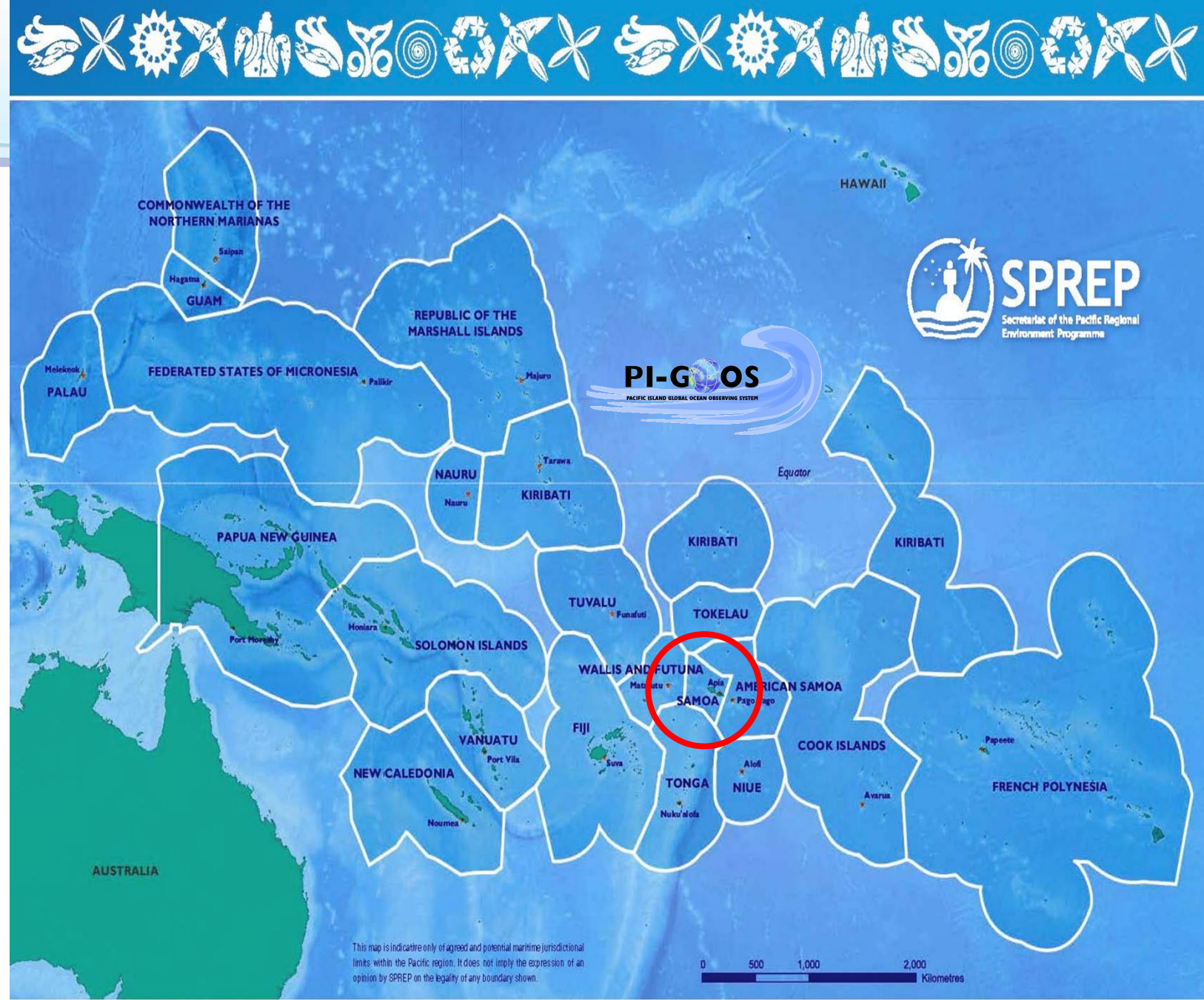


**Intergovernmental org.**  
for protection of Pacific  
islands environment

HQ: Apia, Samoa

**21 Pacific Island  
Countries & Territories**  
+

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





## Established as a GOOS Regional Alliance in 1998

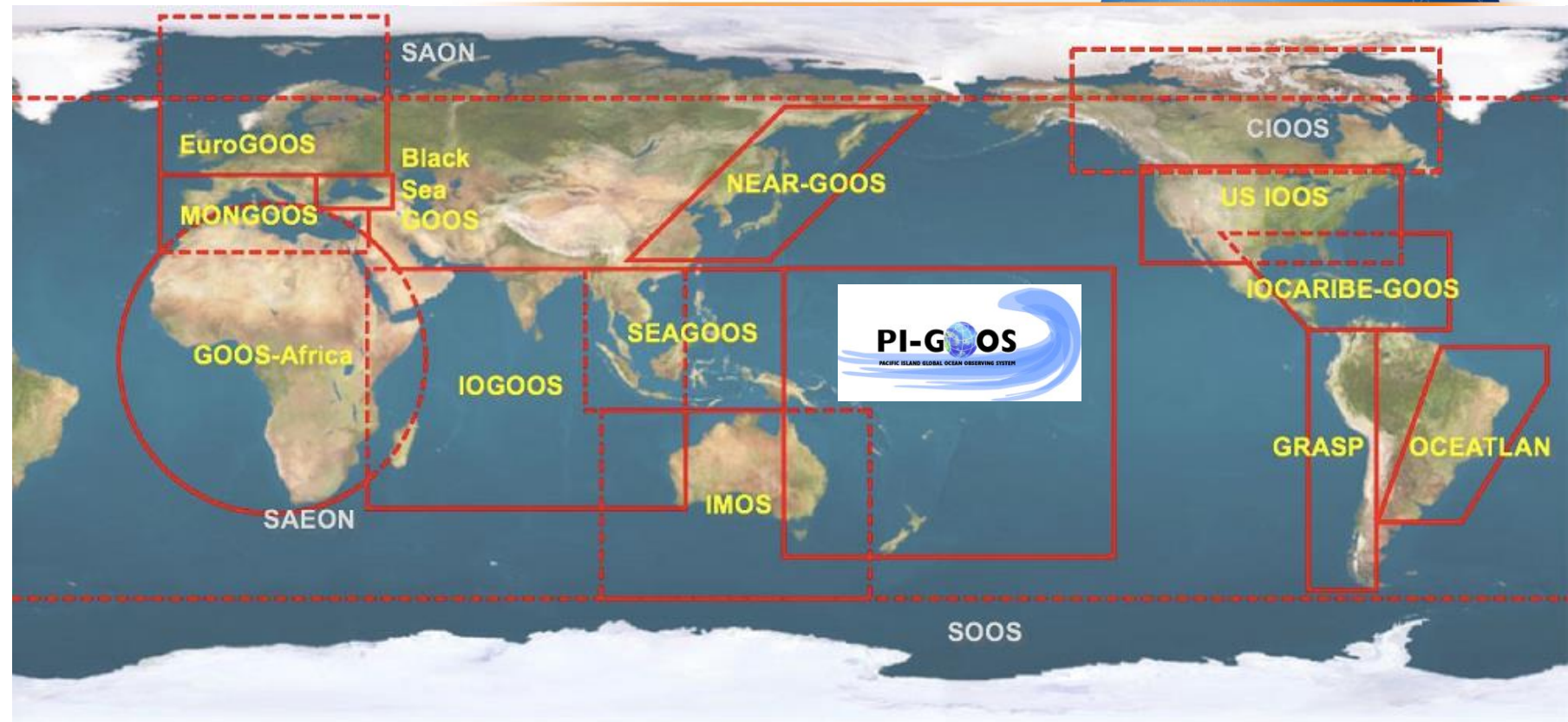
To assist in:

- OO development
- uptake & use of data

Sponsors:



The Global Ocean Observing System



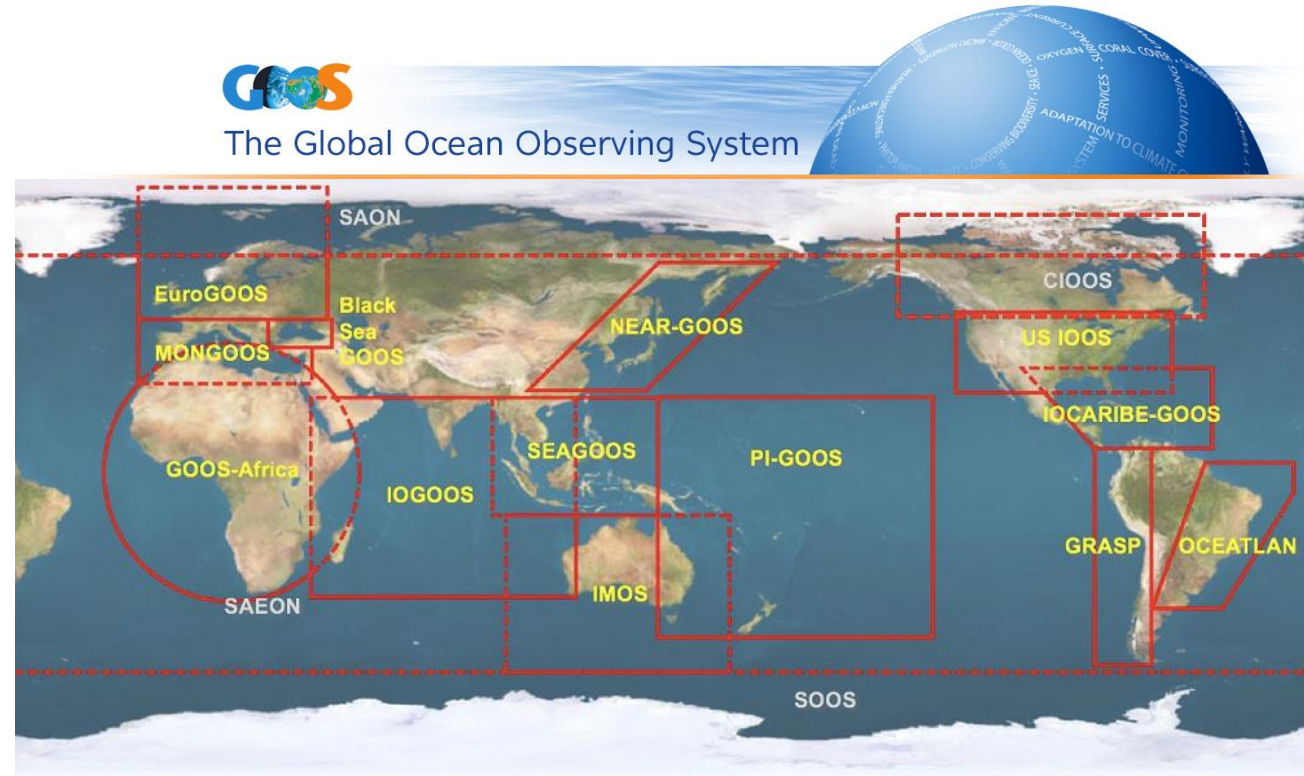


## Key Activity Areas:

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



The Global Ocean Observing System



→ 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



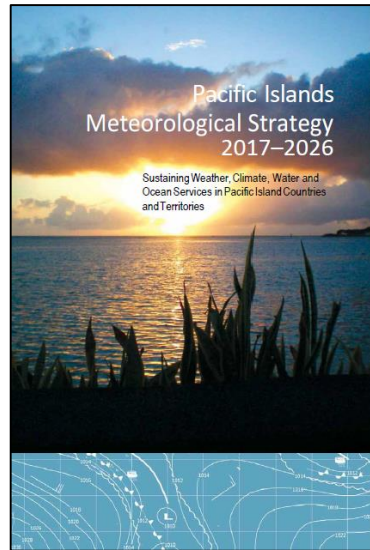


# Pacific Met Desk Partnership

## Supports PMC through:

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

→ Guided by **PI Met Strategy**:



SPREP Meeting

Pacific Meteorology Council

National Meteorological Services

Climate Services + Weather Services + Institutional/Infrastructure



Capacity Building  
Communications  
Services  
Reporting and Governance

The Pacific Desk Partnership

SPREP & WMO

NOAA, BoM, NIWA,  
NZ MetService,  
FMI, MeteoFrance,  
JICA, CSIRO



SPREP Based Secretariat

LOAs, MOUs

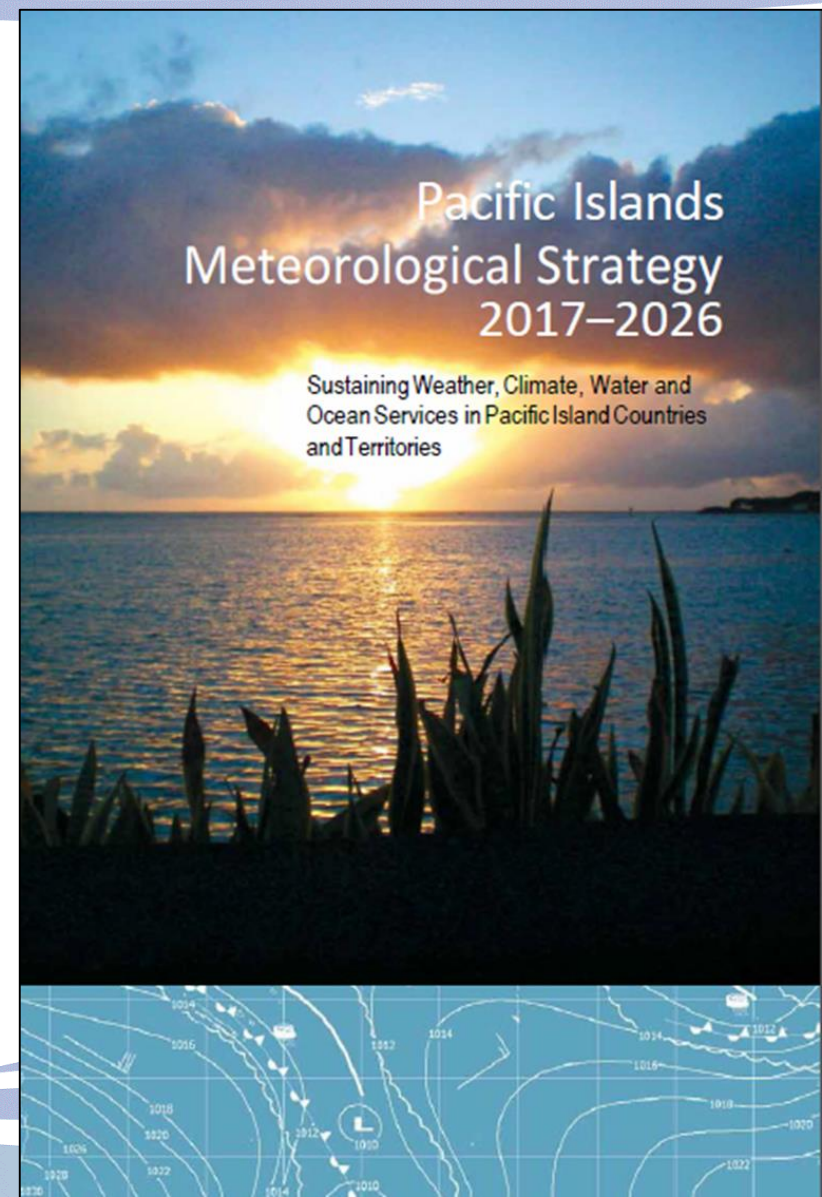
Technical Partners



# Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy

## 5 Priority Areas:

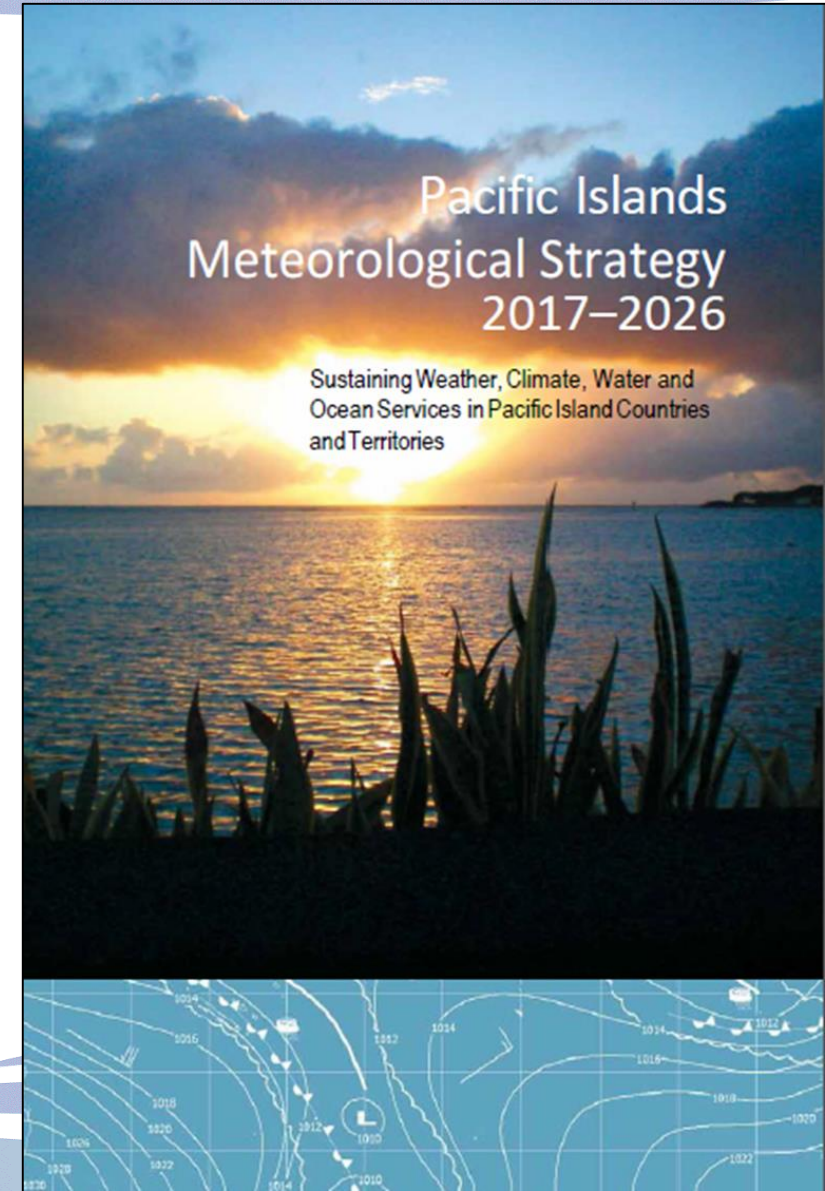
1. Improved weather services
2. Disaster Risk Reduction
3. Improved climate & hydrological services
4. Integrated **observing** & comms systems
5. Coordinated support for NMHSs, PMC, and PMDP





## Pacific Key Outcomes

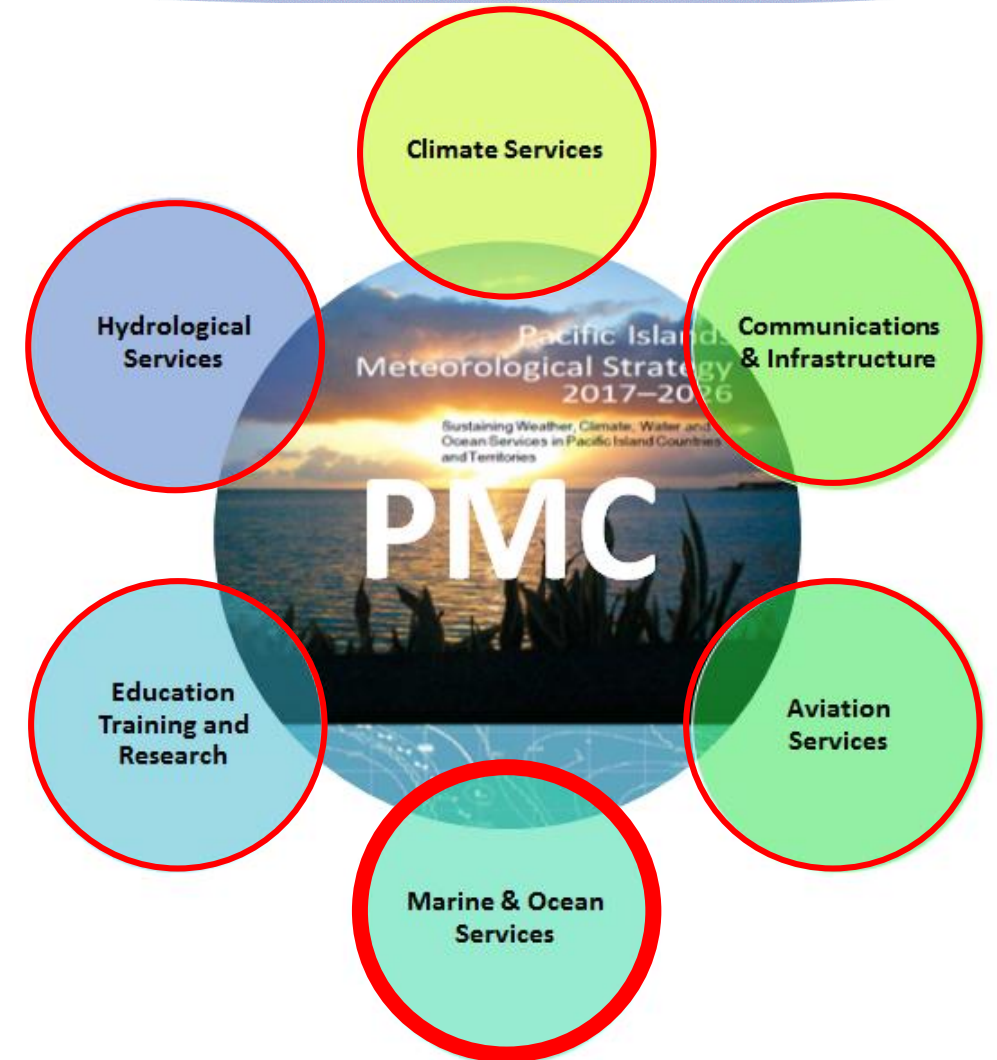
- Pacific Key Outcome 2: Marine weather services in the PICTs' region are improved
  - 11 National Priority Actions and 8 Regional Priority Actions
- Pacific Key Outcome 4: Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems for tropical cyclones, storm surges, waves and tsunami in the PICTs' region are implemented and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

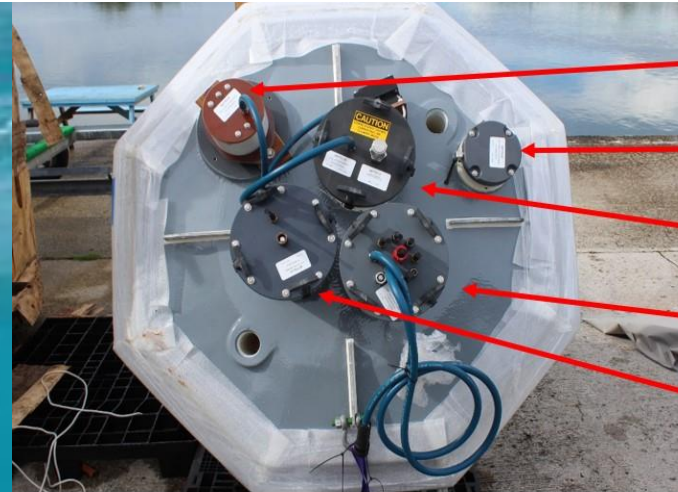
KIOST + SPREP  
establishing OA monitoring  
(MAPCO2) buoys in:

- Palau
- FSM (Chuuk)
- Samoa

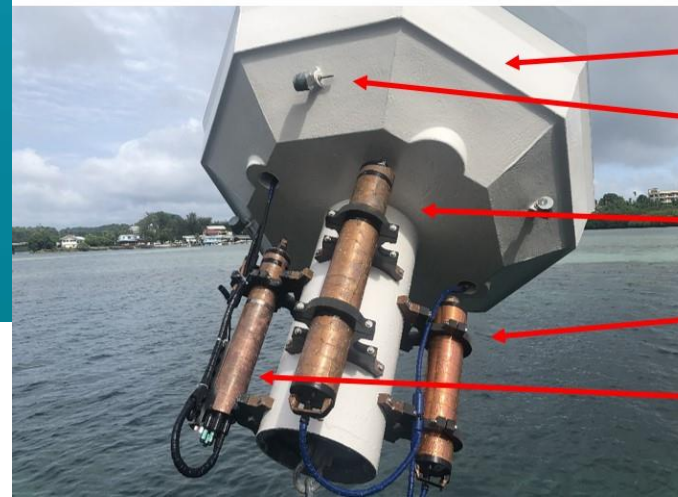




## Pacific Island Countries Ocean Acidification Observation and Response Network



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

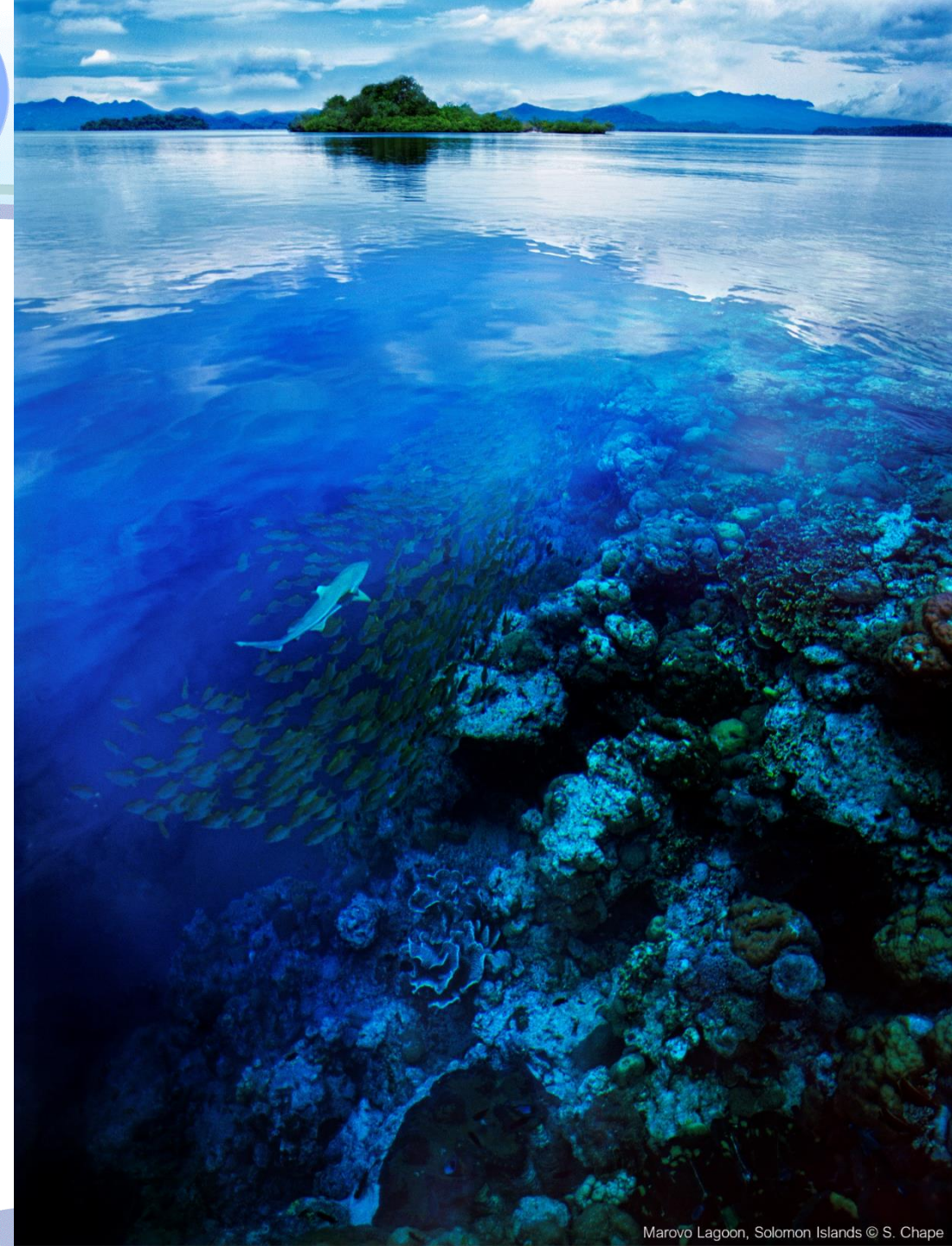


- Buoy hull
- Zinc
- Battery pack (SeaFET pH sensor)
- SeaFET pH sensor
- Seabird CTD



# 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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