

## **Samoa Tourism Development Workshop (2 – 4 March 2022)**

*“Building capacity in MEA implementation and the role of the Noumea Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)”.*



## What is the ACP MEA 3 Programme

- Joint partnership- EU, ACP, UNEP, FAO, SPREP
- Focus is on building capacity to support African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States to meet their obligations as Parties to multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).
- Mainstream and implement MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals and waste (CITES, CMS, CBD, BRS, Minamata, Waigani and Noumea Conventions).
- Strengthen Regional Seas Conventions in the ACP States e.g., the Noumea Convention for the Pacific region, Cartagena Convention for the Caribbean region.
- 2 components: SPREP and Noumea

## Support by the ACP MEA 3 to EIA Capacity Building

### SPREP Component:

- Regional Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) Guidelines to support the integration and application of SEA as a tool for mainstreaming environment in sector planning processes.
- Negotiations to build capacity to strengthen engagement at MEA COP meetings.
- EIA processes/laws/policies for law enforcement on the transboundary movement of waste under MEAs e.g., Waigani, Minamata, BRS
- Regional EIA guidelines for economic development sectors such as mining, forestry and others to support EIA obligations under relevant MEAs incl guidance on waste management from these sectors.

### Noumea Component:

- Implement the regional EIA coastal tourism guidelines through the delivery of trainings for stakeholders within the tourism sector
- Develop environment standards for end of pipe and receiving environment
- Develop regional environment auditing guidelines specifically for coastal tourism development
- Develop and implement regional EIA Guidance Notes for dredging, land reclamation and other coastal engineering activities.





# Noumea Convention

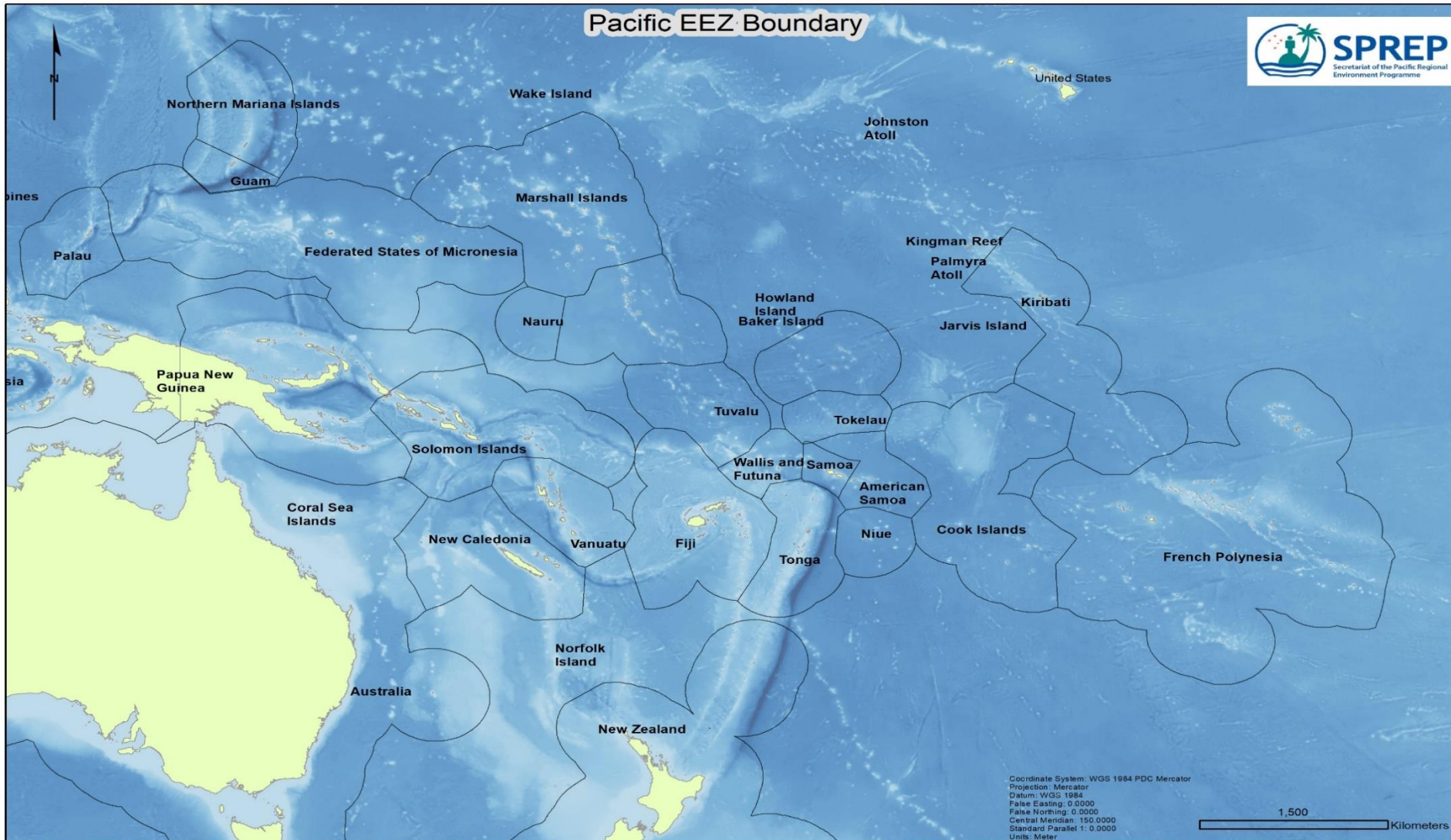




## NOUMEA CONVENTION

- Also known as the Convention for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region (1986): [www.sprep.org/convention-secretariat/noumea-convention](http://www.sprep.org/convention-secretariat/noumea-convention)
- A comprehensive umbrella agreement for the protection, management and development of the marine and coastal environment of the South Pacific Region
- Noumea Convention + 2 Protocols: EIF 1990
- Two (2) Protocols: (i) *Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the South Pacific Region by Dumping*; (ii) *Protocol concerning cooperation in combating pollution emergencies in the South Pacific Region*
- Twelve (12) Pacific Island Countries are Parties to the Convention.
- Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings take place every 2 years to review implementation of the Convention.
- Samoa signed the Noumea Convention on 25 November 1986. Ratified on 23 July 1990.
- SPREP is the Secretariat of the Noumea Convention

# Scope of the Noumea Convention



## **What does Noumea Convention have to do with EIA?**

Article 16(1)(2) of the Noumea Convention deals specifically with Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):

Art. 16(1):

- ❖ Develop and maintain technical guidelines and legislation
- ❖ Emphasise environmental and social factors
- ❖ To facilitate balanced development of their natural resources
- ❖ Plan major projects which might affect the marine environment
- ❖ To prevent or minimise harmful impacts on the Convention Area

Art. 16(2):

- ❖ Assess the potential effects of such projects on the marine environment

## What does Noumea Convention have to do with EIA?

Articles 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 require Parties to take all appropriate measures:

**Art. 7** – Pollution from Land-Based sources:

- ❖ To prevent, reduce and control pollution in the Convention Area caused by coastal disposal or by discharges emanating from rivers, estuaries, coastal establishments, outfall structures or any sources in their territory.

**Art. 8** – Pollution from Seabed Activities:

- ❖ To prevent, reduce and control pollution in the Convention Area resulting directly or indirectly from exploration and exploitation of the seabed and subsoil.

**Art. 13** – Mining and coastal erosion

- ❖ To prevent, reduce and control environmental damage in the Convention Area, specifically coastal erosion caused by coastal engineering, mining activities, sand removal, land reclamation and dredging.



## How does the Noumea Convention apply to you?

**Multilateral Environment Agreements**  
NOUMEA CONVENTION (CBD, CITES, CMS,  
BRS, Minamata, Waigani Conventions)

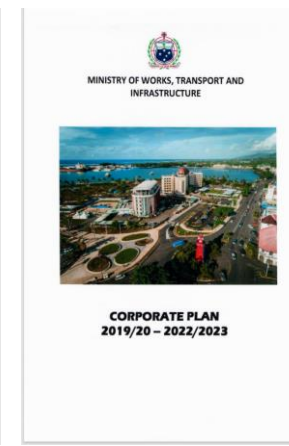
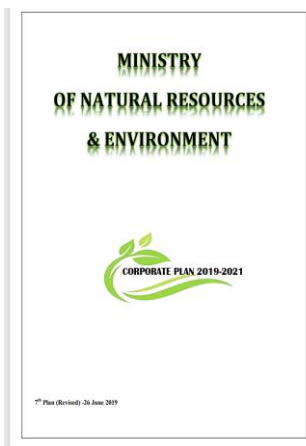
**National Plans**

**Sector Plan**

**Corporate Plan**

**Annual  
Management Plan**

**Individual  
Performance Plan**





**Fa'afetai Tele Lava!  
Vinaka vakalevu!  
Thank You!**