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Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division (GEM) Pacific Community(SPC)

Hydrographic related activities in 2021
Oceans and Maritime

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SPC's 27 Member Countries and Territories



SPC Member Map





What drives(most) of our work



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Framework for a Pacific Oceanscape



Integrated ocean management

Framework for Action on Transport Services



Improving the efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of transport services

Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy



Improved marine weather and ocean services

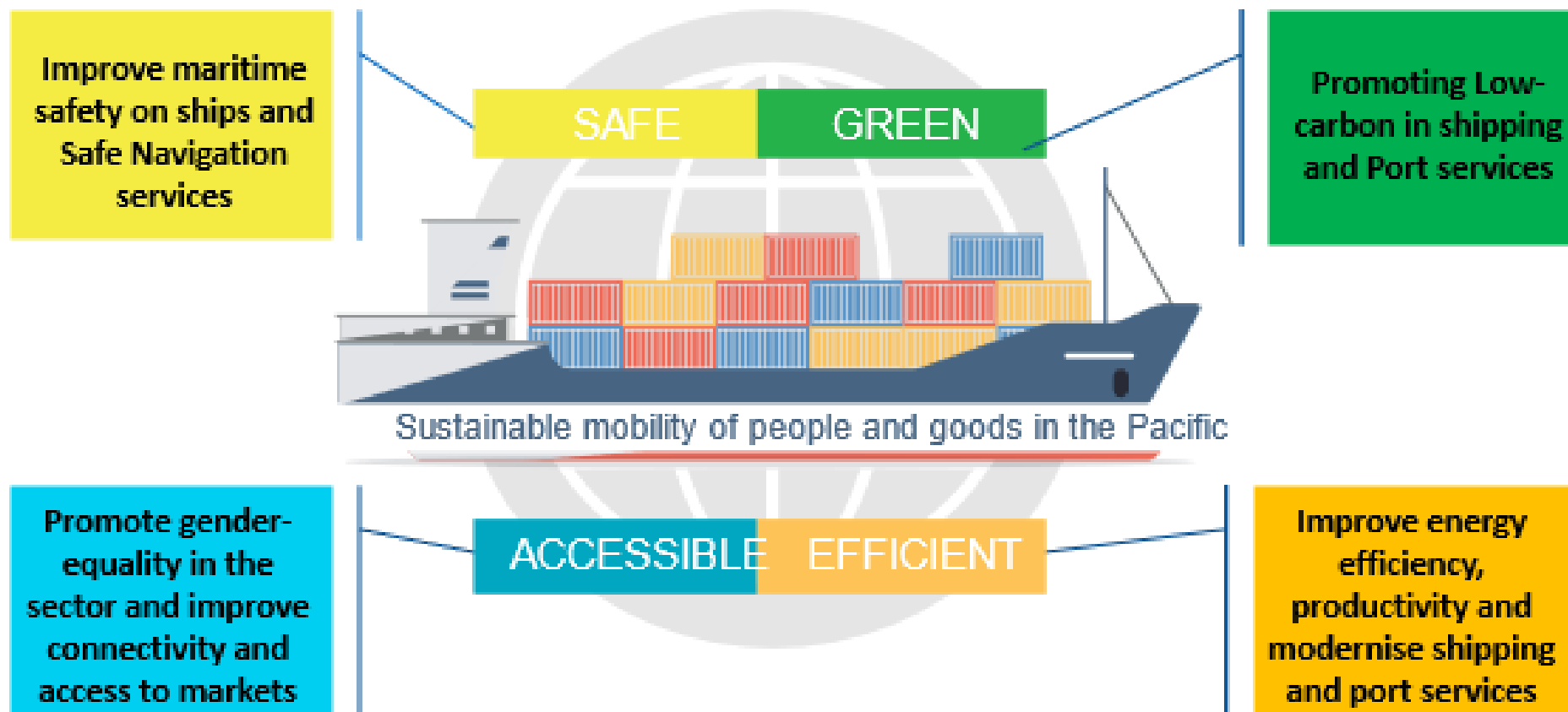
Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council Strategy



World-class geospatial information and surveying services

SPC Maritime Integrated Programme

Community-centred approach to safety-for-all at sea

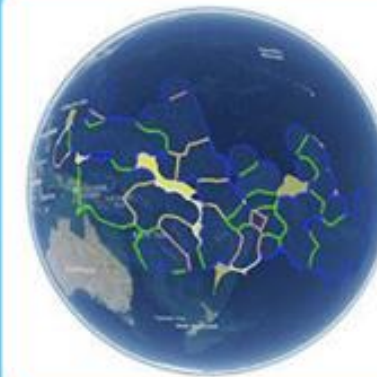


Good ocean and maritime governance



UK Government supports Pacific Islands progress on
Extended Continental Shelf submission.

<https://www.spc.int/updates/news/joint-release/2021/08/uk-government-supports-pacific-island-progress-on-extended>



PICs Maritime Boundaries

This dashboard is the regional platform for sharing progress and relevant information on Pacific island maritime boundaries and zones.

[VIEW DASHBOARD](#)

Soft launch of the Pacific Islands Maritime Boundaries
interactive dashboard

<https://pacificdata.org/dashboard/maritime-boundaries>

Pacific Extended Continental Shelf Project



Developing capacity to progress ECS submissions

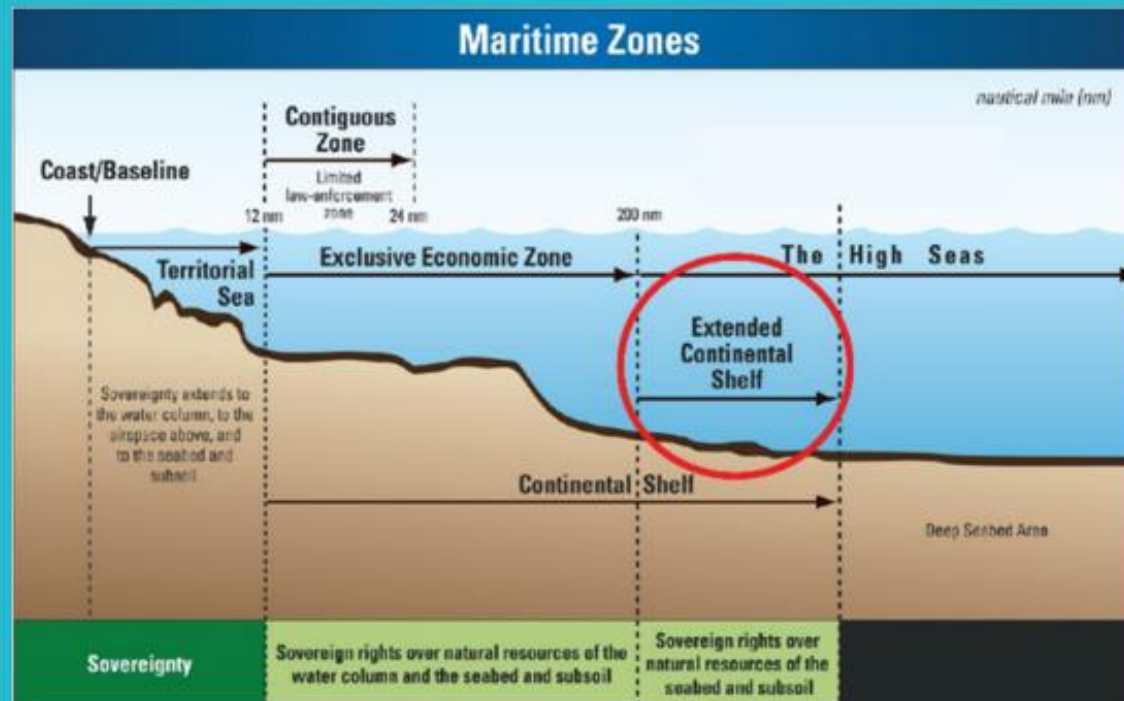
Capacity Building Opportunities

- National or regional training
- Software training
- Attachments or online courses

Data Acquisition

- Satellite imagery/ bathymetry

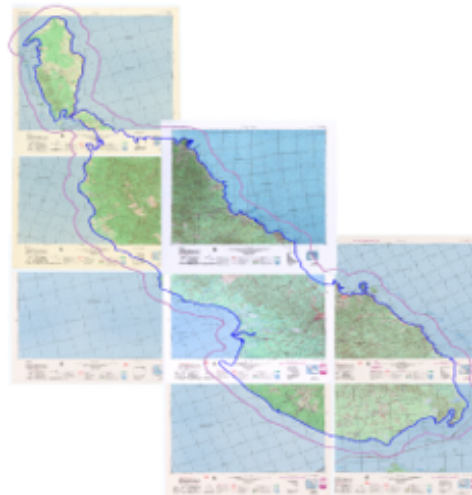
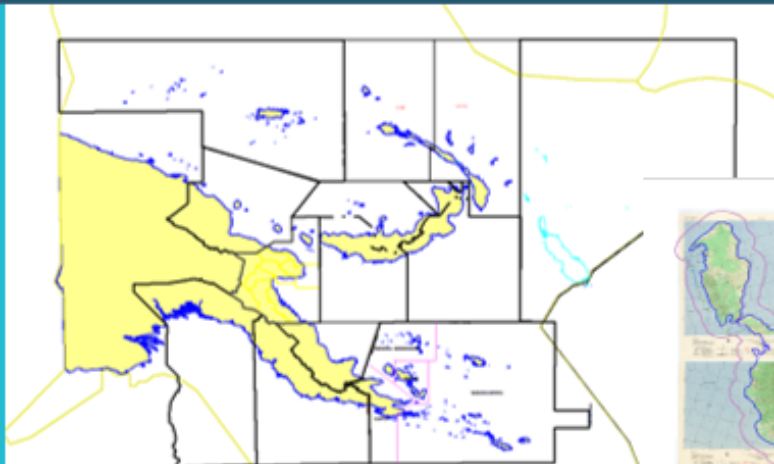
Submission Consultancy Support



UK Government

Bougainville Coastal Waters

Delimiting coastal waters and building capacity for good ocean governance



Led by Papua New Guinea

- National Fisheries Authority
- National Maritime Safety Authority

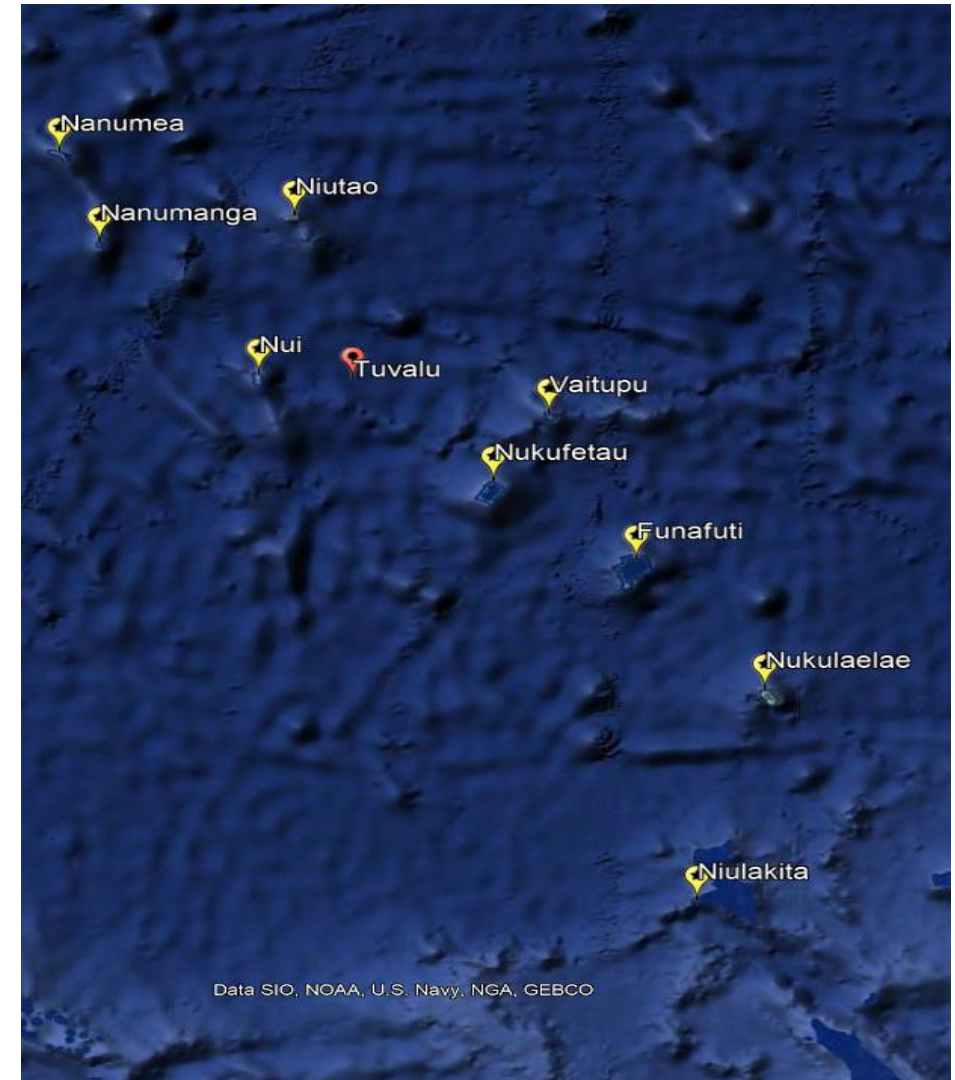
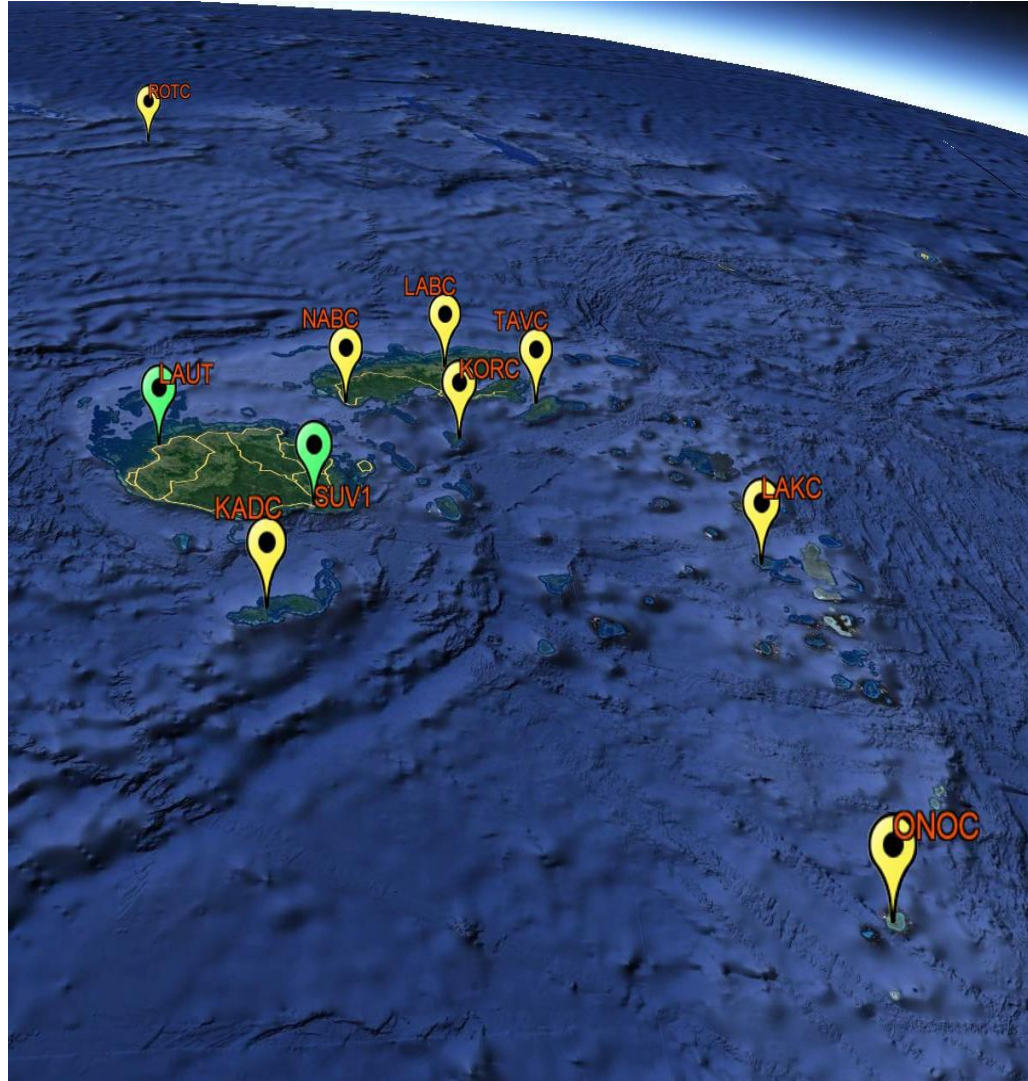
**Enforces national legislation
(Maritime Zones Act 2015)**



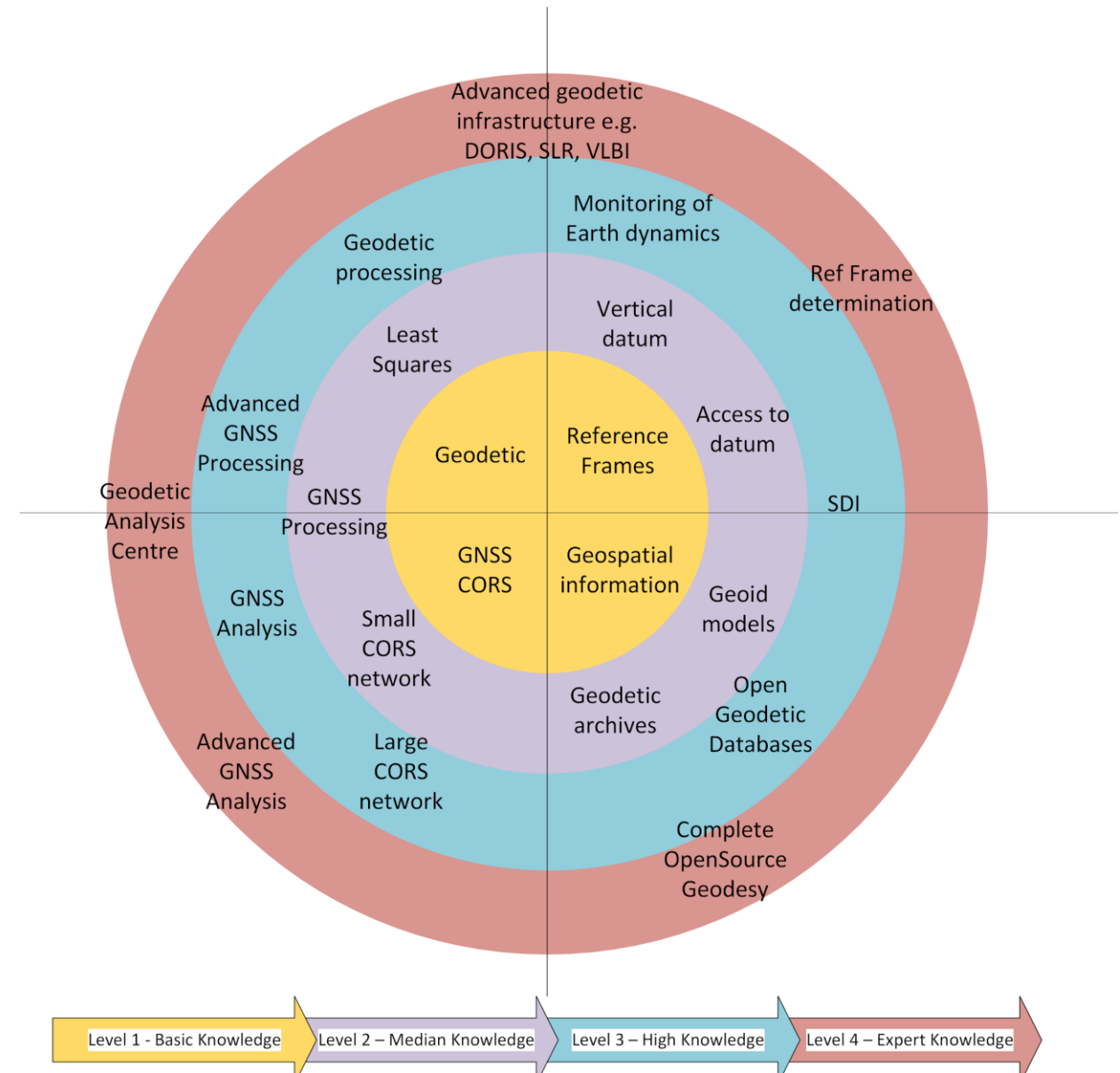
Geodetic Reference Frame of Tuvalu and Fiji



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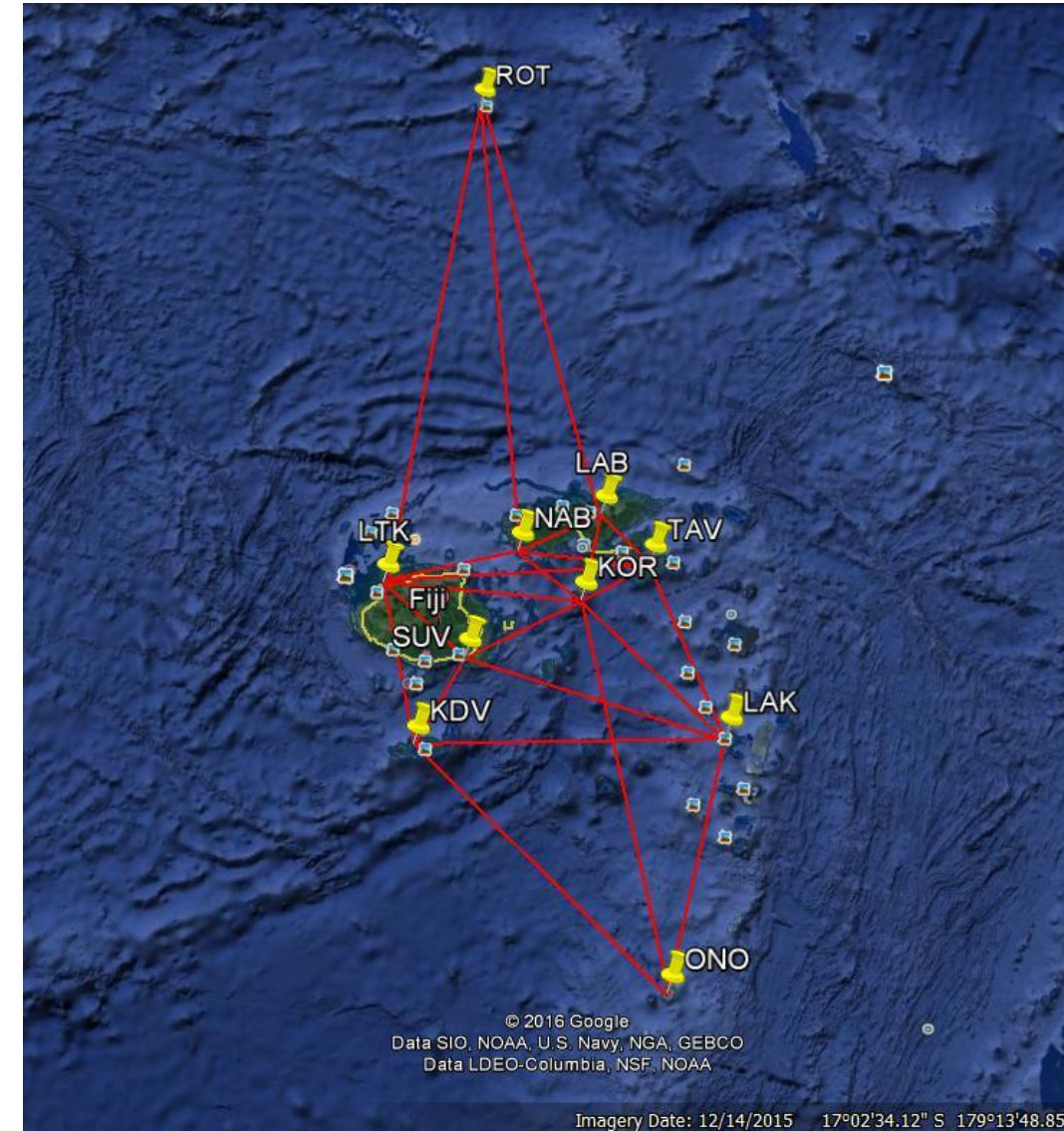
- Modernise Fiji's and Tuvalu's Geodetic Reference Frame
- Define the geodetic infrastructure aligned to Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF)
- Compatible with IGS and positioning technology
- Near real time positioning for disaster risks and hazards
- Monitoring Earth dynamics
- Enhance geospatial capacity and capability



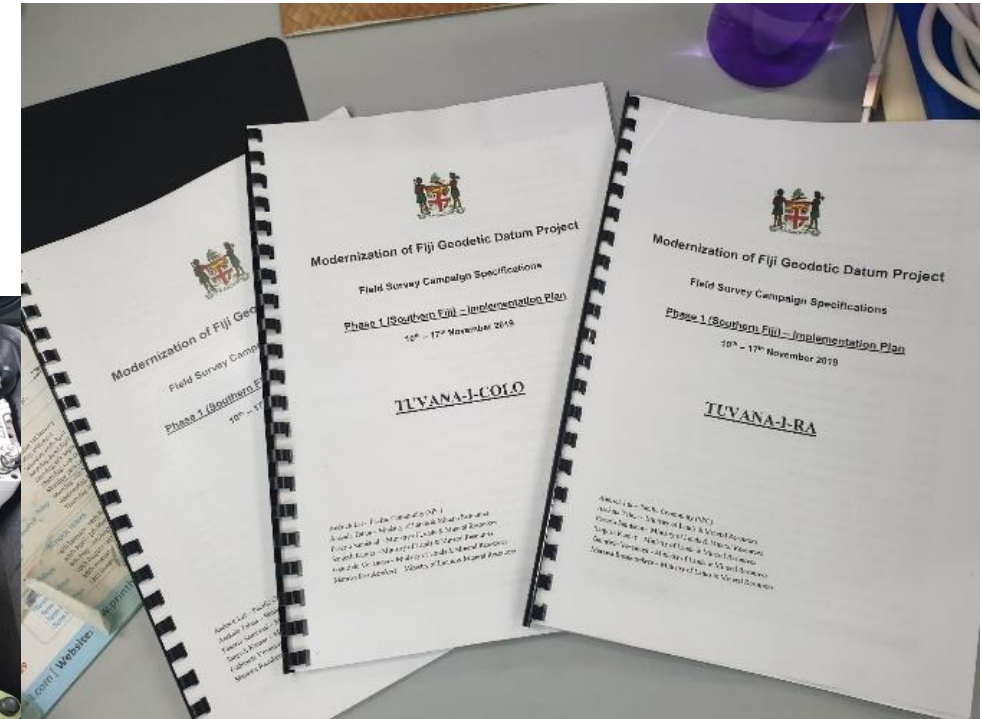
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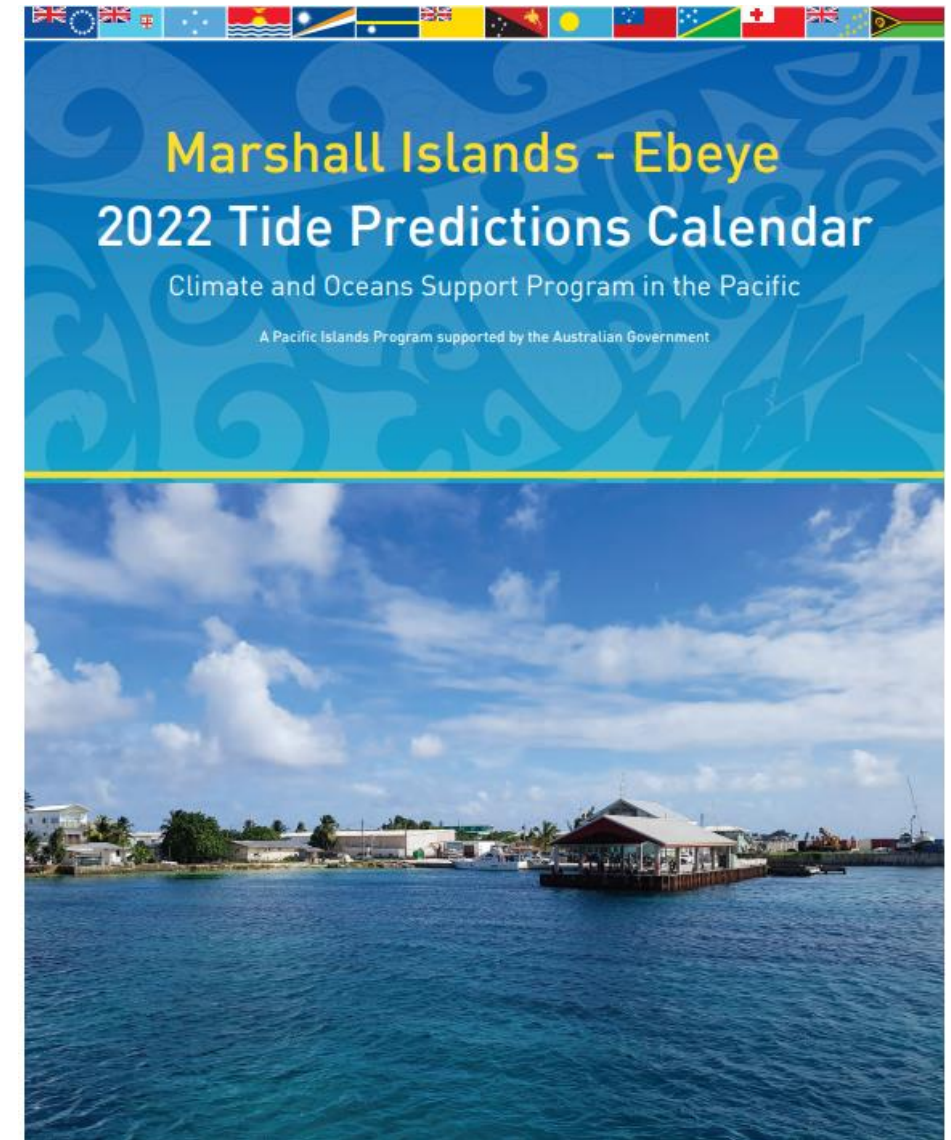
The Geodetic Infrastructure



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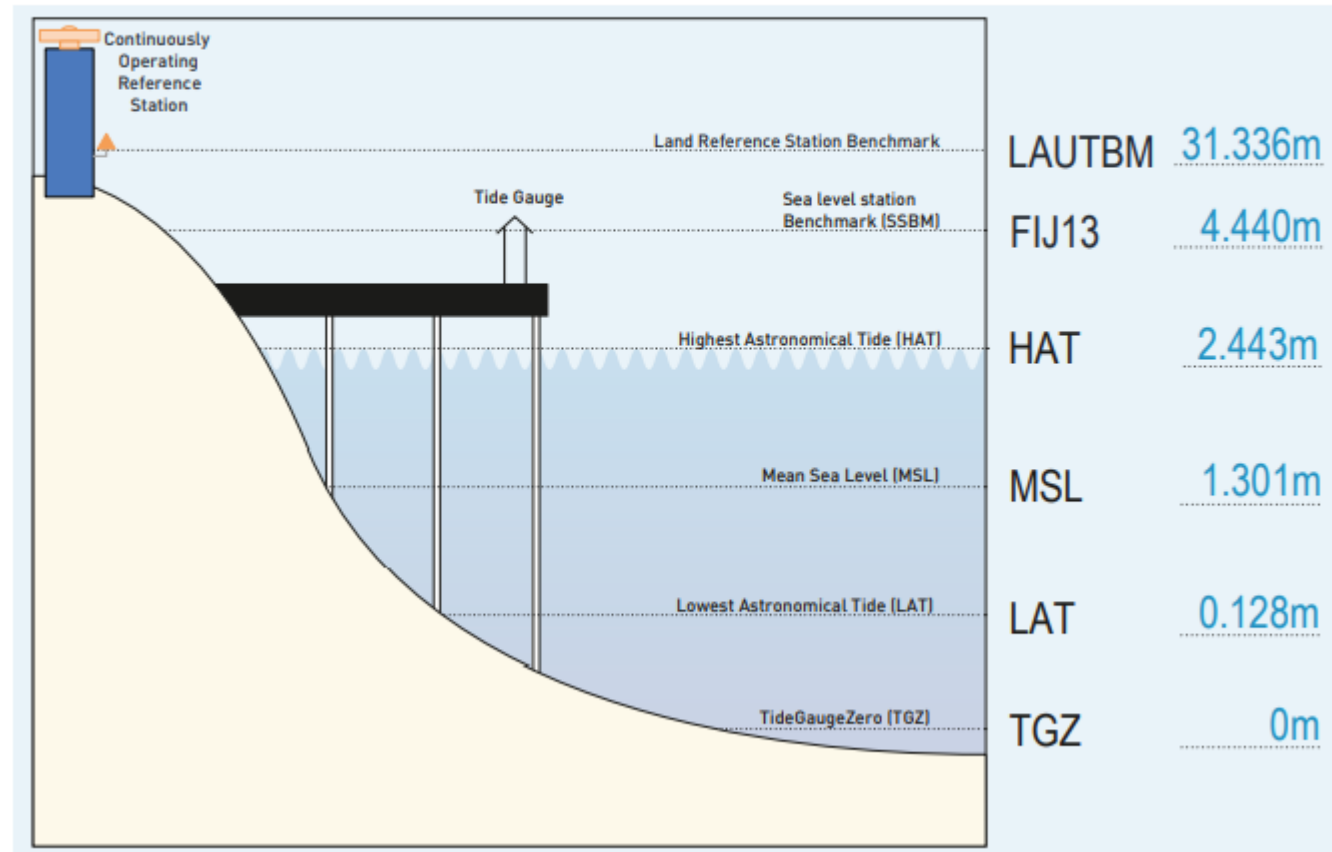
- SPC through the DFAT funded Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific produced 2022 tide prediction calendar for 24 locations in the region, including a new calendar for Ebeye, RMI.
- Digital copies of the calendar can be accessed at the Pacific Ocean Portal- under the library tab. <http://oceanportal.spc.int/>



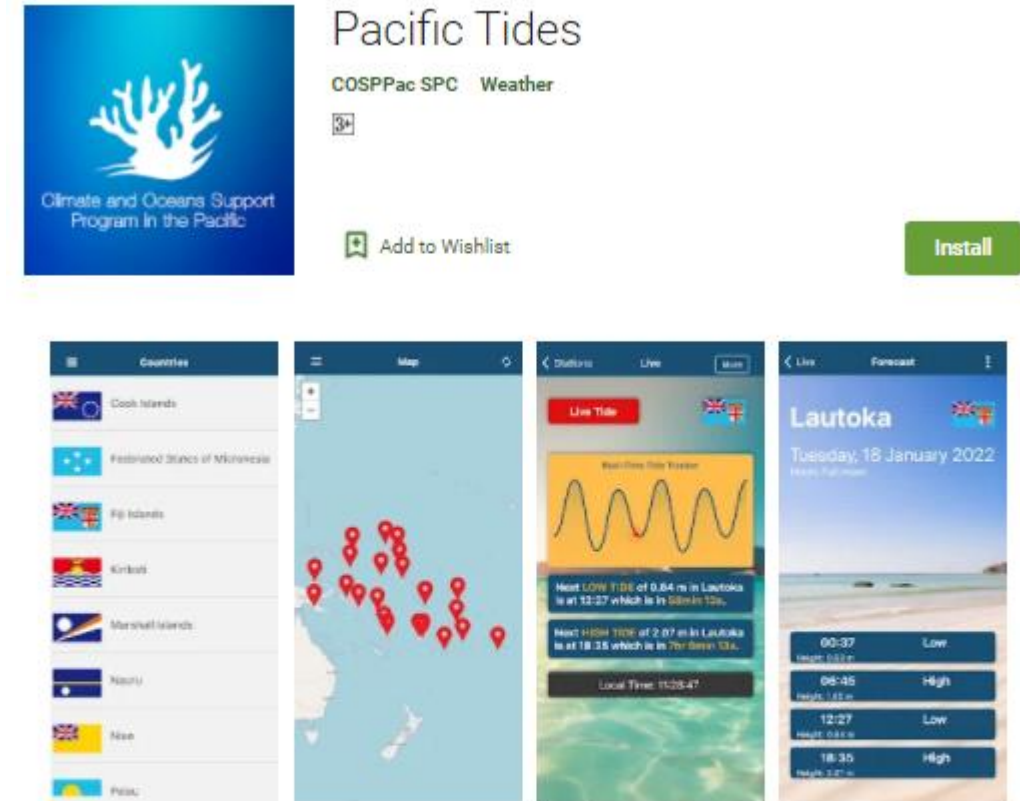
The tide calendars include datum schematic which defines the zero of the predictions, connecting the tide stations to the Continuous Operating Reference Stations (CORS)

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The diagram below shows the predicted heights of key tide components based on averages of the data available.



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PACIFIC RESILIENCE PROJECT

Acquisition of lidar data for Marshall Islands, Tonga & Vanuatu

- Lidar data captured for Majuro and Ebeye islands in 2020.
- In January 2022 completed acquisition of lidar data for selected islands in Vanuatu.
 - Malekula Island, Efate Island & Tanna Island
- Acquisition of lidar data for selected islands in Tonga is scheduled for April 2022.
 - Eua Island, Niuatoputapu, & Tafani Islands, Vava'u Island Group
- SPC has contracted IIC Technologies to undertake quality assurance checks on lidar data.

Training on Use of Lidar Data

- Training has also been provided to countries on application of lidar data in workplaces.
 - National – Marshall Islands, (April 2021), Vanuatu (Aug. 2021), Tonga (Oct 2021), Samoa (Scheduled for Mar 2022).
 - Regional - Two regional training completed in June 2021 with participants from Kiribati, Solomons, Niue, FSM & SPC.



**2021
2030** United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

**The Science We
Need
For The Ocean
We Want**



‘PCCOS provides a platform for coordination and integration of ocean science, knowledge and information in the Pacific and for partnerships with international and regional stakeholders

A global framework to support efforts to reverse the cycle of decline in Ocean health & create improved conditions for sustainable development

PCCOS aims to help Pacific Island governments and communities **easily access the ocean science and expertise they need** to make informed decisions and to protect and sustainably manage ocean resources.

Opportunities ahead ...



Fisheries, Aquaculture &
Marine Ecosystems
(FAME) Division



The Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science

SPC/PCCOS Research Vessel Project



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The Fisheries, Aquaculture
and Marine Ecosystems (FAME)
Division of SPC are investigating the
potential to design and construct
a specific research platform for the
Pacific region to support:

- The development of regional scientific advice
- To reinforce the region's capabilities to manage its natural resources
- Potential for vessel usage sharing by regional scientific organisations



Latest developments & perspectives...



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- **The 51st Meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations and the 12th Conference of SPC** concluded in December 2021 with the adoption of the organisation's new 10-year strategic plan.
- **CRGA and Conference took on a celebratory tone as the organisation welcomed the return of the United Kingdom as an SPC member.** As a founding Member State of SPC, the UK's resumption of membership represents its strong commitment to supporting the region's sustainable development and building a better future for all the people of the region. It brings the total number of Pacific Community members to 27.
- **Pacific Community adopts 10-year plan at its annual meeting, setting out ambitious vision for future of the Blue Pacific** - SPC has set its vision for a sustainable, thriving and peaceful Blue Pacific with the endorsement of its new 10-year Strategic Plan 2021+
- **Inaugural participation of the European Union as a Permanent Observer to SPC** – The Pacific Community welcomed the European Union, a highly valued strategic and development partner, to CRGA 51 as SPC's first Permanent Observer.
- **SPC** continues to seek opportunities for engagement with members and stakeholders of the organisation. We will utilise dialogues, already appearing in members' calendars, to further inform the implementation of our strategy



<https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/uzzya>

A consistent approach to safety of navigation in the Pacific:

- Ensure Safety of Navigation is integrated to the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent
- Approach IMO with a consistent Pacific initiative related to Safety of Navigation under SOLAS Chapter V – submission to TCC (SPC, IALA, IHO? Countries?)
- Establish a consortium of partners to support Safety of Navigation initiatives in the Pacific (similar to the consortium of partner on maritime boundaries)



Recommendations to the 19th SWPHC



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Note SPC activities under the Oceans and Maritime Programme and its role and continued involvement in the Maritime Sector

Acknowledge the importance of a safe, green, accessible, and efficient maritime sector under the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent

Agree for a consistent and coordinated approach of safety of navigation in the Pacific between countries and interested partners and to engage with IMO through Pacific position papers and formal requests for support



Thank you