

Pacific Climate Change Portal

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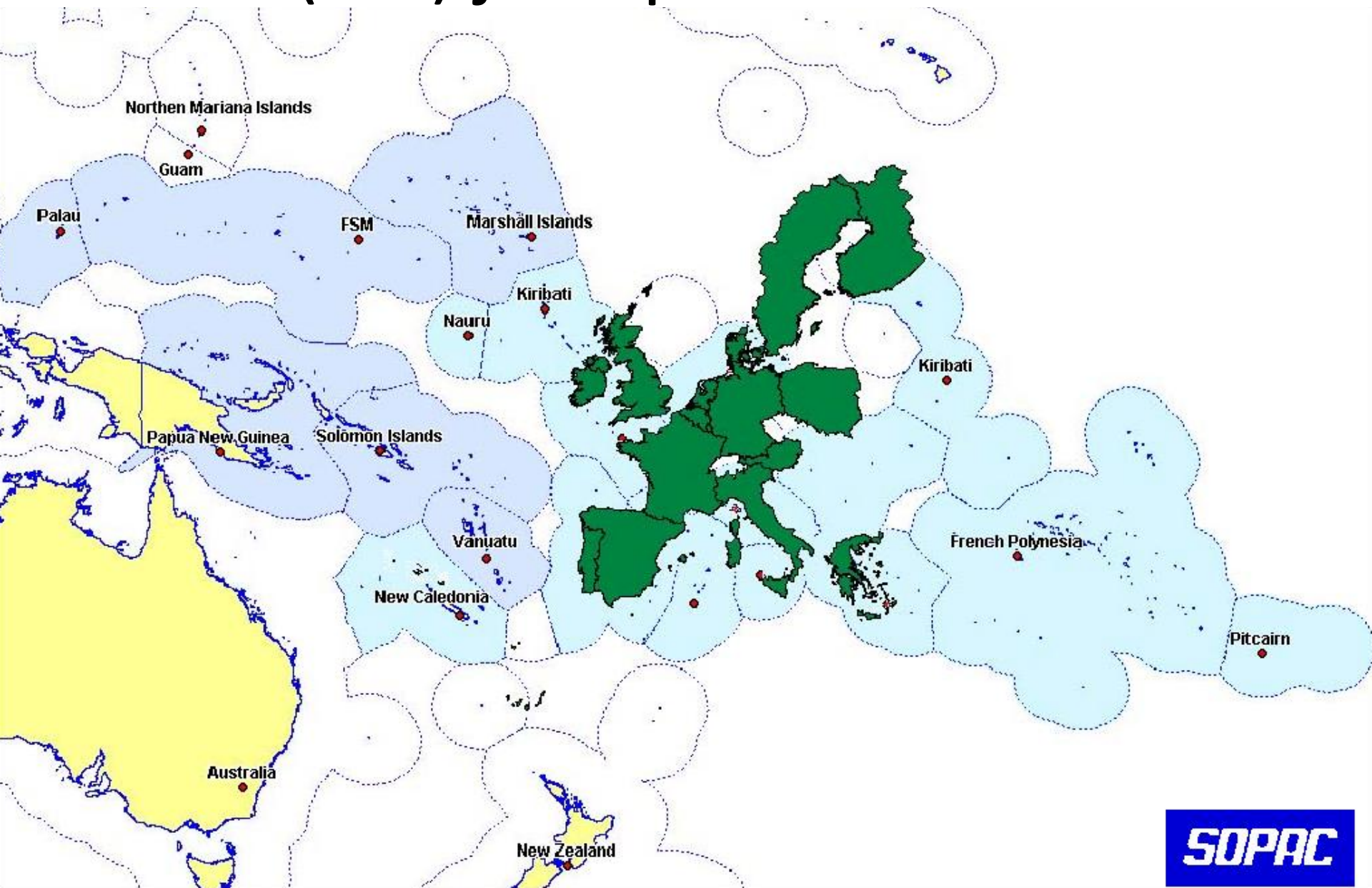


Background

- Launched at SPREP meeting in September 2012
- Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) 2006-2015
- Recommendations from PCCR 2008, 2011
- SPREP Strategic Plan 2011-2015



EU (-98) juxtaposed on Pacific



Climate Change Division structure

- 3 main sections – adaptation, mitigation, science and policy
- All sections work across areas, also cooperating with biodiv and waste
- 24 current programme staff (4 under recruitment), 1 support (1 under recruitment), 3 temporary – seeking to make full time positions
- Division able to respond to multiple climate change issues.

Pacific Regional
Environment Programme
STRATEGIC PLAN
2011-2015



Climate Change

Biodiversity

Pollution Control and Waste
Management

Environmental Monitoring and
Governance

OBJECTIVES OF THE PORTAL

- Improve timely access to and delivery of climate change information and tools;
- Communicate and promote climate change challenges, issues and activities in the region and globally;
- Act as a hub for climate change information and knowledge sharing;
- Assist decision makers through the provision of information concerning climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- Aid the identification of gaps in current programme activities and opportunities for cooperation in the region.

Governing Body

- In February 2012, the Advisory Committee was formed comprising of partners, PIFS, SPC, USP and SPREP
- Advise on the strategic direction of the portal.
- The Technical Sub Committee was also formed to provide technical guidance



Partnerships and Coordination

- DPCC, WACC, PCCR KMWG, PCCP Advisory Committee
- CCCPIR SP 2 in the development of national climate change portals for Tonga, Fiji and Vanuatu feeding into the regional portal
- collaboration with CROP agencies (SPC, PIFS, USP) on the content and sharing of technical expertise in the regional portal's development, the Advisory Committee and its composition
- partnership with APAN, Pacific Solution Exchange (PSE) and Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM), Adaptation Partnership etc
- the Pacific Climate Change Information Network (PaCCIN) mailing list disseminating climate change information relevant to the Pacific,

Strategy for Portal Development

- Strong engagement by partners (CROP)
- Understanding of user needs (the needs of PICTs, CROP agencies and donors)
- Develop content that is useful in meeting the needs of the key target users
- Avoid duplication or reinventing the wheel

Portal features

- Events calendar
- Experts Directory
- Document Library
- Projects database
- Climate Change Glossary
- National and regional committees
- Links

Users of the Portal

- National stakeholders (national CC units)
- Partners (CROP, development partners etc)
- Donors (GEF, AF, ADB, etc)

Future Development & Activities

- Development and integration of national climate change portals to the regional portal
- Making accessible existing data to assist PICTs in developing their NAMAs, NAPAs, National Communications etc.
- Development of M & E tool for the monitoring of PIFACC
- Donor Directory
- Geographical Information System (GIS) module – tool to illustrate, geographically, data to assist in decision making.
- Practical tools – tools to assist the PICTs in meeting their obligations to PIFACC and the UNFCCC for example the development of National Communications, etc.
- Planned incountry training workshops

Role of the APAN network

- has provided support to SPREP to bring together member countries and consult on needs and methods to address these (ie 2012 consultation, Apia)
- support for capacity building - ie project development, monitoring and evaluation, donor directory (2012)
- supported capacity building for adaptation practitioners to utilize the Pacific portal (2013)
- supported policy briefs as input into the UNFCCC negotiations (2012)

Challenges faced by SPREP in networking

Membership made up of a wide range of countries spread very far geographically

- travel costs are very high
- distances are vast and impacts on time out of country and available for training
- very high internet costs And limited internet infrastructure
- limited resources for personnel to out the work
- restrictions on topics - for example - PICs have prioritized loss and damage as a key priority but this issue was not supported in 2013 despite earlier support

Now lets look at the portal

www.pacificclimatechange.net

Thank you for your attention!!

