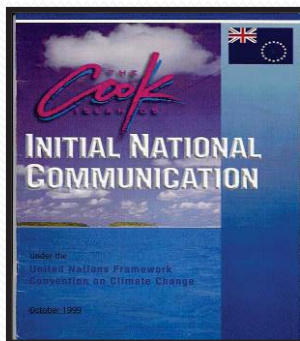


Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation



- Distance and Isolation to the Islands especially Northern Cooks.
- Limited budget and resources
- Require external expert for professional assistance and consultation advice
- Capacity Building
- Increasing amount of development along the foreshore.

Adaptation Measures and Actions



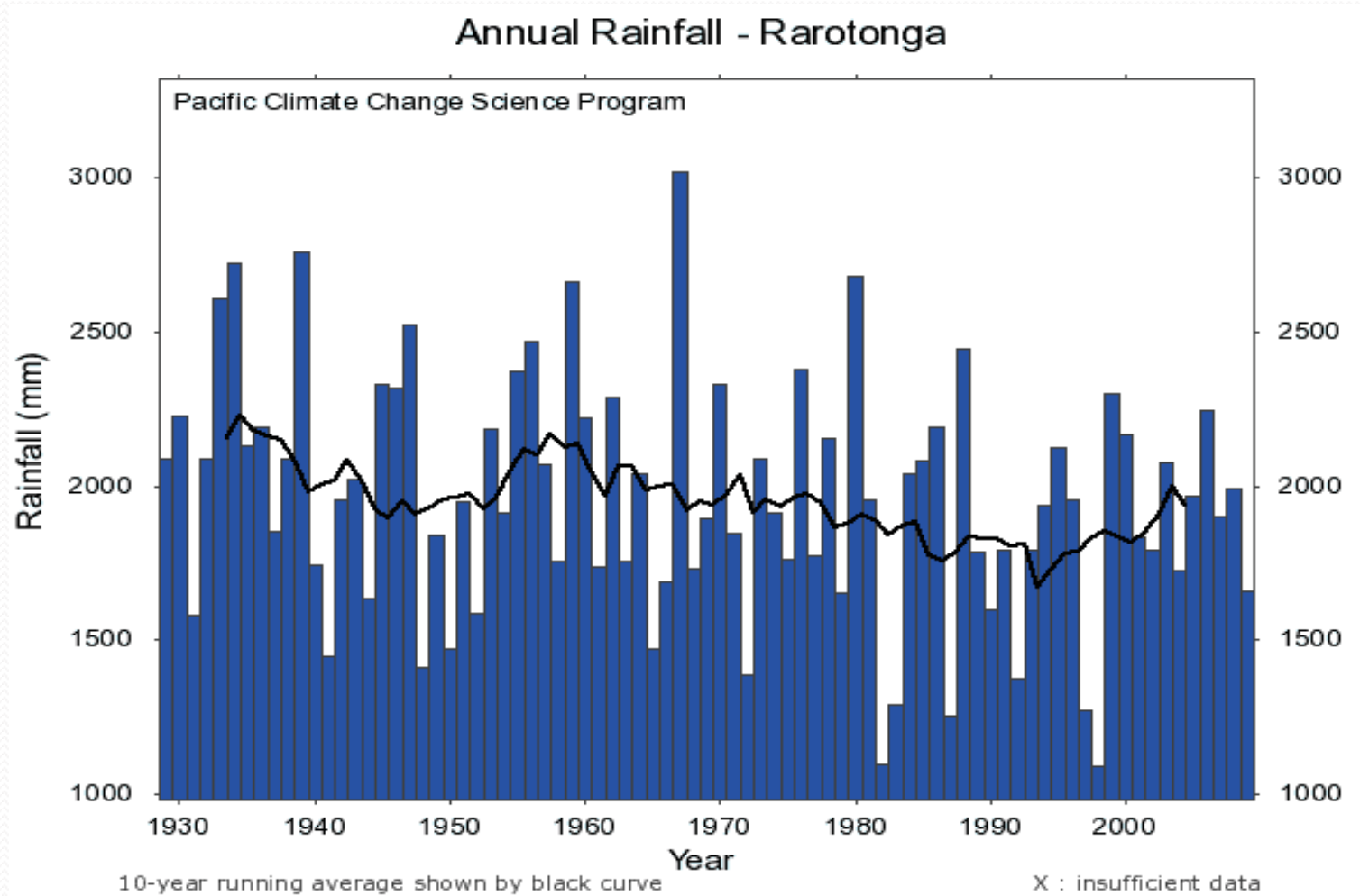
- Subsidy of water tanks to families and the community in the outer islands
- Education and Awareness strategies
- Using the local media for information and opinion surveys
- Development of the Second National Communications document [laying down the policies and responsibilities]
- Using the media effectively in the distribution of early warning systems

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Lessons Learned

Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation

- Meetings and consultations are sometimes difficult to arrange
- Recording, documenting and verification of facts during the consultation process is time consuming.
- Poor linkages between levels of government, departments, and external projects/consultants
- Much awareness can be generated simply through audio-visual resources which are effective
- Lack of quantitative assessment tools
- Different islands in the Cooks have very different vulnerability profiles and adaptation needs
- Assessments are the ideal tool for the initiation of adaptation measures and understanding to the wide issues on climate change to the community



National Climate Change Team
[Government/NGO's/Private
Sector]

Issues

Climate Impacts
[Rainfall/Temperature/
Ext Events]

Adaptation
[Response Options]

Mitigation
[Minimize Carbon
Emissions]

National Activities

**Research and
Development**
[quality data collection]

**Integration of CC
Assessments**
[National Com Plan]

Renewable Energy
[wind and solar]

International Efforts

Integration
[Scientists – Externally]

Negotiations
[IPCC/UNFCC/AOSIS]

Conventions
[Ratifying]

Conclusion

- Integration of responsibilities with concerned Government Organization to improve adaptation measures
- Consultation with “external experts” in-country and externally
- Continuous Capacity Building
- Participation at International Seminars to enhance knowledge on issues related to climate change
- Learning from each other to adapt and mitigate climate change issues.

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