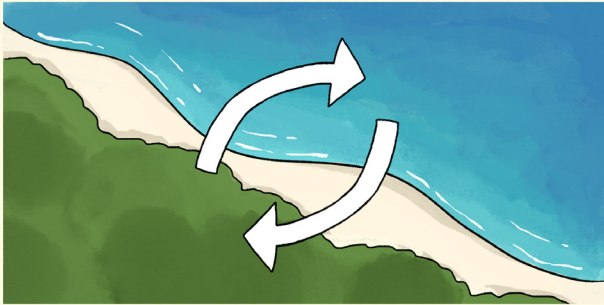


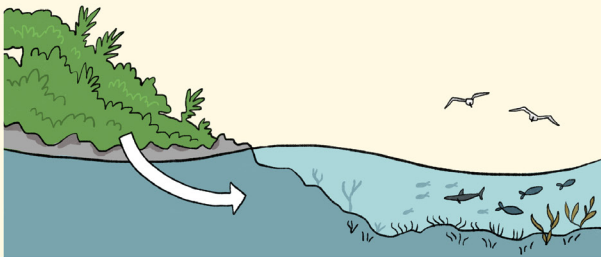
PACIFIC CONNECTIONS

LAND and OCEAN

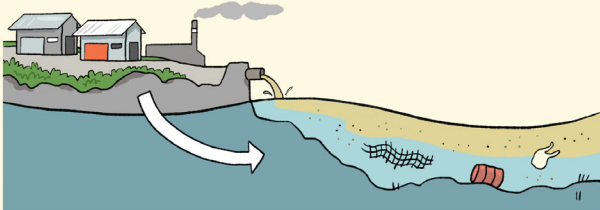
Ocean and land are not separate systems, what happens in one influences the other.



In this way, what happens on every Pacific island has an impact on the surrounding ocean. In the past, nutrients would flow from land to sea to keep reefs and seagrass beds healthy. Seabirds and turtles bring marine nutrients to land when they breed.

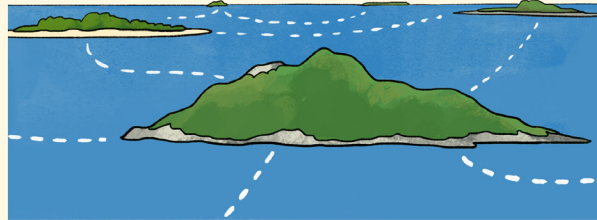


Today, pollution from the land follows those same pathways.



OCEANWIDE CONNECTIONS

All of the Pacific islands are connected by the ocean.



By navigation paths across the sea...



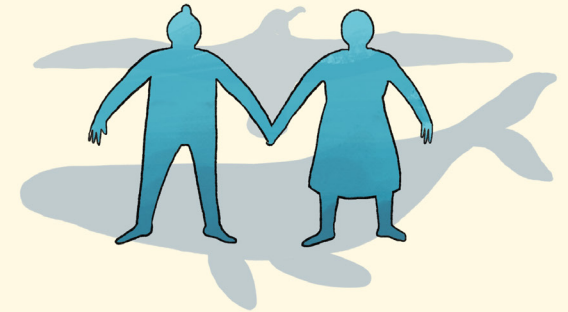
...and by marine creatures. Whales, turtles, and seabirds track across vast areas of ocean, moving nutrients around from one place to another, and from the ocean back to the islands.



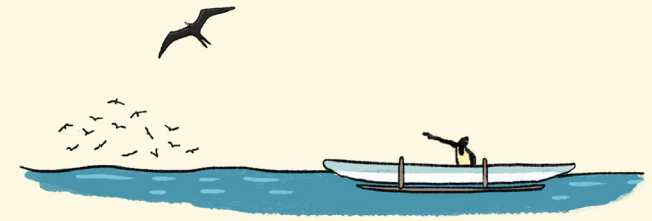
In this balanced system, these connections allow both ocean and islands to thrive.

PEOPLE and the OCEAN

We are the ocean – it is part of our everyday life. Every Pacific culture has a deep connection to the ocean and the creatures in it.



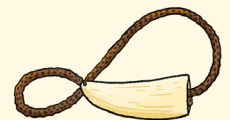
In different parts of the Pacific, there are long traditions of reliance on marine species for food, medicine, ornaments, and as navigators and guides across the ocean.



SEABIRDS AS FISH FINDERS



SOLOMON ISLANDS CARVED FRIGATE BIRD BOWL



FIJIAN TABUA

We cannot live without a healthy ocean to provide for us.