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Fiji Petrel, Fiji © Hadoram Shirihai, Tubenoses Project



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Gadfly petrels in Oceania



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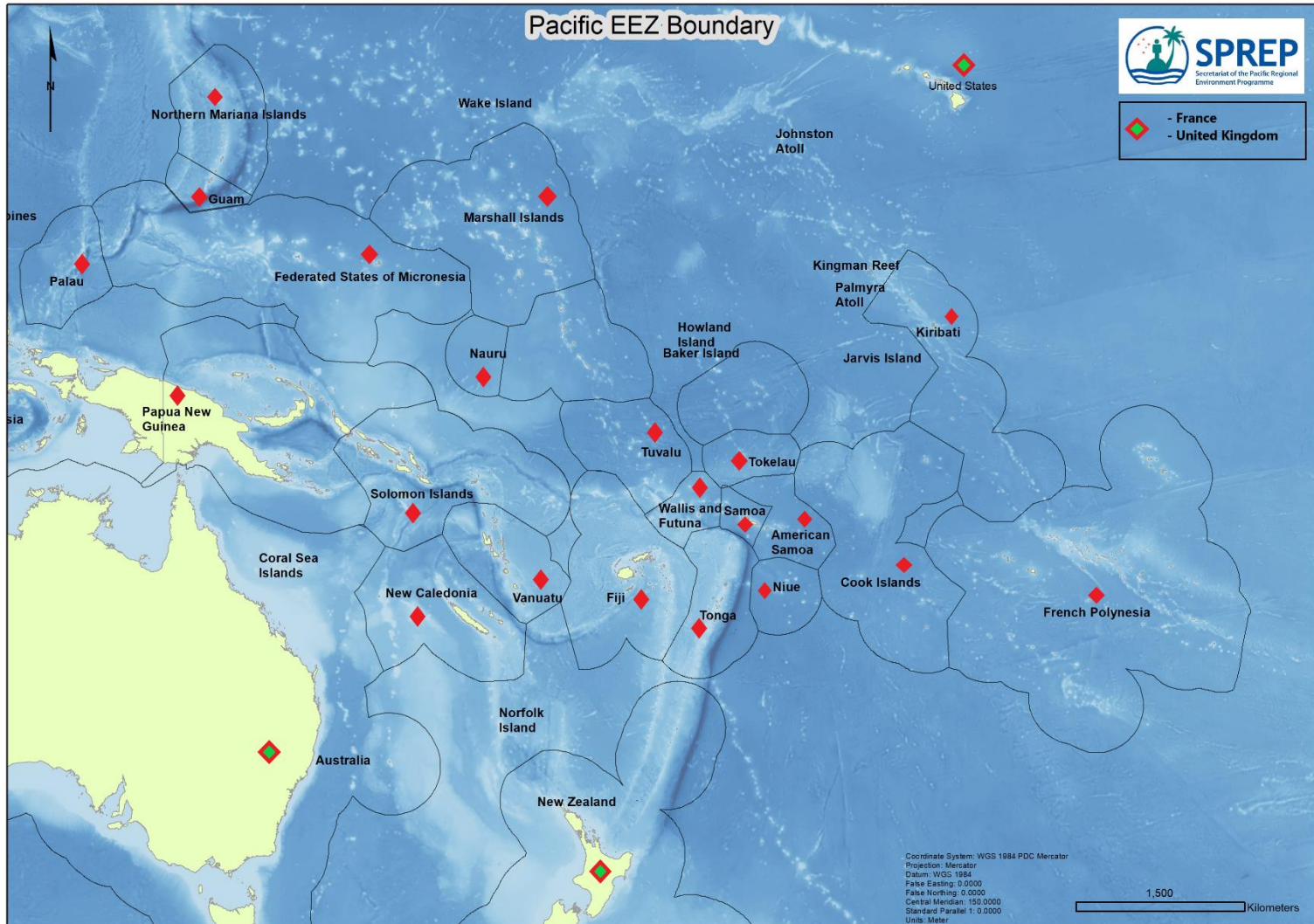


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Pacific members of CMS

6 Signatories to CMS in Pacific

New Zealand

Australia

Cook Islands

Samoa

Palau

Fiji



Note: Many more PICTs are members of daughter agreements such as Dugong, Cetacean or Shark MOU's

No members of ACAP from the Pacific Islands



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Gadfly petrels in Oceania

12 species in PICTs



They are at their most plentiful
and diverse in the South Pacific

Edin Whitehead, Black-winged Petrels



Pacific Islands Regional
Marine Species Programme

2022-2026

- Endorsed by SPREP Members
- Has now been translated into French
- New theme on climate change
- First Seabird Action Plan for the region



Key threats

- Invasive alien predators such as rats
- Unsustainable harvesting
- Light pollution
- Bycatch
- Habitat loss
- Climate change





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Seabird Action Plan

Objective 8.2.3 “Encourage international cooperation for the protection of seabirds through the CMS and ACAP”



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SPREP supporting actions to implement the SAP

- Development of a seabird monitoring manual
- Training
- Oceania Seabird Symposium
September 2024, Noumea (*supported
by SPREP, SPC, NZ, ASG, WSU*)



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Current activities supporting gadfly petrel conservation

- Phoenix petrel – Pacific rat eradication on Kiritimati Island (BirdLife, funded through SPREP)
- Tahiti petrel – Am Samoa project a collaboration between Archipelago Research and Conservation and the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources funded through USFWS; Samoa – Birds NZ funding to support community outreach and surveys.
- Collared petrel – BirdLife investigating harvesting
- Vanuatu Petrel, Monash Uni – research - Colony counts, tracking, GLS deployed, threats assessed. Monash Uni
- Beck's petrel one bird tracked 2015; PhD kicked off with PNG student from local communities through Monash Uni
- Fiji Petrel some ongoing work through BirdLife needs to be ramped up



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Current activities supporting gadfly petrel conservation



American Samoa, Petrel Habitat
ARC ▶ Tutuila, J. Rothe



Setting up camera on TP burrow
J. Roth



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Actions to support CMS listing

- Metropolitan countries with Territories in the region – must consult effectively with those countries
- Many Pacific countries are not members of CMS, but consultation is important.. May lead to interest in CMS and ACAP