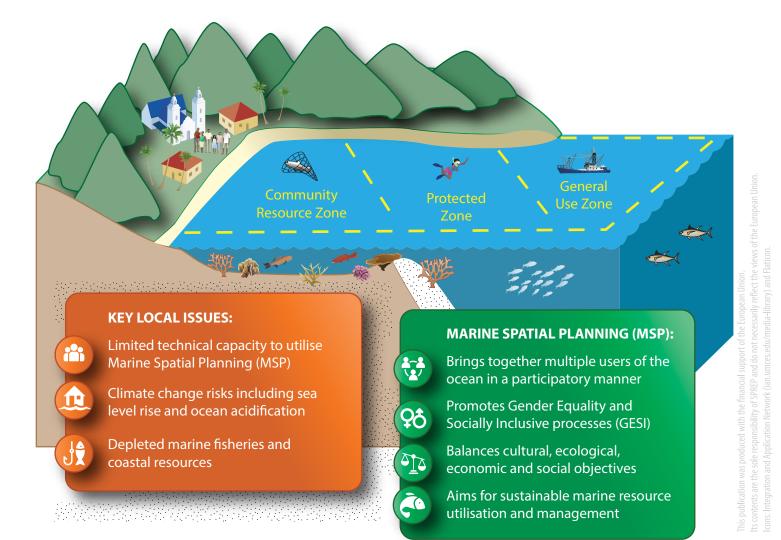


## **Marine Spatial Planning**

## Pacific BioScapes Programme - Cook Islands

The Pacific BioScapes Programme aims to strengthen the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources through the use of **Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)** to achieve key ecological, economic, cultural and social objectives. Under the Programme, the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** will work closely with the **Government of the Cook Islands** to support marine conservation initiatives and sustainable planning activities.

The **Marae Moana Cook Islands Marine Park (CIMP)** covers approximately 2 million km<sup>2</sup> of the Cook Islands exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and Marine Spatial Planning is a key component. This will see the establishment of various forms of protected and locally managed areas within the park, including other use areas. The project will be implemented through the Marae Moana Coordination Office and the Marae Moana Technical Advisory Group (TAG). **Examples of some potential zoning areas in the park are shown below:** 



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