

OVERALL OBJECTIVES

Under the management and coordination of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the *Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt* project, benefiting from the European Commission BEST 2.0 medium grant, provides financial support to assist countries and territories in addressing their marine and coastal Aichi targets 6, 10 and 11.

In alignment with the regional Framework for a Pacific Oceanscape (FPO) and Framework for Pacific Regionalism (FPR) endorsed by all Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), it also provides stronger political support to all PICTs in reaching their sustainable development goals in the two key areas of Integrated Ocean Management and Ecotourism.

BLUE BELT FACTS

- **Targeted territories:**
French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn Islands and Wallis and Futuna
- **Total project budget:**
440,997 € including BEST 2.0 grant awarded: 399,897 €
- **Duration:**
May 2016 – November 2018
- **Lead organisation:**
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- **Partner organisation:**
Agence Française pour la Biodiversité (AFB)

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*A resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods
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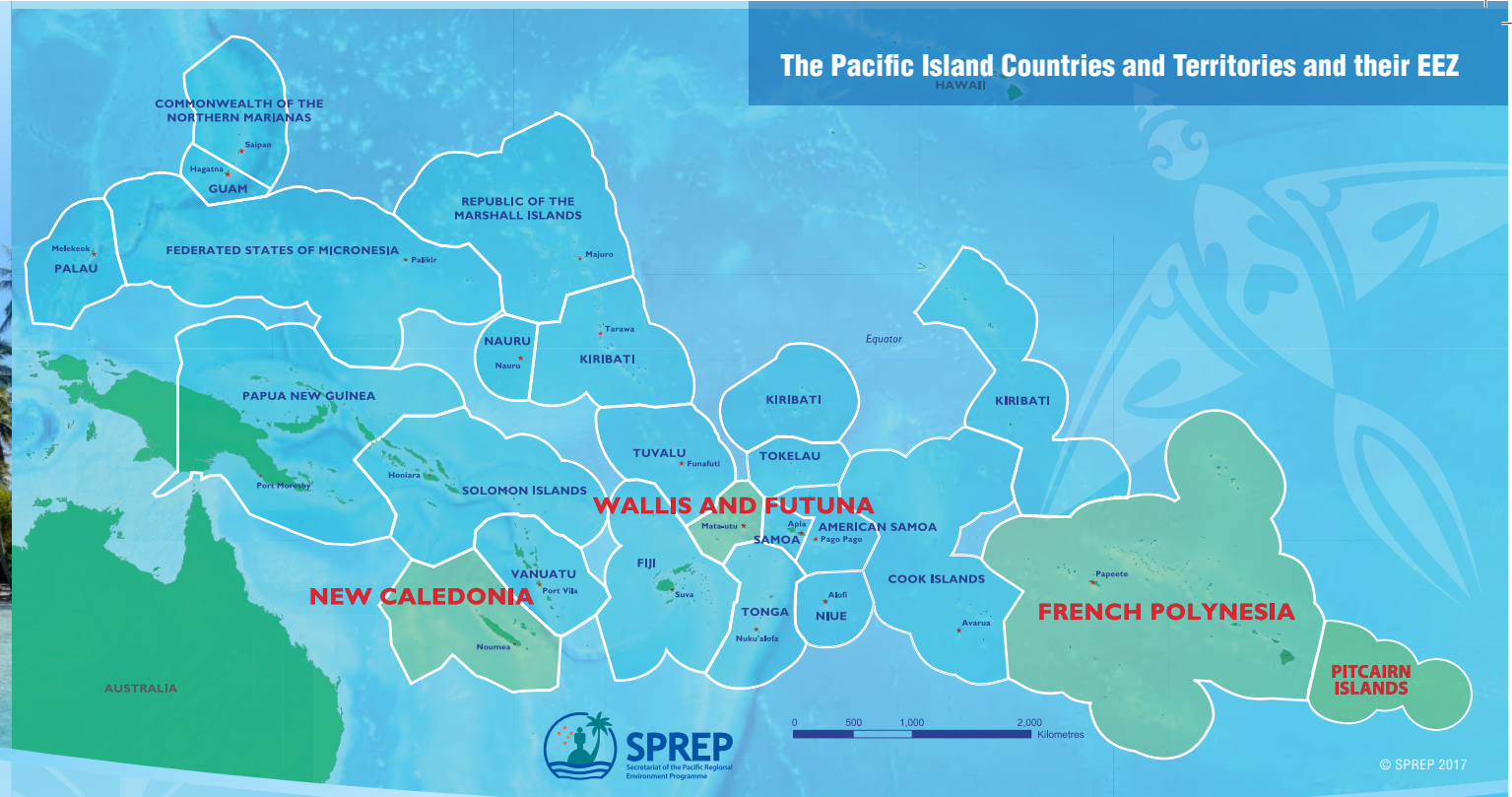
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Like other Pacific islands, the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) of the Pacific face enormous challenges in achieving their sustainable development aspirations, such as isolation, limited resources and capacities and their particular vulnerability to climate change and human pressure.



The *Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt* project supports the implementation by our partner agencies of tangible actions from local initiatives and promotes regional cooperation as to achieve a greater level of integrated ocean management and biodiversity conservation amongst SPREP members.

It pursues three specific objectives:



Together, the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna and Pitcairn Islands cover more than 7,800,000 square kilometres of ocean. They are host to world biodiversity hotspots for the exceptional diversity, rarity and fragility of their marine and coastal ecosystems as well as the importance of the ecosystem services they provide.

1 Develop locally appropriate methodologies for the implementation and management of Marine Protected Areas (MPA):



To strengthen MPA planning and design with tools such as Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) or Strategic Regional Analysis (SRA), through regional workshops such as the Sustainable Ocean Initiative.

The *Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt* has participated in the organisation of a Sustainable Ocean Initiative workshop in 2016 in Apia, Samoa. It also supports the consultation process for the management plan of the Natural Park of the Coral Sea in New Caledonia and helped build capacity in MSP and SRA methodologies within the environmental services of Wallis and Futuna and the Loyalty Islands Province.

2 Create technical and methodological guidelines in MPA /EEZ surveillance and monitoring:



To increase the effectiveness of monitoring and management of protected areas and to provide surveillance and monitoring options appropriate to Pacific circumstances.

The *Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt* is conducting a review and workshop on surveillance technologies for application to coastal and offshore MPA management.

3 Develop good practices in ecotourism through the creation of coastal and underwater educational trails:



To promote the sustainable development and management of coastal and marine biodiversity.

The *Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt* is assisting the design and implementation of coastal and marine educational trails in French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna.