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AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF PITA & PACIFIC ISLANDS

PACIFIC ISLAND TYPICAL ENVIRONMENT FACTORS

THREATS

DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAYERS

PITA WORK PLAN & WORKING GROUP
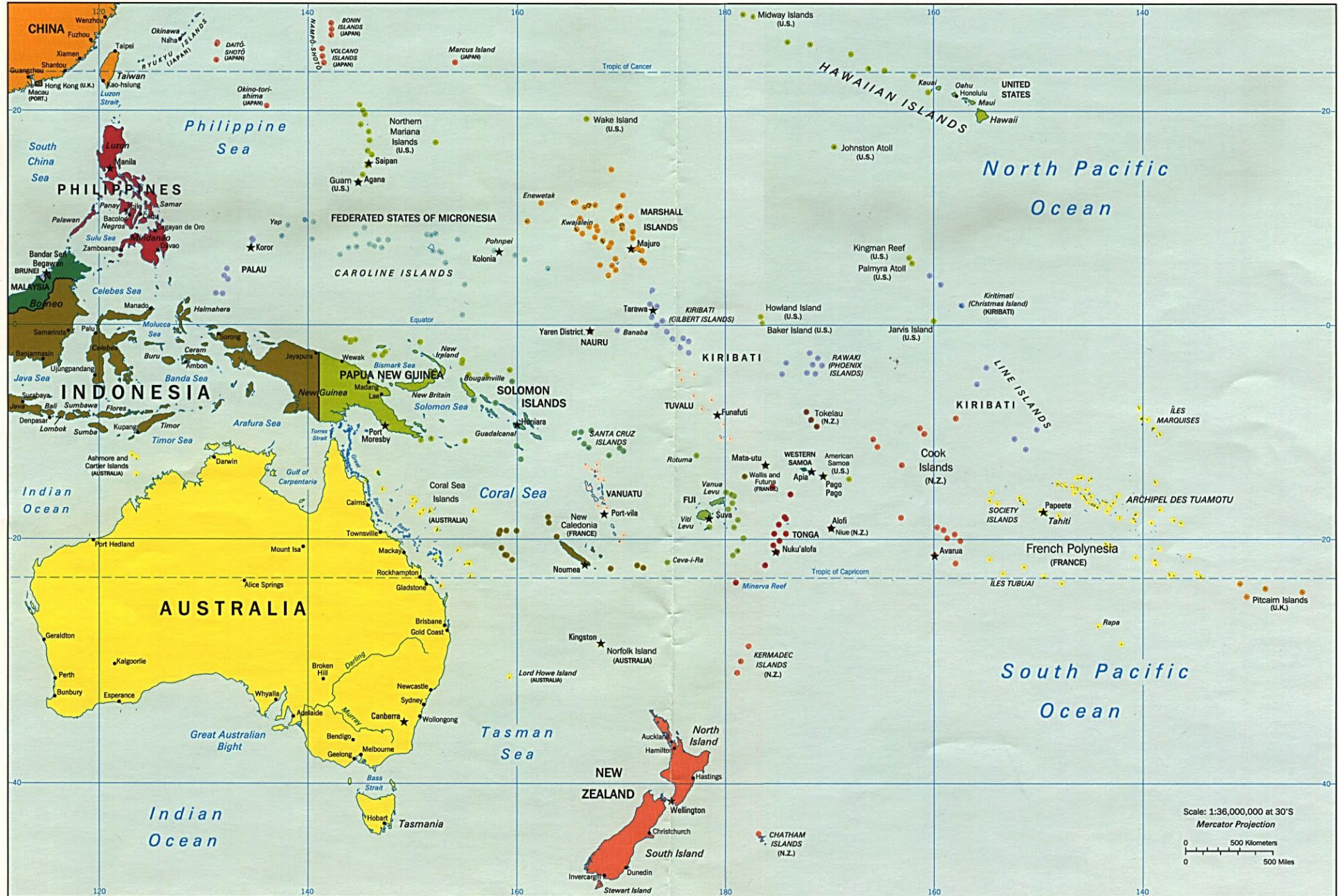
CONCLUSION

BRIEF ABOUT PITA

➢Non Profit Organization

➢22 Pacific Islands Economies

➢Total members – 189

  o 42 Full members

  o 131 Associate Members

  o 16 Government & Regulatory members

➢ Forum for ;

  o Exchanging and development of Telecommunication Solutions for Pacific Islands

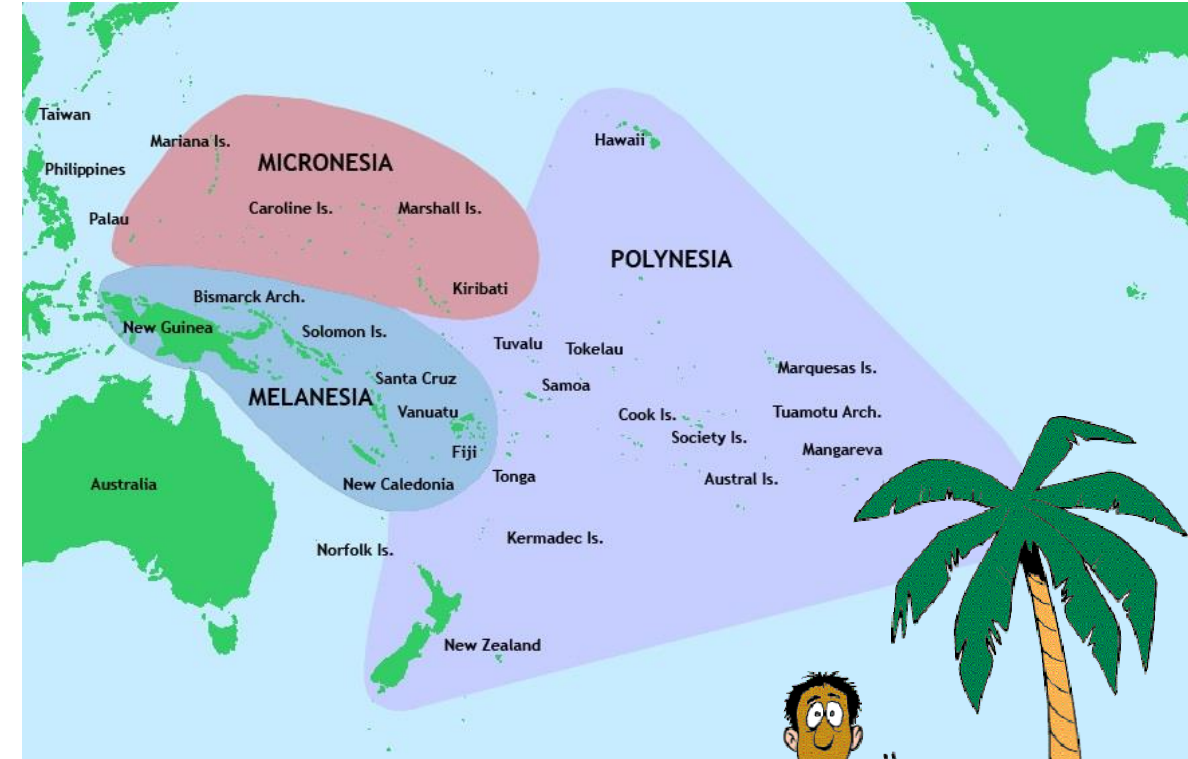 o Collaborations with International & Regional development Partners

MAP OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Briefly about the Pacific Islands - Environment

➢ **30, 000 small islands scattered over 54 million km of Ocean**

➢ **Limited telecommunication infrastructure and resource to deal with disaster**

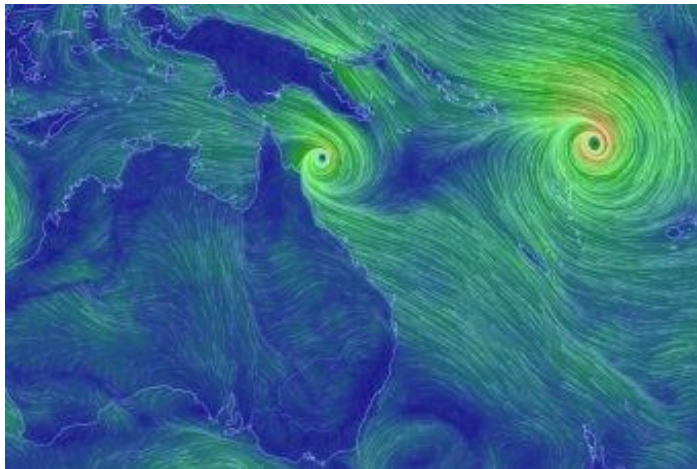➢ **Mostly Least Developing and Least Developed countries**

Briefly about the Pacific Islands - Threats

➢ **Climate Change**

  o Rising Sea Levels

  o Tropical cyclones - Increasing intensities and frequencies

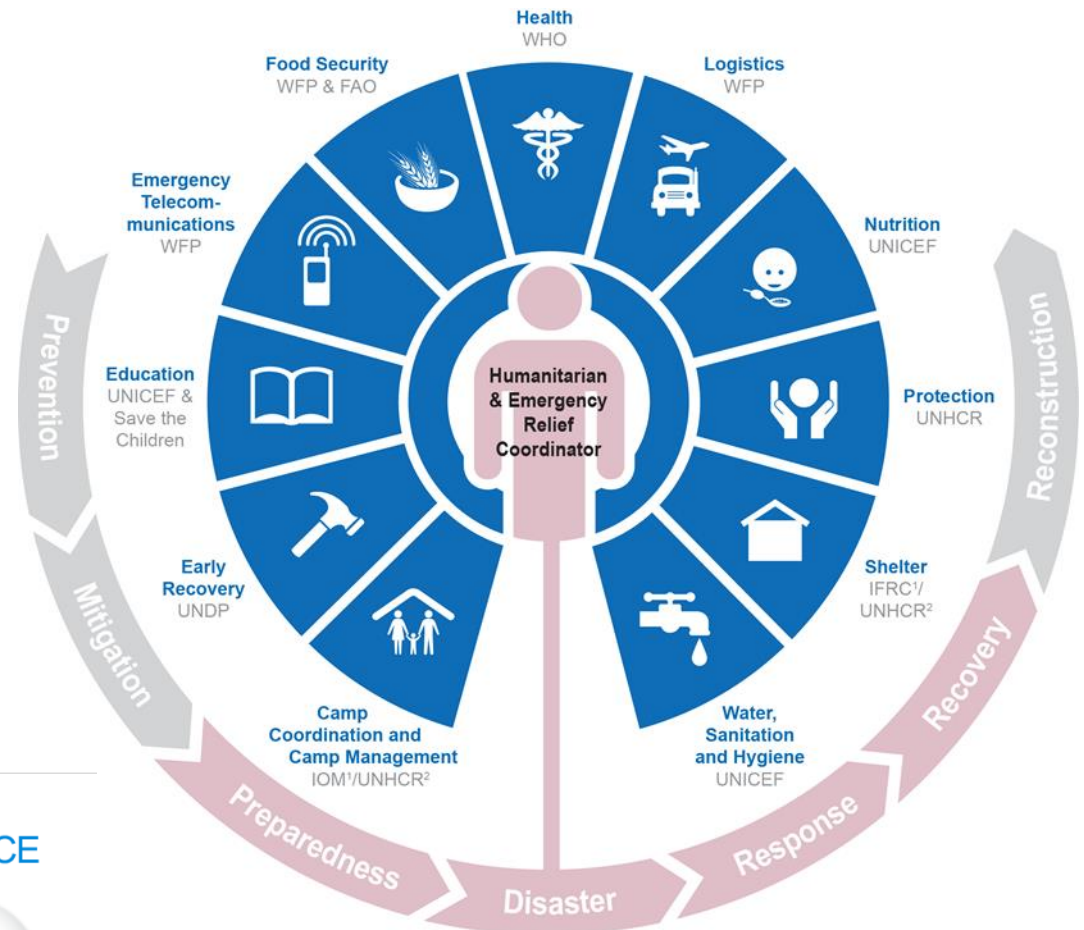 o Tsunamis

  o Flooding

Kids wait out tidal flooding on Funafuti Tuvalu Feb 2005. © 2005 Gary Braasch One-time print only

Briefly about the Pacific Islands - Players

➢ **Humanitarian & External Cluster Group**

➢ **National Disaster Management Office&**
  (NDMO)

➢ **Telecommunication Entities [PITA]**

➢ **SPC/SOPAC - Community Resilient**
  Programs & Disaster Management
  Framework(CRP/DMF)

➢ **NGOs**

Disaster work plan and response by PITA Members

- **Facilitate cooperation amongst islands for immediate transfer of equipment and manpower to the aid of the affected member islands**
  - Towers, Gensets, BTS, Satellite Antennas, Emergency communication sets, Riggers, Outside Plant technicians, Access and Core network engineers
- **Maintain and upkeep pool of emergency communication systems, critical equipment and parts, stored in strategic location and readily transportable to affected member islands**
- **Benchmarking for best practices and resilience**
- **Bridging gaps and strengthening capabilities of members to respond, prepare and mitigate for disasters and emergencies**
- **Workshops, Training and Exchange**

Thank you from Tahiti; Maururu roa

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR PITA

PITA CEOs forum @ PITA 20th AGM
Intercontinental Hotel TAHITI, 25 April 2016

L-R CEOs sitting:

1. Pacific Mobile/Vodafone, 2. Tuvalu Telecom, 3. Telstra, 4. Bluesky Group, 5. Solomon Telekom, 6. PITA, 7. Ministry of Communications Samoa,
8. OPT Group French Polynesia, 9. OPTUS, 10. Bluesky Cook Is, 11. FSM Telecom, 12. Tonga Cable, 13. Tonga Communications Corp., 14. Telikom PNG

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