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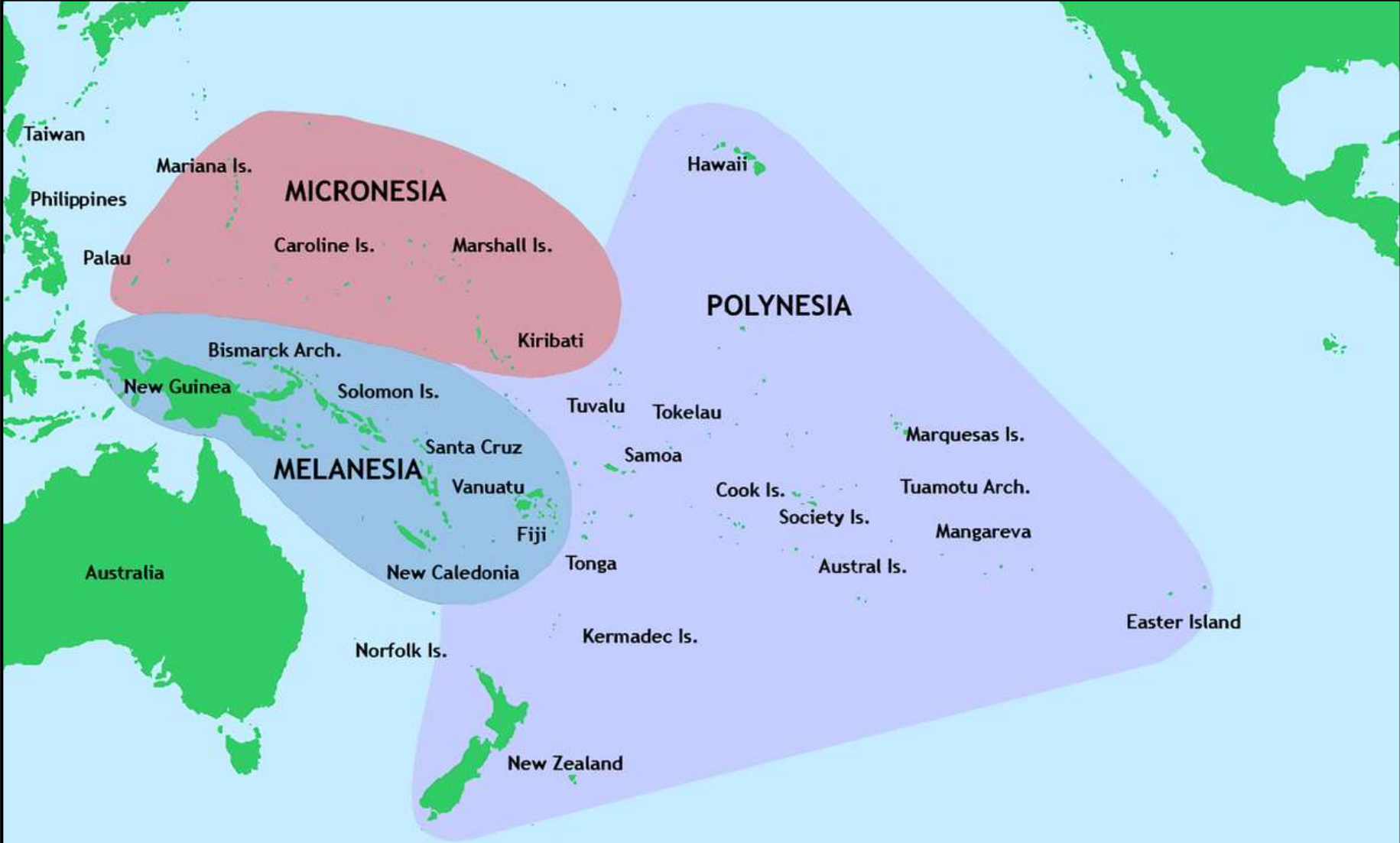
Special Session: 4

Upscaling Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) and the gender dimensions in the Pacific



The Pacific Region

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28M

km² of exclusive economic zones



1,200 Languages

55%

of Pacific's population lives < 1 km from the sea
(excluding Papua New Guinea)

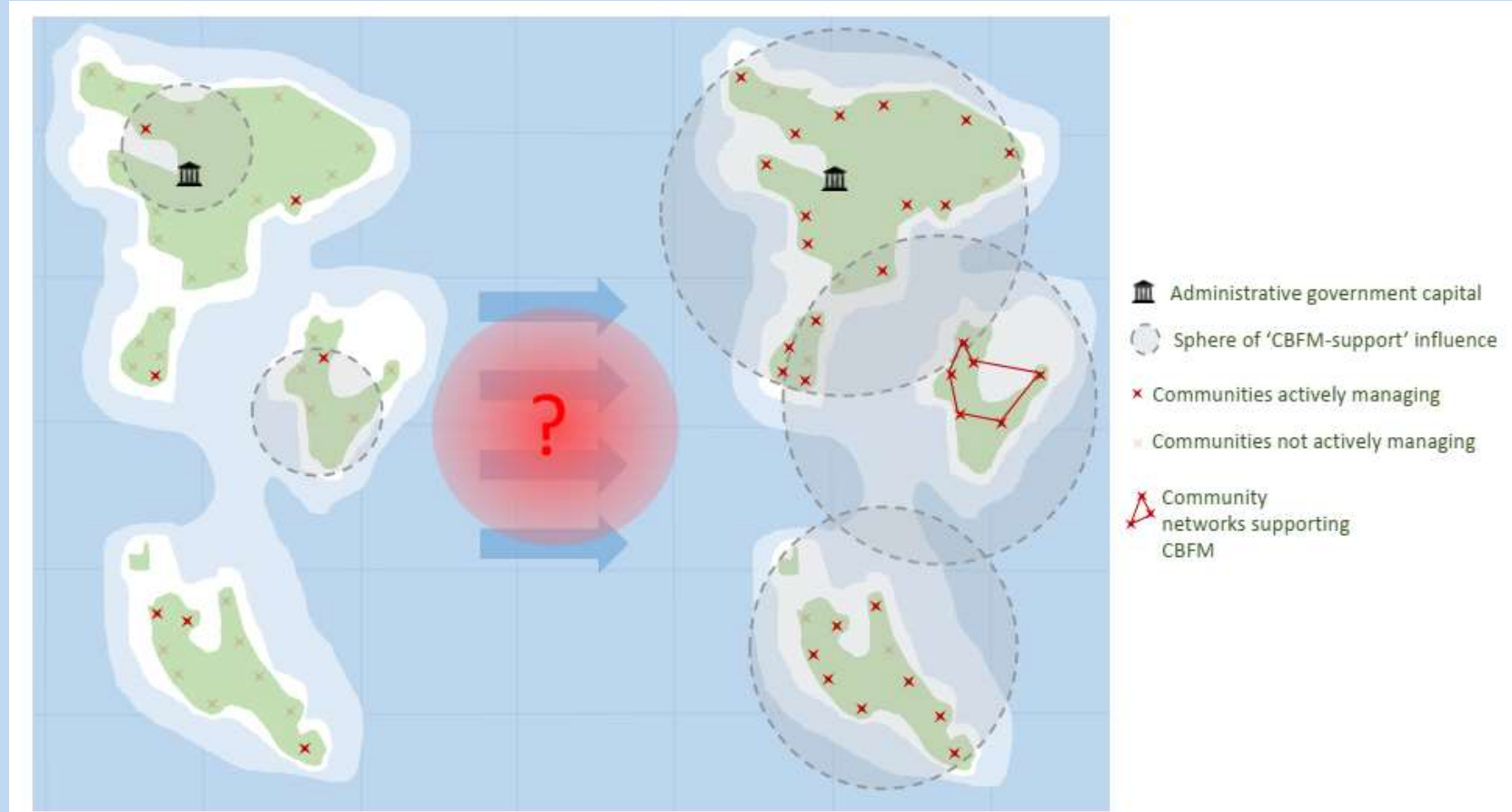


What is Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM)?

- Is a fisheries management approach → community-driven and encompasses an ecosystem approach to sustain livelihoods and ensure resilient island communities.
- Is common in the Pacific Region due to strong customary laws and traditional governance of coastal fisheries.

What is Scaling-Up?

- Moving from small pockets of effective coastal fisheries management to meaningful proportions of the coastal environment.

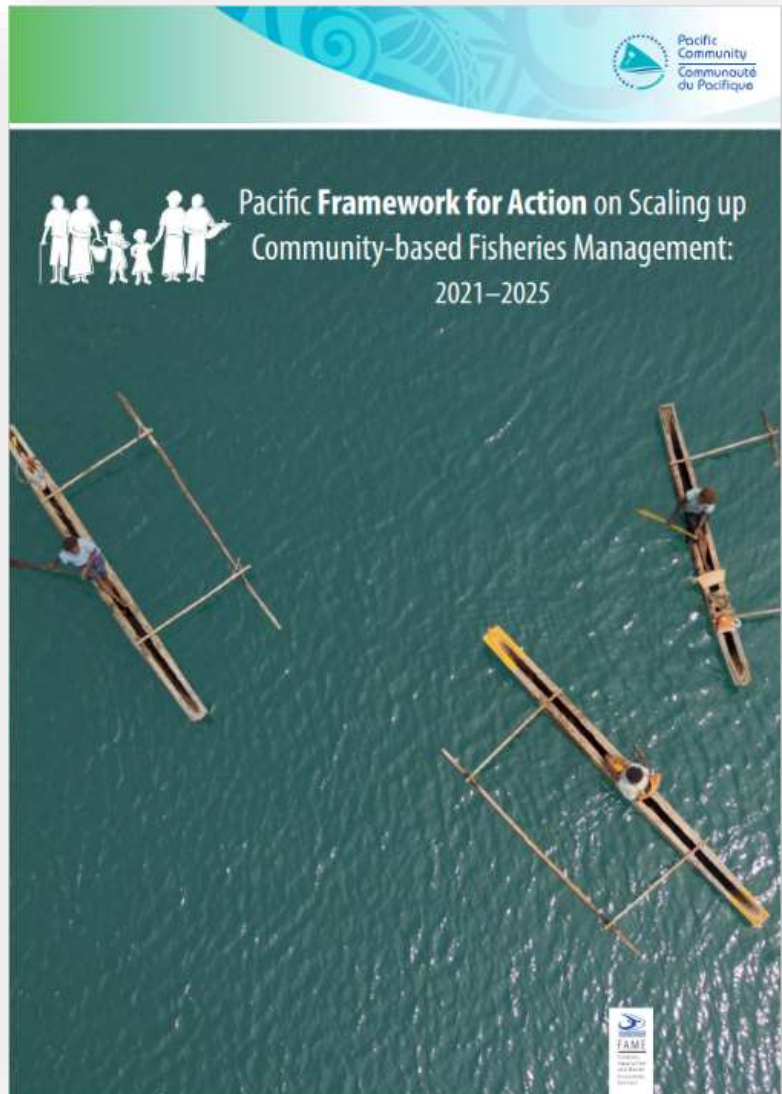


Why Scale-up?

- Coastal resources are under increasing threat of overfishing, exacerbated by climate change & COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pacific Islands Countries & Territories (PICTs) - large ocean states but limited national government resources → harnessing the collective power of local communities for effective coastal fisheries management.
- Empower local communities.



Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling up CBFM: 2021-2025



Purpose of The Framework:

Provide guidance to PICTs in developing, prioritising and implementing national actions for scaling-up CBFM that support local communities and achieve national and regional policy goals’.

- ✓ **Pacific fisheries leaders’ endorsement**
- ✓ **People-centred component taken seriously:**
 - **Gender**
 - **Human rights**
 - **Social inclusion**

Equitable benefits

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- We are in this process of investing in scaling-up CBFM
- **Some opportunities & risks:**
 - **Risk:** give too much power to community → exacerbate gender inequality
 - **Opportunity:** Giving voice to women through:
 - ✓ shifting narrative
 - ✓ awareness materials
 - ✓ in decision-making e.g. Marshall Islands
- Further discussed in detail during this special event





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Community

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du Pacifique

Thank You!