

Solomon Islands: Initial National Programme Submission

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Outline of Presentation

- Context for REDD+ in the Solomon Islands and Pacific
- Proposed Initial UN-REDD Programme
- Lessons and links to regional initiatives

Context for REDD+ in the Solomon Islands

Total area: 28,400 km²
Population: 523,000
Nine provinces; >1,000 islands

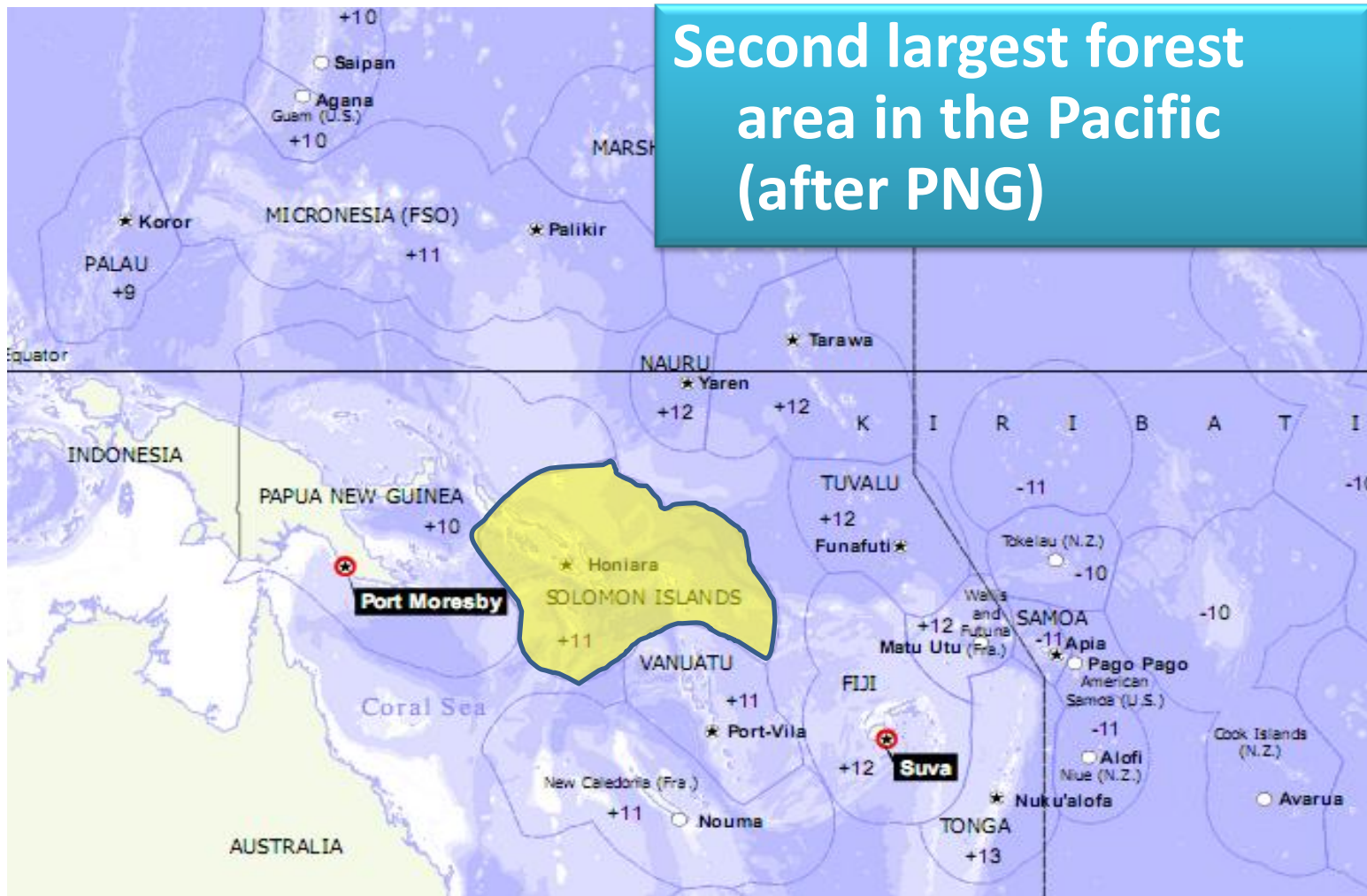
Forest area: 2.2M ha
Deforestation: 2.2%/yr
Degradation: Medium to severe throughout



Context for REDD+ in the Solomon Islands



Second largest forest area in the Pacific (after PNG)





Context for REDD+ in the Solomon Islands

Key governance issues :

- Outdated and incomplete legislation.
- Uneven application of the rule of law.
- Incomplete enforcement.
- Weak coordination and cooperation within and among customary ownership groups.
- Weak formal governance structures.



Context for REDD+ in the Solomon Islands

Key stakeholders:

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology: development of environmental policies and the enforcement of environmental legislation

Ministry of Forestry: responsible for the overall management of the forest resources

Ministry of Agriculture: responsible for agricultural development

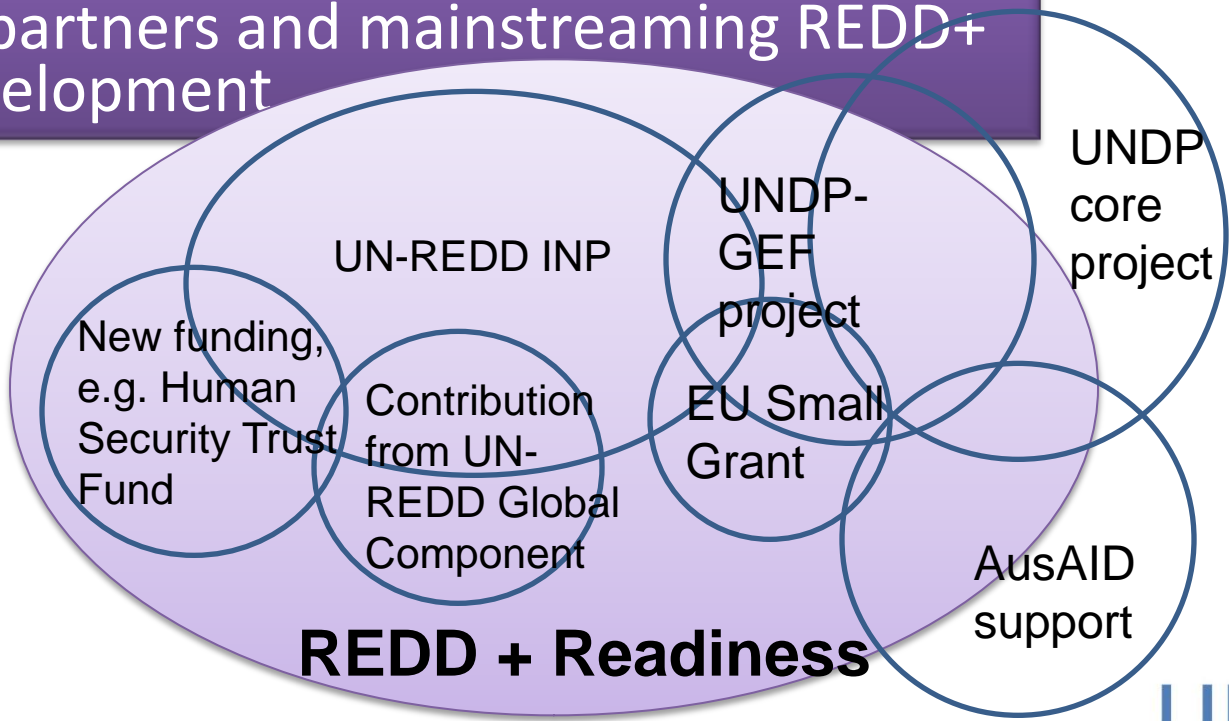
Customary land owners (87% of total land area)

NGOs/CSOs; e.g. The Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership; The Development Services Exchange



Proposed Initial UN-REDD Programme

Overall strategy:
Serve as catalyst for improved coordination among partners and mainstreaming REDD+ into development





Proposed Initial UN-REDD Programme

Objective:

“To establish the necessary institutional and individual capacities required to develop full REDD+ readiness in the Solomon Islands”.

Contribution to UNDAF Outcomes:

2: Good governance and human rights

4: Sustainable environmental management



Proposed Initial UN-REDD Programme

Outcome 1: REDD+ readiness supported by effective, inclusive and participatory management processes

Output 1.1: A broad-based, multi-stakeholder national REDD+ working group

Output 1.2: Collated and analyzed forest resource data

Output 1.3: A REDD+ Readiness Roadmap



Proposed Initial UN-REDD Programme

Outcome 2: REDD+ stakeholders have a comprehensive understanding of the potential benefits and risks associated with REDD+

Output 2.1: A constituency-based education and awareness raising programme.

Output 2.2: A process to ensure the right of free, prior and informed consent for actions to be undertaken on REDD+

Output 2.3: A rapid/initial cost-abatement assessment



Proposed Initial UN-REDD Programme

Outcome 3: Preliminary capacity developed for REL formulation and MRV

Output 3.1: REL and MRV capacity assessment

Output 3.2: Assessment of potential for regional
cooperation on MRV

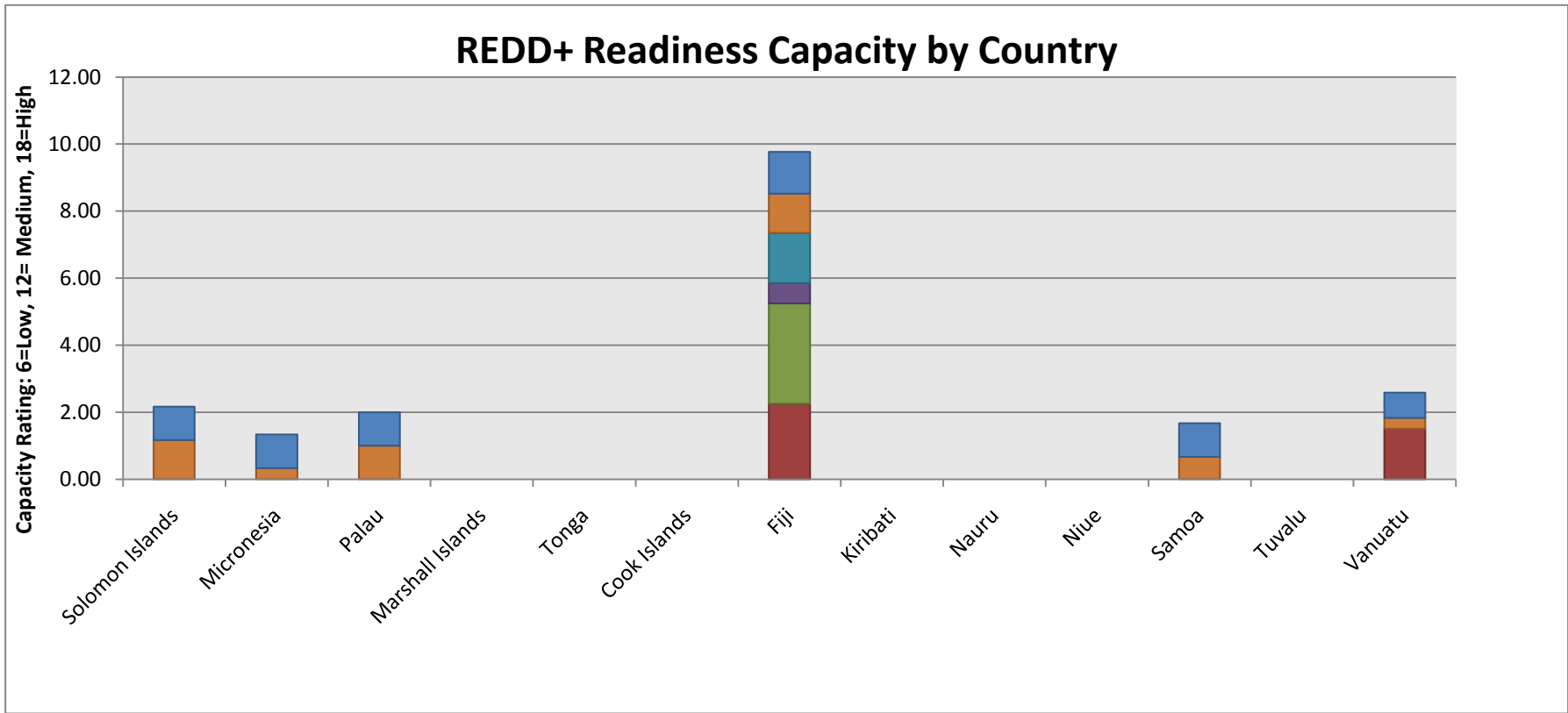


Lessons and Links to Regional Initiatives

- Initial REDD+ Readiness activities have greatly facilitated rapid progress subsequently (e.g., Viet Nam, Cambodia, DRC)
- REDD+ Architecture (e.g. Benefit Distribution Systems) will be very different in the Pacific – Outcome 2 will set the foundation



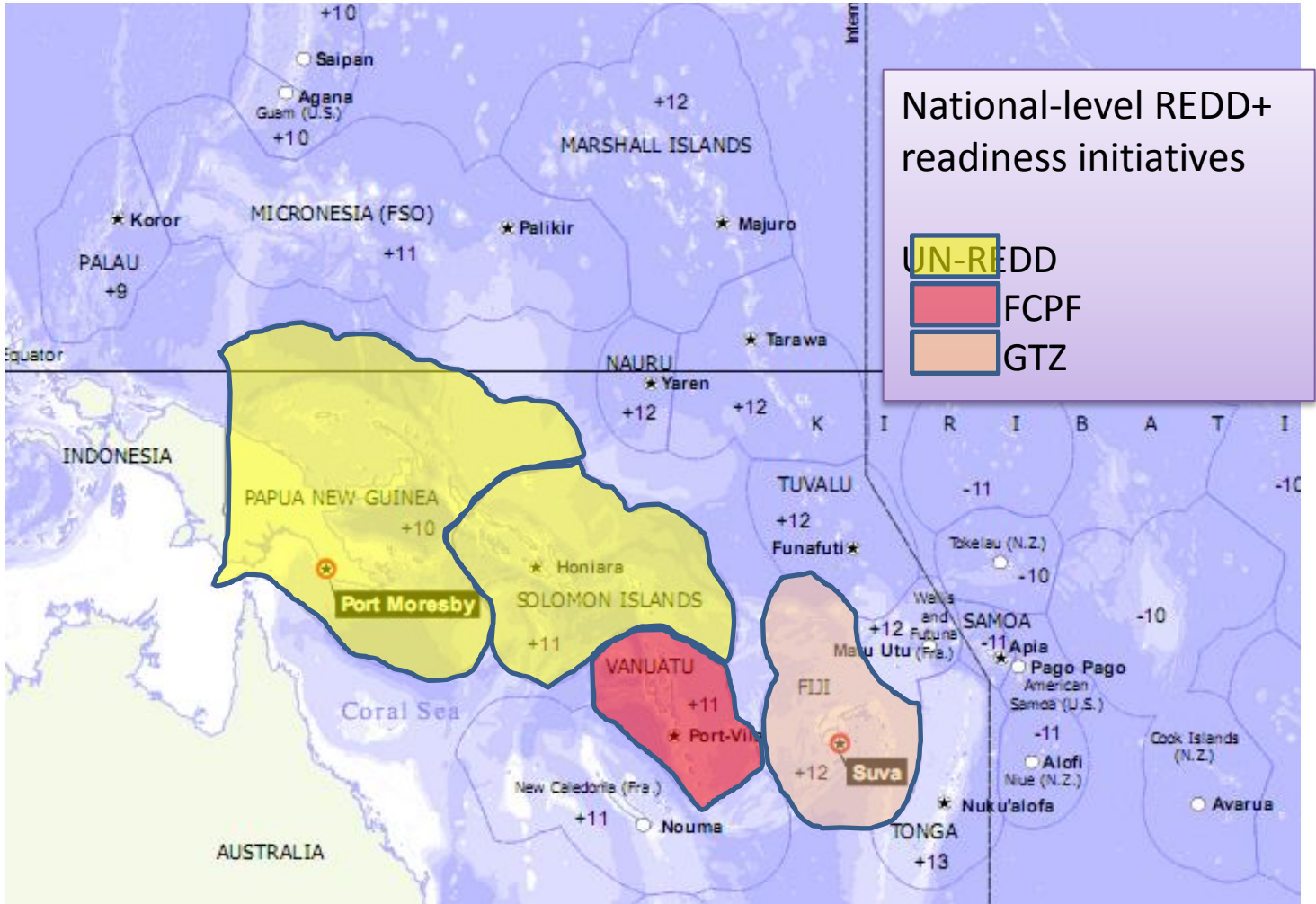
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REDD+ Readiness is generally low in the Pacific; need for regional cooperation high

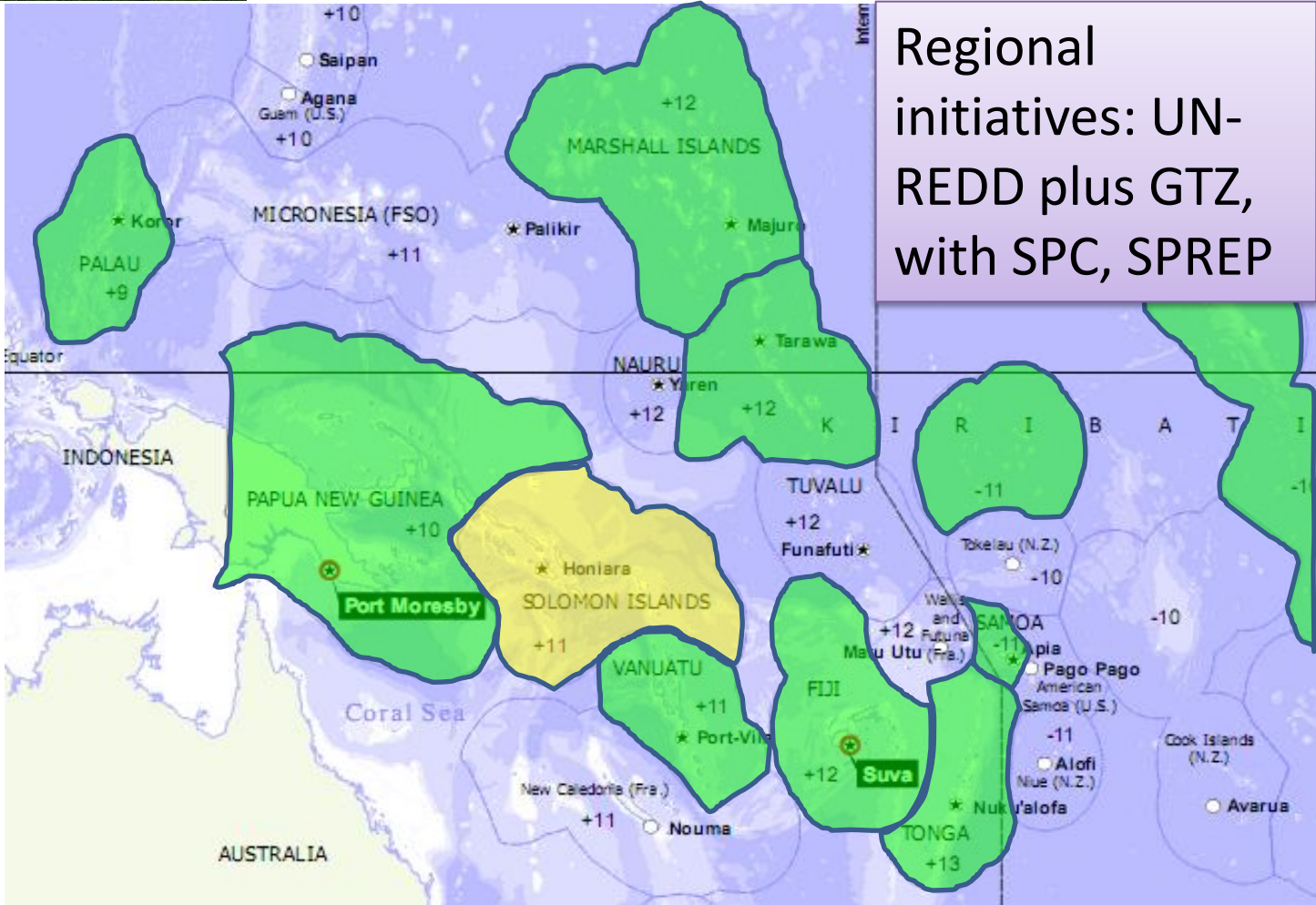


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