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MDA - FFA Perspective

Workshop

Strengthening Shared Understanding Among the Partners in the Blue Pacific and Pacific Islands - Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF) and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)

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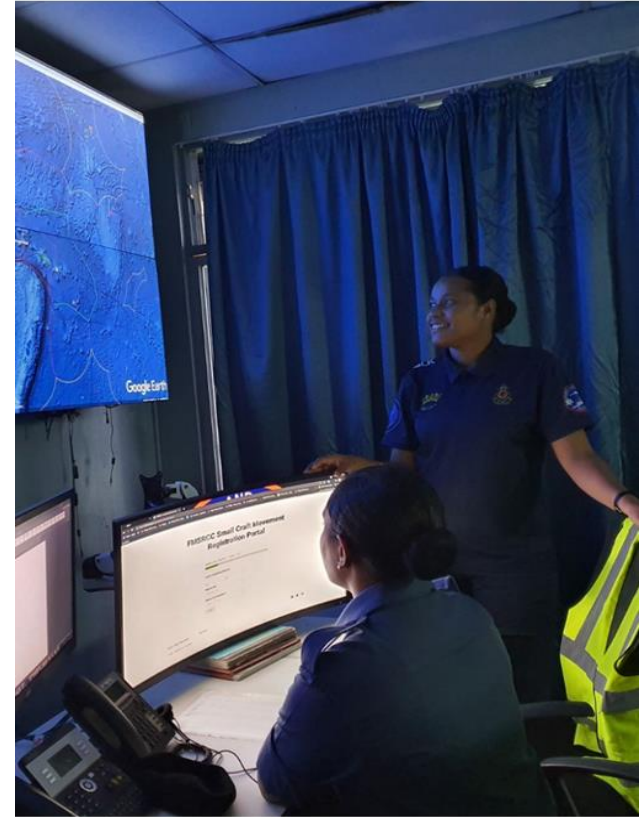
Scope

- ❑ Regional Security, IUU Fishing & MDA
- ❑ Cooperative Arrangements to enhance MDA
- ❑ Regional Surveillance Picture
- ❑ Challenges and Opportunities

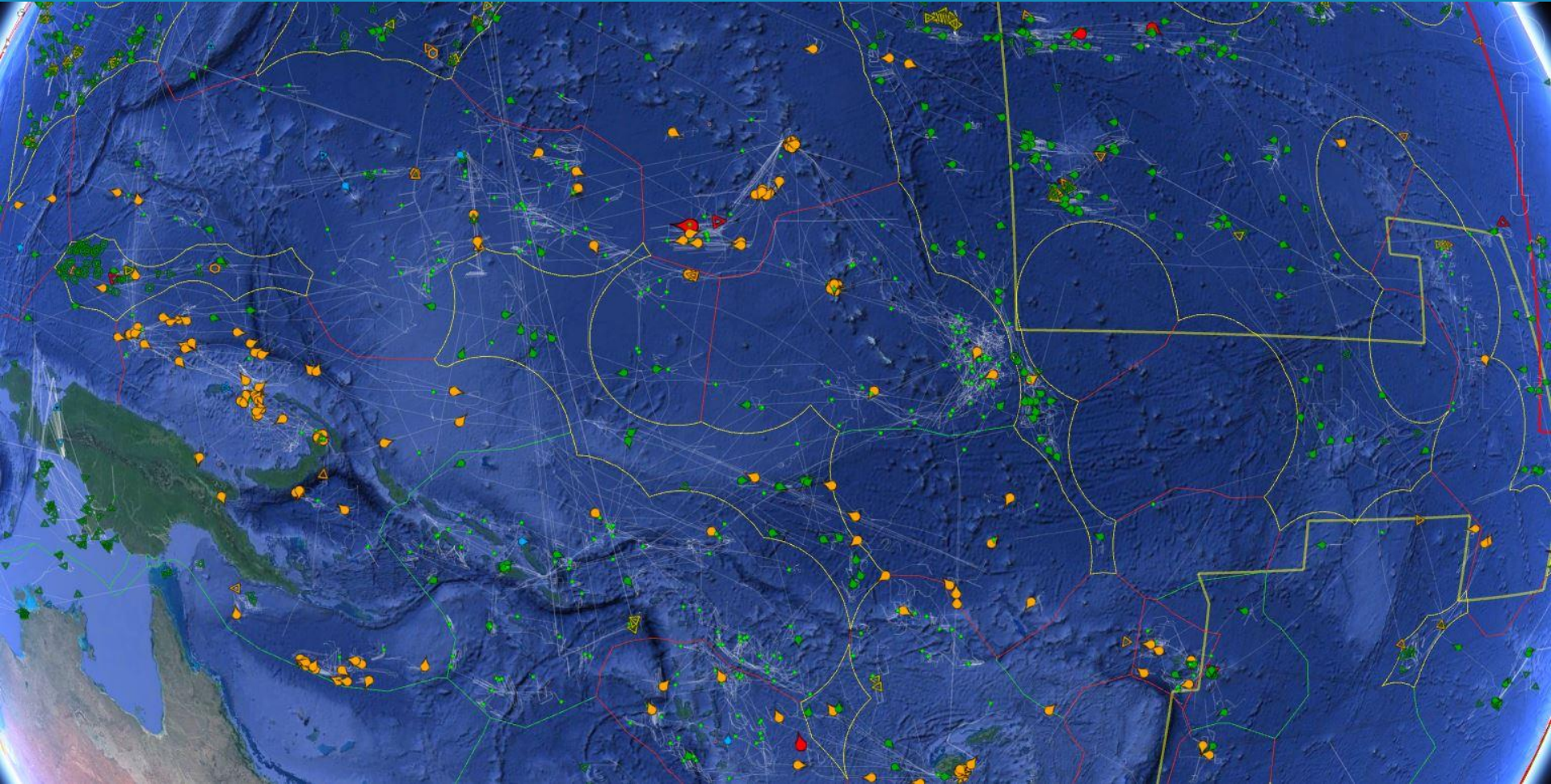
- ❑ Security environment in the Pacific is constantly evolving, becoming complex and increasingly challenging - **No one country and no one agency can meet these challenges on its own.**
- ❑ Challenges affect national and regional security through the maritime domain - including transnational crime, IUU fishing, human trafficking and people-smuggling, marine pollution, environmental harm, and sea and air transport safety.
- ❑ Strengthening of information sharing at the national and regional level is critical. For FFA, there is recognition that the existing mechanisms and systems for exchange of information, and available tools to address IUU fishing supports enhancing MDA and contribute to address other maritime security challenges.
- ❑ FFA Regional MCS strategy recognised that MCS activities are an **integral part of broader maritime security, awareness and management, including the exchange of fisheries data and intelligence.**
- ❑ FFA's active participation in the "*Boe Declaration*" implementation.

Cooperative Arrangements - MDA

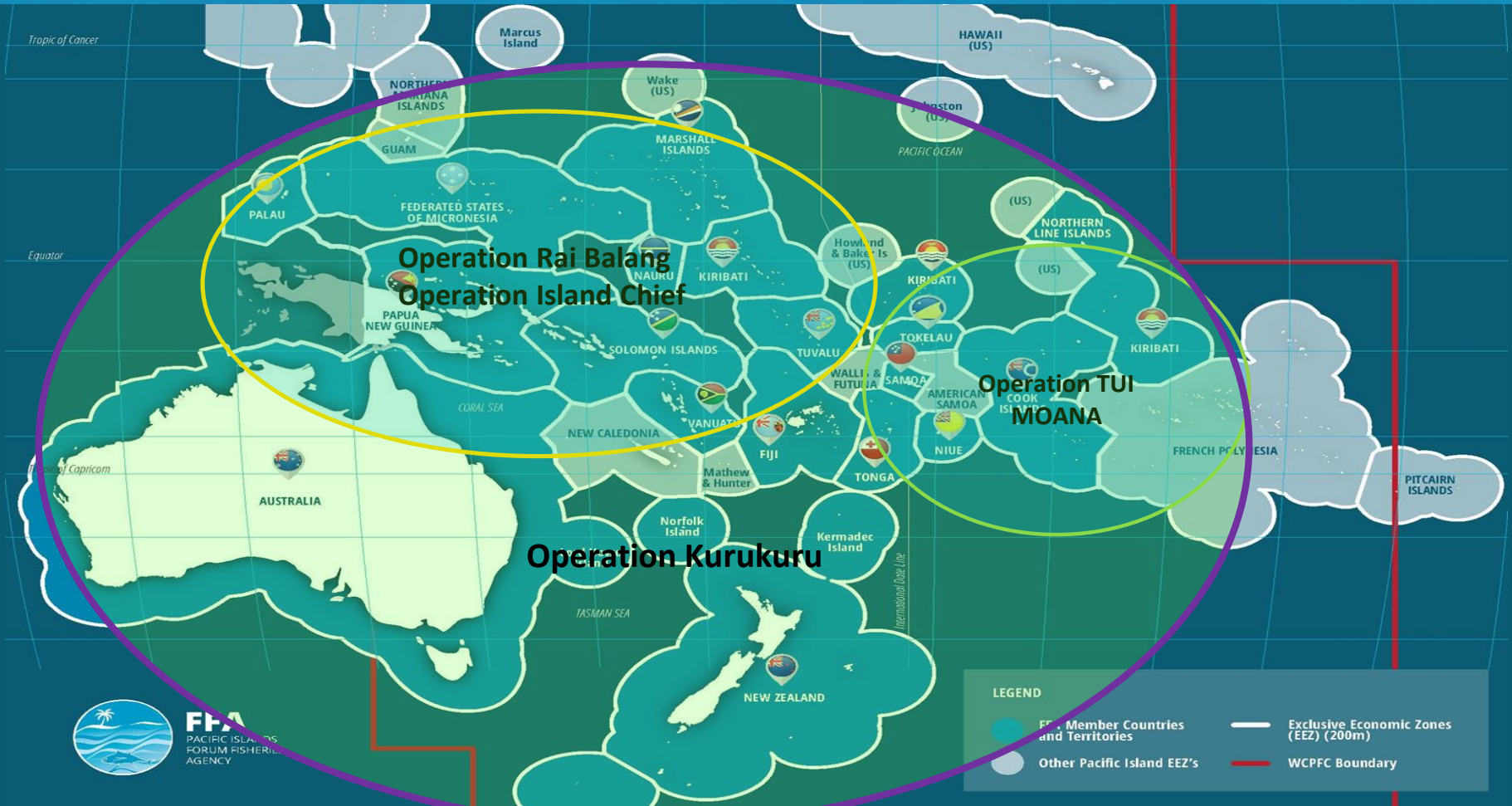
- ❑ FFA Vessel Monitoring System
- ❑ Fisheries Observer Program
- ❑ Regional Aerial Surveillance Program
- ❑ Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre
- ❑ Regional Fisheries Surveillance Operations
- ❑ Regional Surveillance Picture
- ❑ Remote Sensing and Other Technologies



Regional Surveillance Picture



Regional Fisheries Surveillance Operations



Challenges & Opportunities



Strong **collaboration** and **cooperation** – **Regional and Inter-agency cooperation**



Develop **capacity** amongst our people – **Analytical skills**



Data, information sharing and **availability** across membership – **Open sharing**



Integrate MDA (maritime security) into MCS activities using broad suite of compatible tools



Clear strategy for regional MDA



Supporting **regional and national** implementation



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