

# Embracing Indigenous and Local Knowledge Alongside Ocean Science for Sustainable Ocean Management and Governance

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**22** Countries  
and Territories

**10** million people

**28** million square kilom  
etres

**20%** of the  
world's EEZs

Pacific Island Countries  
are governed by  
Indigenous people

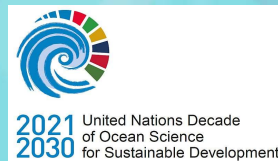


# Global, regional and national frameworks that support use of traditional knowledge.

Framework for Pacific Oceanscape 2010

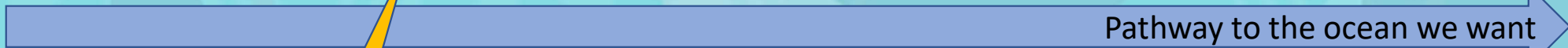
CBD: Nagoya Protocol 2010

Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Oceans Statement 2021



Pacific Regional Culture Strategy 2022 - 2032

Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) 2023



The Ocean is seen as “our endowment fund, inherited from our ancestors and which we share with future generations. We must care for, invest in and nurture the Ocean in order to continue to benefit from it” (p.2).

2016 Vanuatu's National Ocean Policy	2016 Cook Islands Marae Moana Policy	2018 Solomon Islands National Ocean Policy	2020 Samoa Ocean Strategy	2020 PNG National Ocean Policy	2020 Niue Moana Mahu regs.	2021 Fiji's National Ocean Policy	2021 Tonga's Ocean Management Plan

The Pacific Ocean, its people and cultures are intrinsically linked.

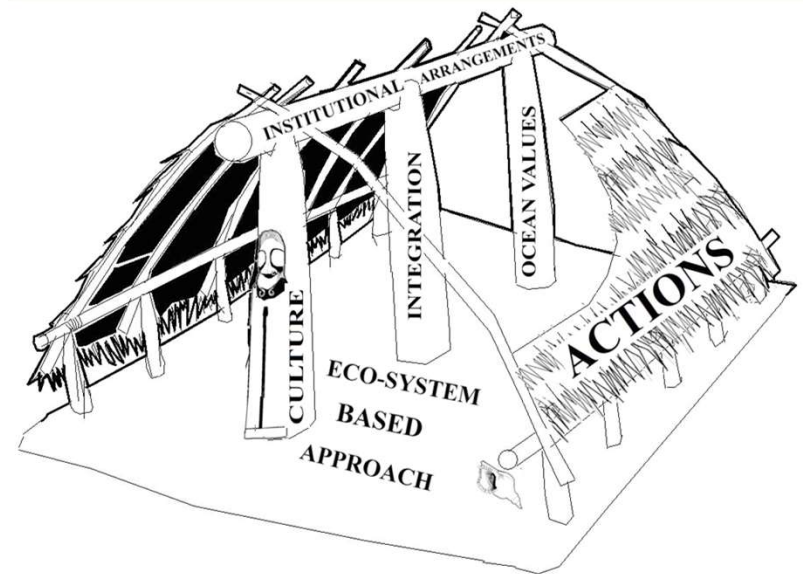




## Vanuatu National Ocean Policy: Nakamal Concept



- Framed around the Nakamal, an institution for traditional governance systems in Vanuatu
- Reinforces ecosystem-based approach as a foundation of the policy supported through the three pillars of culture and ocean values and integration.
- Respects traditional marine resource management systems.
- Consultation and mapping of ocean-related traditional knowledge and practices.
- Marine Spatial Plan and a proposed review of National Ocean Policy



# Integrated Ocean Management



Pacific Solutions to save our Ocean: an integrated ocean science programme towards a healthy Blue Pacific Continent to sustain future generations

**CULTURE & TK:**  
Actions are inclusive of traditional knowledge



**POLICY:**  
Robust legal instruments and policy frameworks

**SCIENCE:** Improved decision support systems

Ocean Decade Endorsed Programme



2021 2030 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development