

Building Capacity of Communities Through Ocean Education

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Identifying the Gaps

- What is the problem we're trying to solve?
- What is already being done?
- Do communities have awareness, necessary skills, and resources?
- How can we build capacity?



Who is Being Educated?

- Community leaders
- Marine area managers
- Resource users
- Government officials
- Donors & Supporters
- NGO staff & volunteers – local and international



Adult Learning

- Learn by doing when the need is specific and relevant
- Learning environment needs to be safe and supportive
- Importance of Networks
- Different kinds of knowledge:
 - Technical & organizational
 - Traditional and new
 - Bureaucratic



Examples of Community Capacity-Building

1. Micronesia

- Operational & Support

2. Coral Triangle

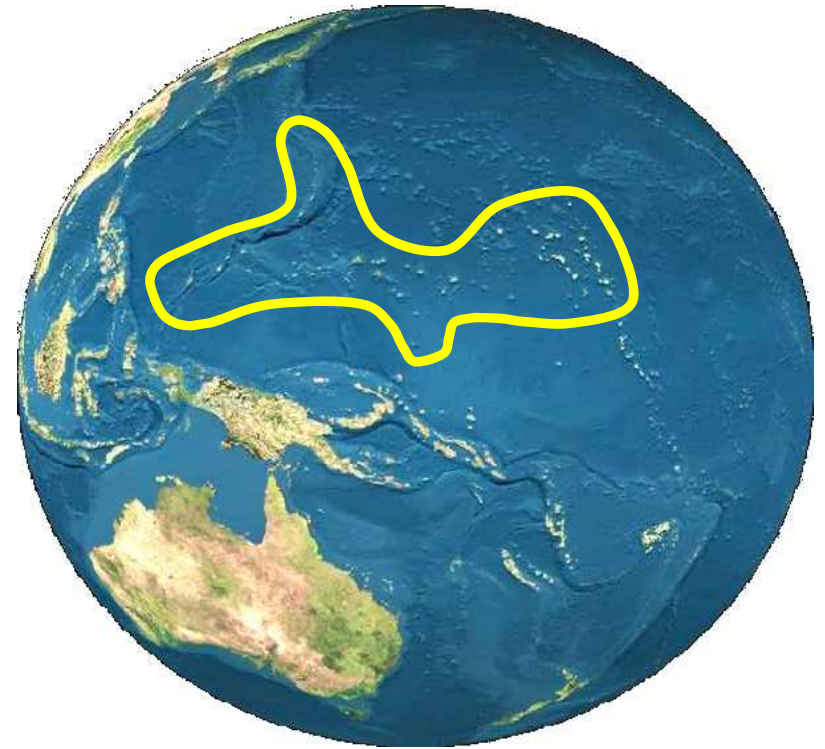
- Technical & Management

3. Global

- Networks to address threats

Micronesia Finance & Administration Network

- Finance Management
- Grants Administration
- Operations



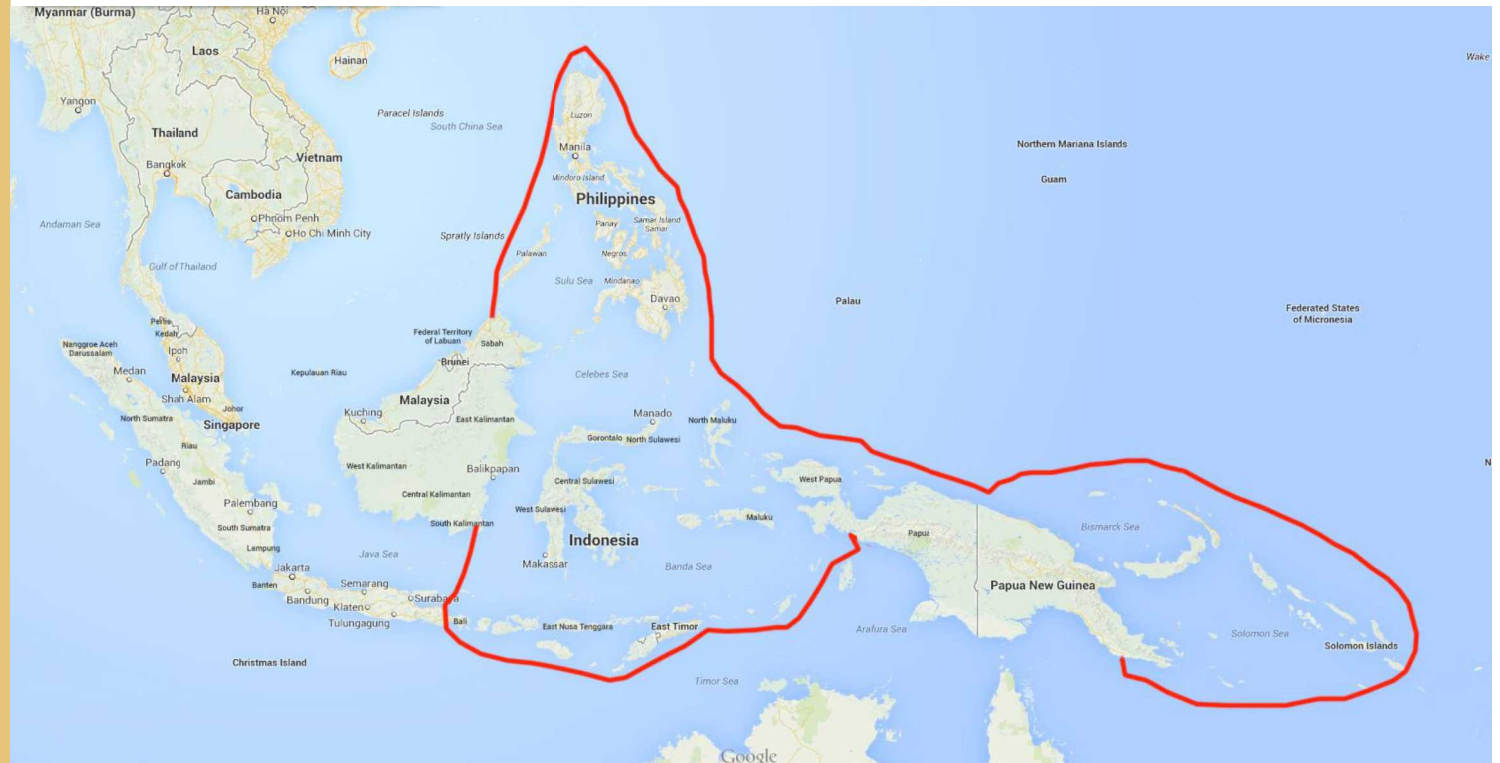
A new support structure to build the capacity of Operations, Finance, and Administrative Staff in local NGOs

Initial Training

- Tracking of documents
- Reading and understanding financial statements
- Financial reporting to Board of Directors
- Detailed budgeting for projects and organizations



PNG & Solomon Islands Marine Management



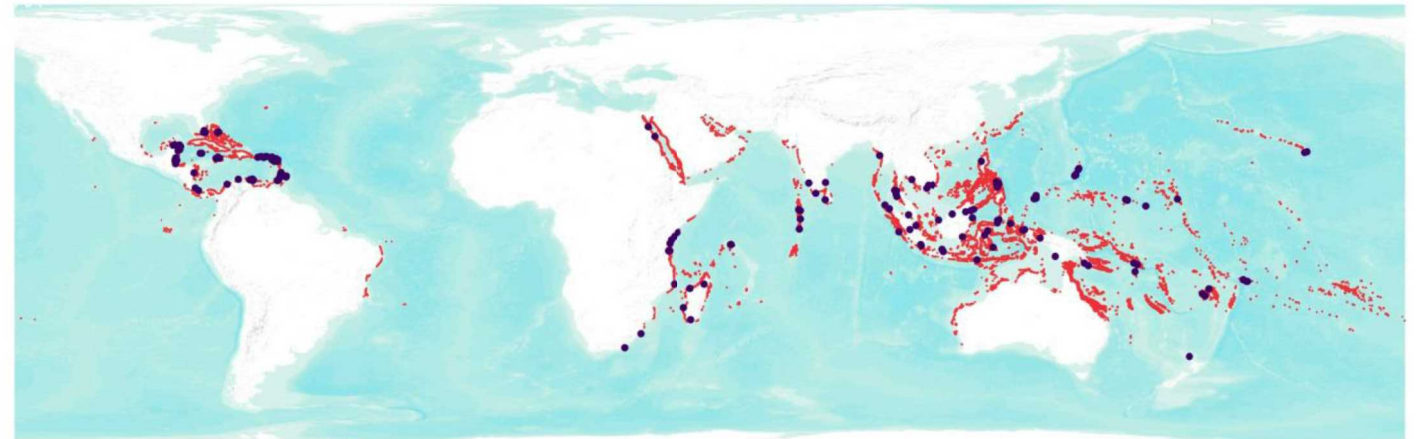
- Train the trainers:
 - Local NGOs and networks
 - Government agencies
 - Academic institutions

Technical Focus: 4 curricula

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
- Marine Area Management Effectiveness
- Community-based Marine Resource Management



Reef Resilience Network



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 Reef Resilience Network  Coral Reefs

- Share scientific information
- Connect & train marine managers
 - Through in-person trainings, online courses & interactive networks
 - Case studies

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Summary

- Many aspects of education to ensure sustainable ocean protection
 - Relevant to local needs
- Incorporate role of nature
- Ongoing networks & community mentors are essential

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