Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the Pacific Islands region

Coral Reefs

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Coral Reefs - evaluating resources

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Coral Reefs - customary tenure
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Coral Reefs - co-management

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Coral Reefs - black pearl farming

Manihiki Island, Cook Islands, Cultured Black Pearl Industry, 1999
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Coral Reefs
Seagrasses
Mangroves

Large pelagic ecosystem
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Large pelagic ecosystem high seas

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Contributions to vulnerability in ecosystems of most concern

• Proximity to dense human population
• Remoteness from oversight
• Economic dependency
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Key threats
Adequate information?
Key management approaches
International cooperation

Pacific Islands Regional Ocean Policy

(text available at www.piocean.org)
27. The goal of this Policy is to ensure the future sustainable use of our Ocean and its resources by Pacific Islands communities and external partners.

28. The Guiding Principles to achieve this Goal are:

• Improving our Understanding of the Ocean
• Sustainably Developing and Managing the use of Ocean Resources
• Maintaining the Health Of the Ocean
• Promoting the Peaceful Use of the Ocean
• Creating Partnerships and Promoting Co-Operation