

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Briefing

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Presentation Outline

- Brief introduction to the CI Pacific Islands Program
- CEPF and CEPF priorities
- Investment Focus in the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot
- Status of CEPF Grant Making in Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot
- Application criteria and process



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Introduction to the CI Pacific Islands Program



History

- New CI program- began in mid 2005
- HQ in Samoa, 13 staff in 3 countries (Fiji, Samoa and New Caledonia)

Conservation Niche

- Providing technical support to partners to define and monitor conservation targets
- Helping partners obtain funding to achieve conservation targets

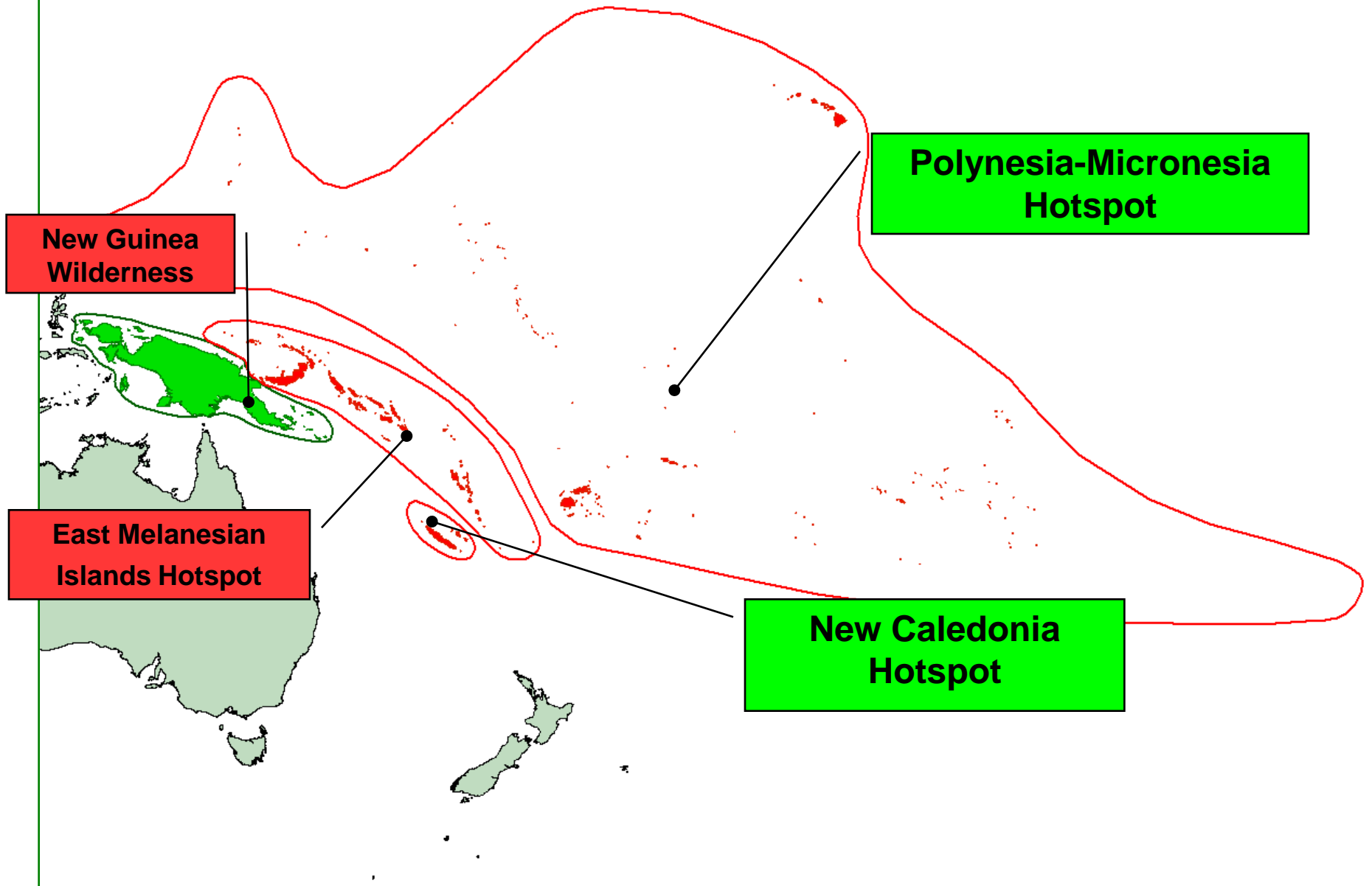
Geographic Focus

- Polynesia-Micronesia Biodiversity Hotspot
- New Caledonia Biodiversity Hotspot

Components

- Terrestrial conservation target setting/monitoring and invasive species management
- Marine conservation initiative (CRISP, MMAS and PIPA)
- New Caledonia Program (Mt Panie Reserve)
- Fiji country Program (Sovi Basin Reserve)

CI Pacific Geographic Focus



Overview of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)

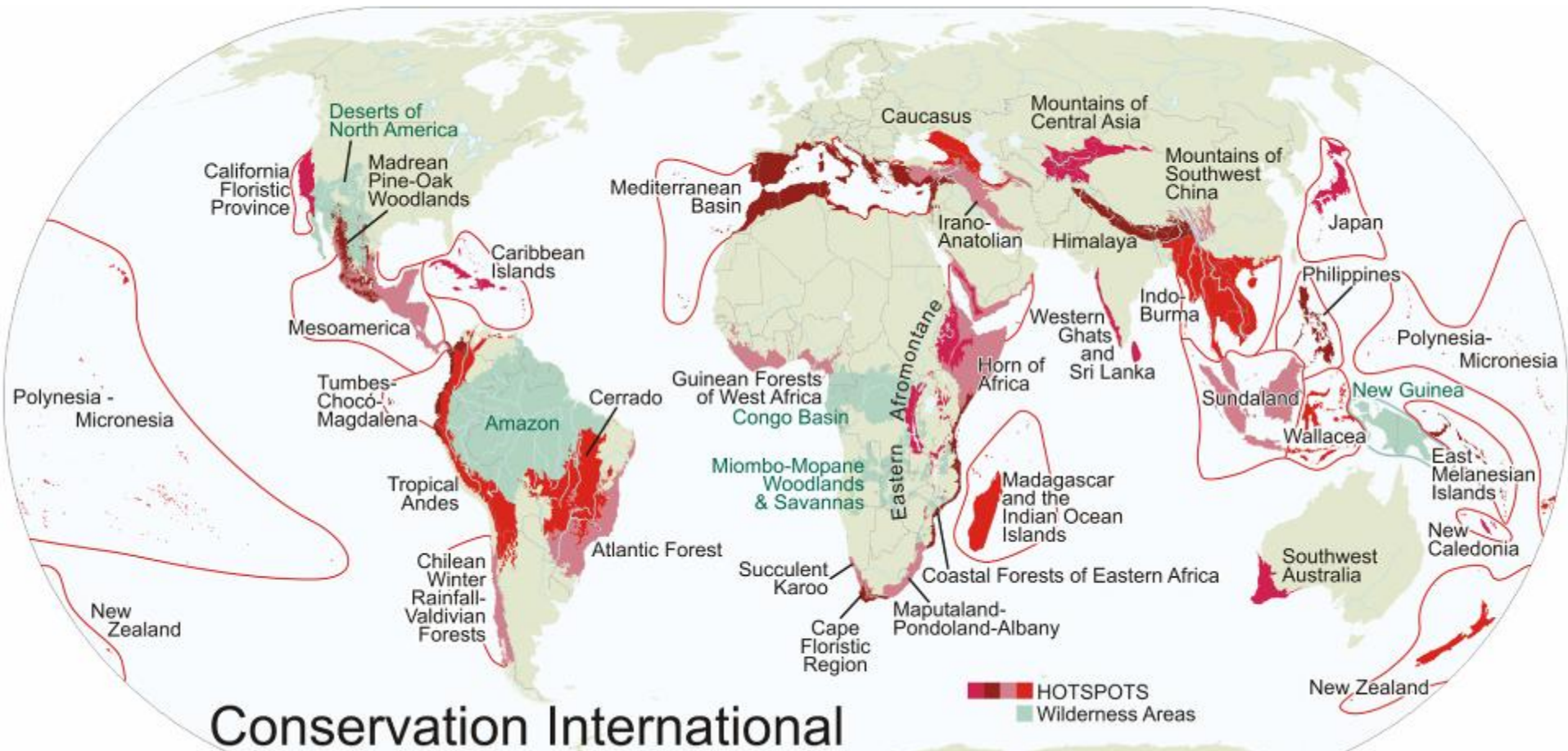


- Focusses on terrestrial conservation in biodiversity hotspots
- Alliance among the World Bank, GEF, Conservation International, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation and the Government of France
- Formed in August 2000
- Has invested \$91 million in 16 Hotspots worldwide through 1200 organisations

Geographic Focus of CEPF Investment



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Eligibility for CEPF funds



- Biodiversity Hotspot
- World Bank Borrowing Member Country
- Ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Civil society groups (NGOs, IGOs, Community Groups, Academia, Private Sector)



Focus of CEPF funds



- Threatened terrestrial species and sites in Biodiversity Hotspots
- Improve human livelihoods
- Civil society focus (NGOs, private sector, academic institutes)
- Focus on “on- the- ground” conservation projects targeting “critical” conservation outcomes
- Contribute to national, regional and global conservation strategies and priorities (eg PAPOW)
- Grants must meet the priorities of an investment strategy
- Build partnerships for effective conservation action (eg Gov and civil society)
- Not a funding agency- but is a short term funding program

CEPF Investment Strategy (Ecosystem Profile)



ECOSYSTEM PROFILE

Document that
guides CEPF
investment in
the region

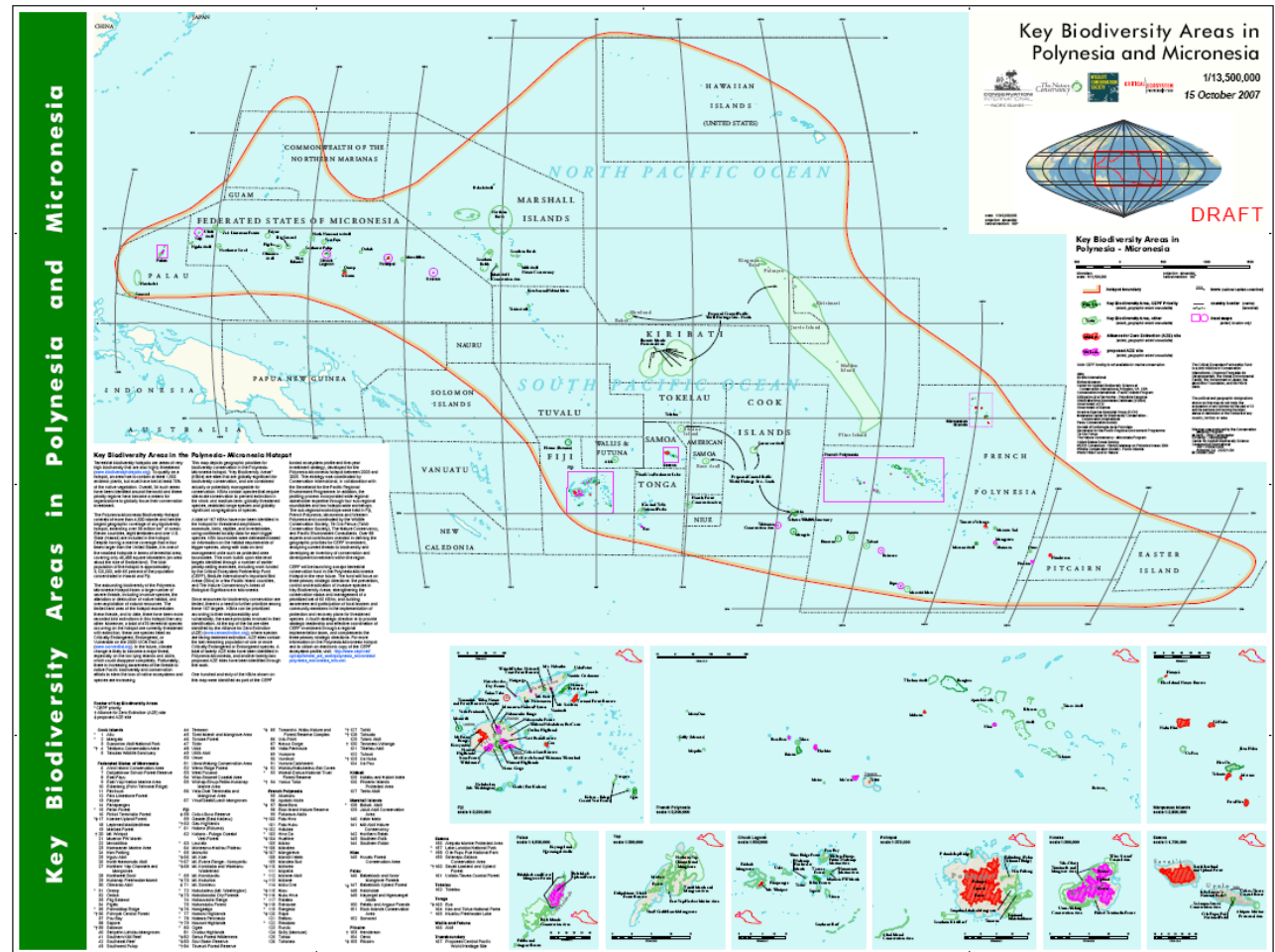
1. Definition of conservation outcomes (targets)
 - Quantitative criteria
 - Broad input and consultation
2. Analysis of threats, opportunities, current investments, ongoing activities
 - Summarizes existing studies
 - Involves stakeholder and donor agency consultations
3. Determination of priority strategic directions, funding niche, and 5-year investment strategy

Conservation Targets in the Poly-Micro Hotspot



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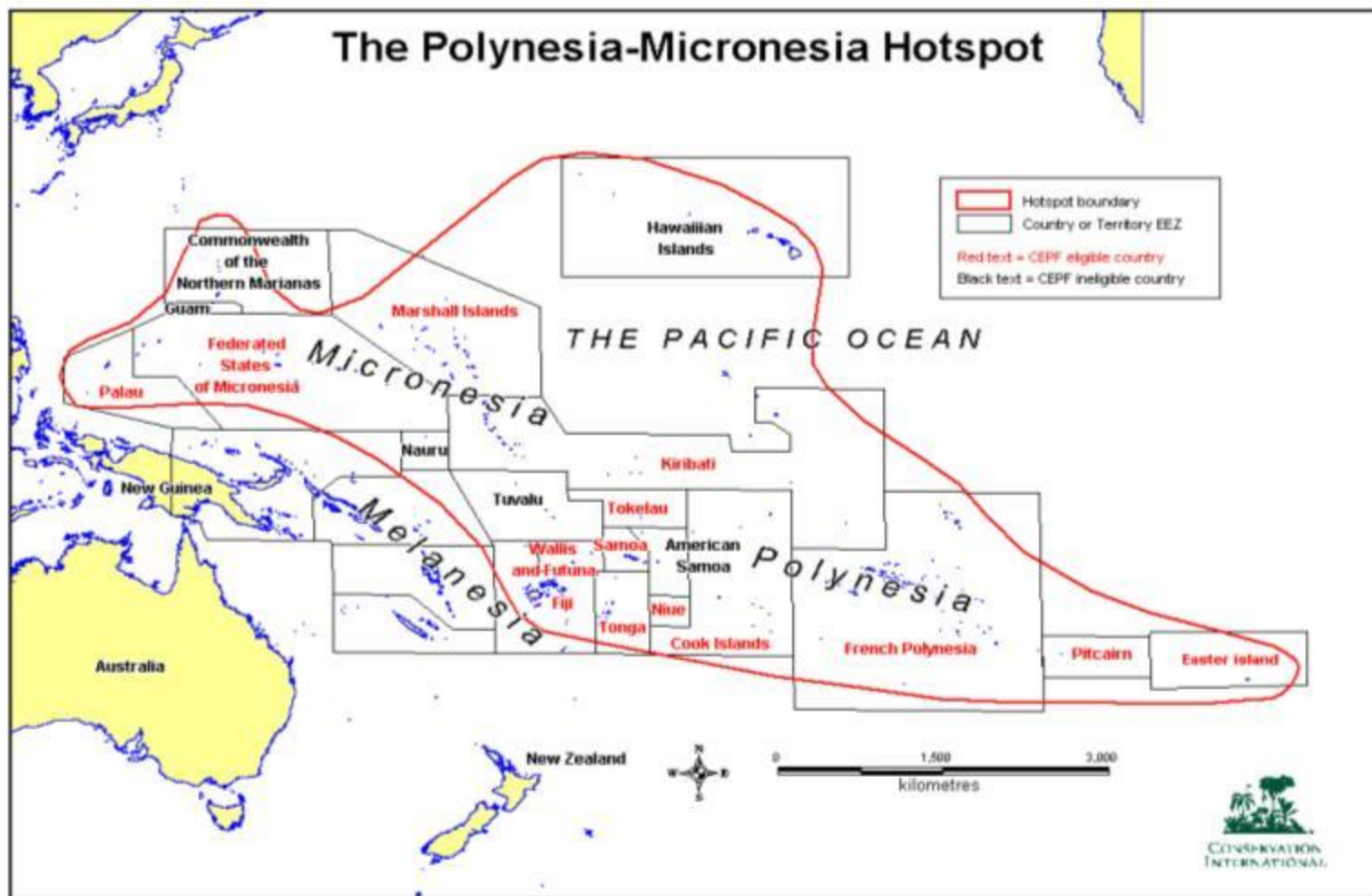
- 161 KBAs (many of which are existing PAs, others should be...)
- 244 globally threatened terrestrial species
- 67 priority species and 60 priority KBAs



Grant Eligibility in the PM Hotspot



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Strategic Directions of the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot



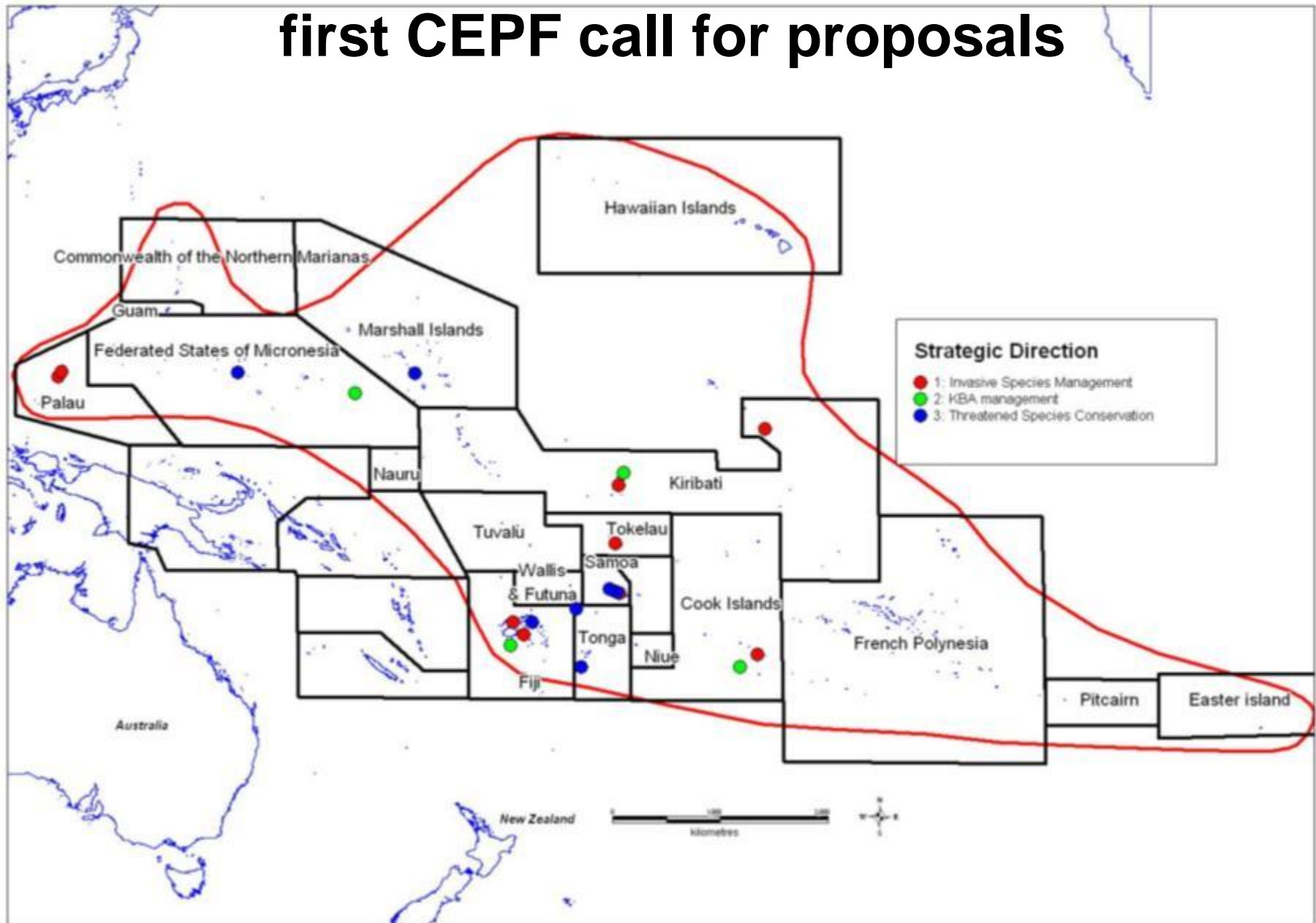
1. Prevent, control and eradicate invasive species in Key Biodiversity Areas (US\$3 million);
2. Strengthen the conservation status and management of a prioritized set of 60 Key Biodiversity Areas (US\$1.75 million);
3. Build awareness and participation of local leaders and community members in the implementation of protection and recovery plans for threatened species (US\$1.4 million)

Status of Grant Making in the PM Hotspot



- Total funding envelope = \$7 million USD
- Launched Sept 1, 2008, ends May, 2013
- Proposals must be linked to one of the three Strategic Directions
- Two types of grants: Small (<20k US); Large (>20k US)
- Calls for proposals every 6 months, at least for first year
 - First CFP ended Oct 2008, 26 of 56 applications to be funded (\$2 million USD)
- Next CFP to commence in March 2009 but focusing on the French Territories...

Projects approved from the first CEPF call for proposals



CEPF Application Process



- Simple application procedure- LOI form (6- 8 page concept paper)
 - Small grants- LOI only
- Large grants- two stage process: LOI then full grant application
- For an application form or more information, e-mail cipacific@conservation.org
Or Visit <http://www.cepf.net>

Questions/Comments?



The future of Protected Areas?

