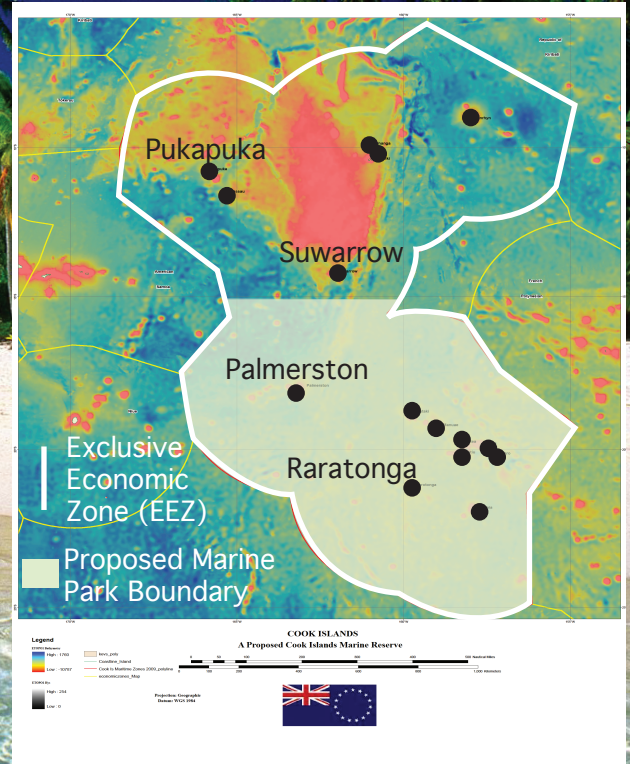


# A Cook Islands Marine Park..

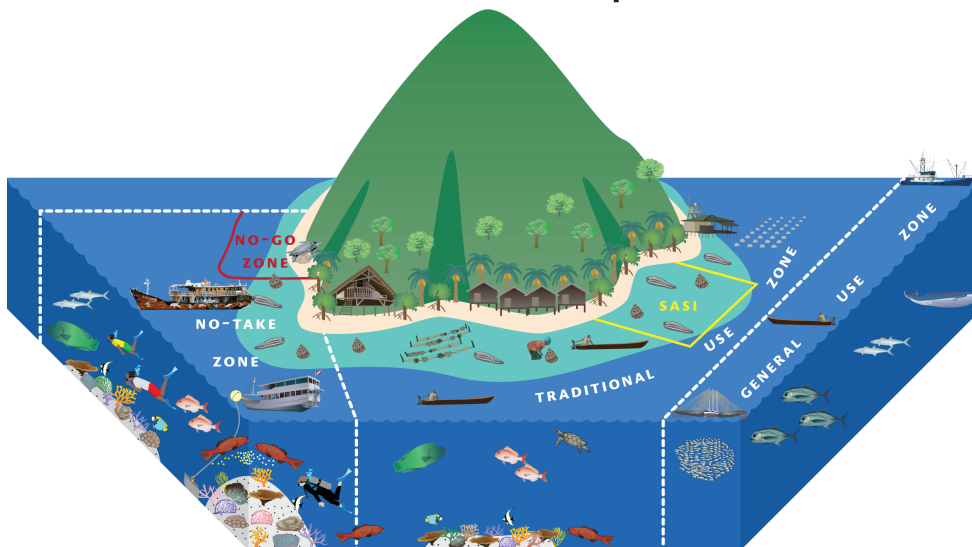
*“Protecting what we own”*

## **Vision:**

The worlds largest marine park,  
one million square km's



Marine Parks are zoned for multiple use...



**Can I fish in the marine park?**

*“yes, different zones allow many different activities”*

**Who decides on the areas for each zone?**

*“An interactive process of input from government, traditional elders, resource users and public consultation”*

**How are the zones defined?**

*“There are guidelines from some international organizations, but for the Cook Islands, the decision comes down to the wants and needs of Cook Islands people”*

**Who owns the park?**

*“Establishing a marine park does not change the ownership of either lands or waters that are included within the park boundary”*

# The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (AUS) zones multiple uses:

ACTIVITIES GUIDE (see relevant Zoning Plans and Regulations for details)	Zoning Plans and Regulations							State Zoning only	
	General Use Zone	Habitat Protection Zone	Conservation Park Zone	Buffer Zone	Scientific Research Zone	Marine National Park Zone	Preservation Zone	State Zoning only	Estuarine Conservation Zone
Aquaculture	Permit	Permit	Permit <sup>1</sup>	X	X	X	X	Permit	Permit
Bait netting	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Boating, diving, photography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓	X	✓	✓
Crabbing (trapping)	✓	✓	✓ <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Harvest fishing for aquarium fish, coral and beachworm	Permit	Permit	Permit <sup>1</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Harvest fishing for sea cucumber, trochus, tropical rock lobster	Permit	Permit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Limited collecting	✓ <sup>4</sup>	✓ <sup>4</sup>	✓ <sup>4</sup>	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Limited spearfishing (snorkel only)	✓	✓	✓ <sup>1</sup>	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Line fishing	✓ <sup>5</sup>	✓ <sup>5</sup>	✓ <sup>6</sup>	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Netting (other than bait netting)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Research (other than limited impact research)	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit
Shipping (other than in a designated shipping area)	✓	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	X	Permit	Permit
Tourism programme	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	Permit	X	Permit	Permit
Traditional use of marine resources	✓ <sup>7</sup>	✓ <sup>7</sup>	✓ <sup>7</sup>	✓ <sup>7</sup>	✓ <sup>7</sup>	✓ <sup>7</sup>	X	✓ <sup>7</sup>	✓ <sup>7</sup>
Trawling	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trolling	✓ <sup>5</sup>	✓ <sup>5</sup>	✓ <sup>5</sup>	✓ <sup>5,8</sup>	X	X	X	✓	✓



## Some lessons learned from establishing Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Kiribati):

**Developing a common vision**  
*through listening to people on all islands, realizing all potential user needs, develop a common vision of the resources for the next generation.*

**Conservation and sustainable use**  
*with careful planning and consultation with all people, a marine park can provide conservation of marine resources for future generations, while allowing for sustainable use of those resources.*

**Time for getting it right**  
*it takes years to go through the process of developing a marine park, which is important to allow time for public input and to ensure all resource needs are incorporated*

**Identify scientific and traditional resources**  
*In the early stages of park planning, it is very beneficial to determine exactly what resources (and potential threats) are present, based on biological and physical science as well as traditional knowledge and local wisdom.*

***‘To be successful, development of a Cook Islands marine park will be a Cook Islands solution to sustain Cook Island resources’***

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