Coping with climate change consequences in promoting sustainable development: Challenges facing the Pacific LDCs

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Outline of Presentation

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 Pacific LDCs
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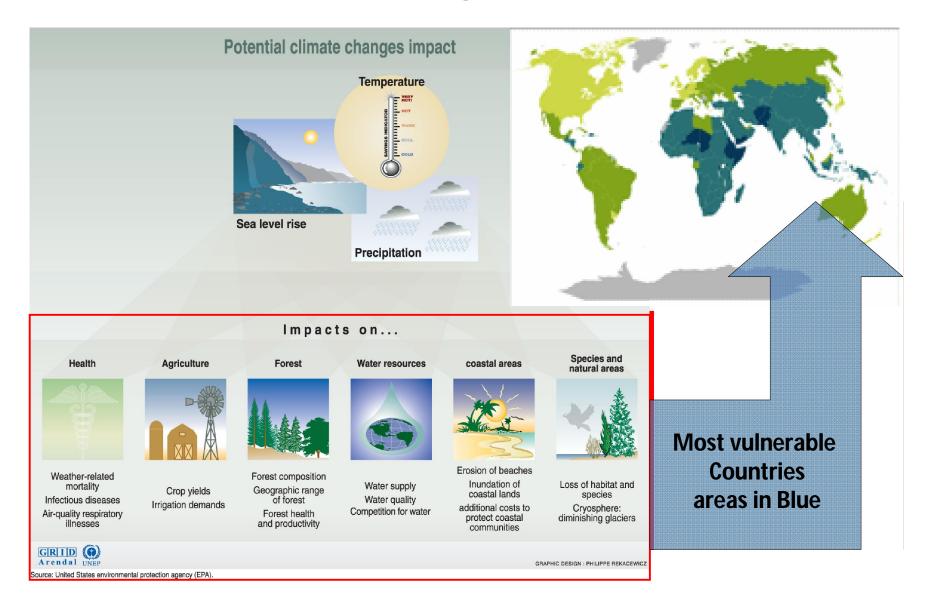




Its hard to ignore the elephant in the room

Climate change is with us and we need to respond

Climate Change Impacts



Climate Change Impacts on SIDS

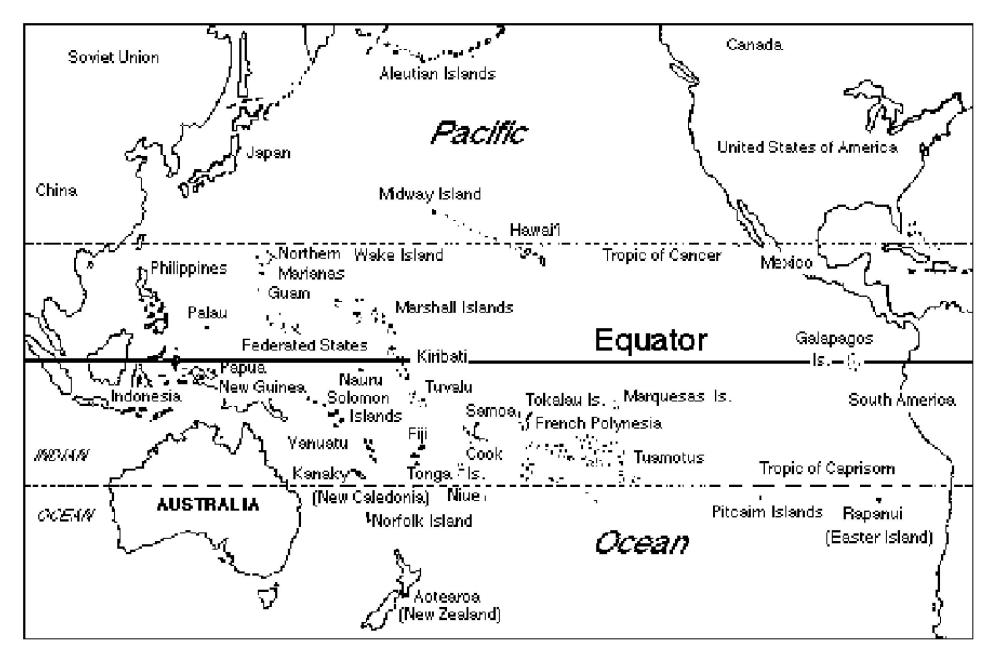
- Highly vulnerable to Climate Change effects
- Climate influenced y Ocean atmospheric interactions (trade winds, El Nino, Monsoon)
- Concentration of settlements associated with economic & social activities near the coast
- Arable land, water resources & biodiversity under pressure from sea level rise
- Increase in Population
- Unsustainable use of resources
- Water Supply Threat
- Extreme conditions (tropical storms, cyclone, storm surge)

Climate Change Impacts on Pacific Island States

- Sea level rise
- Increase in Heat Temperatures
- Degradation of Coastal and marine eco systems
- Extreme Weather Events
- Precipitation & Changes in weather patterns
- Region exposed to Extreme Events (Cyclone, El Nino, drought)



Pacific Island States



Background to Pacific LDCs

Pacific LDCs	Territorial Area (Sq.km)	Sea Area (nautical miles)	Population	Main Economic Activity
Kiribati	832	3550	100,743	Fisheries/ Tourism
Samoa	2785	120	193,161	Fisheries/ Tourism
Tuvalu	26	1340	10,544	Fisheries/ Tourism
Solomon Islands	28 1UU	ann	571 QQN	Fichariae/

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