Geo-referenced information management for disaster risk management: prospects and challenges in the Pacific



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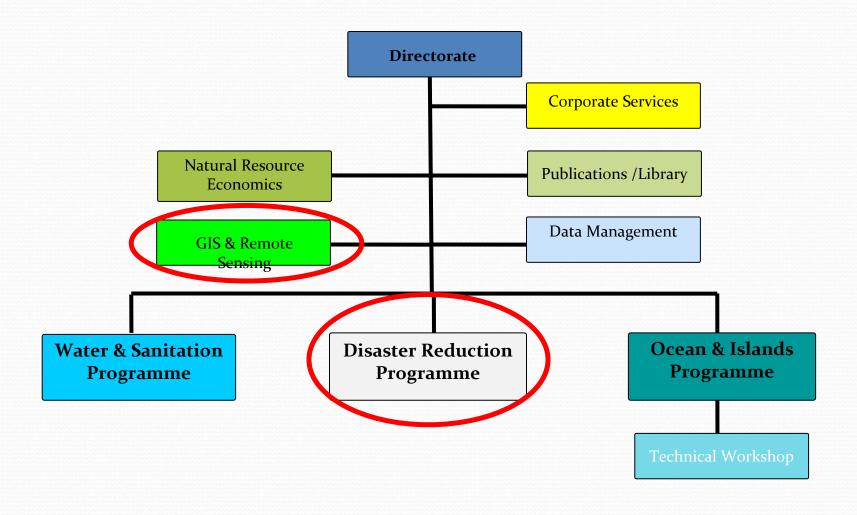
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Secretariat of the Pacific Community - SPC

- 22 Pacific Island States
- Head office in Noumea, New Caledonia
- 2 Regional offices (Pohnpei and Honiara)
- 600 staff
- 9 Technical divisions
 - Economic Development Division
 - Education, Training and Human Development Division
 - Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) Division
 - Land Resources Division
 - Public Health Division
 - Statistics for Development Division
 - Strategic Engagement, Policy and Planning Facility (SEPPF)
 - Operations and Management Division
 - Applied Geoscience and Technology Division (SOPAC)



Applied Geoscience & Technology Division



Role of GIS Section

- Image data management (catalogues, database maintenance)
- Providing technical advice on imagery (type, resolution, specification)
- Image selection & acquisition (archive, new collect)
- Image data pre-processing (rectification, atmospheric correction)
- Analysis (Semi automatic analysis, network analysis, spatial analysis)
- Conduct technical training (MapInfo, Map Basic, Erdas, ArcGIS, QGIS, GPS)



Disaster Reduction Programme

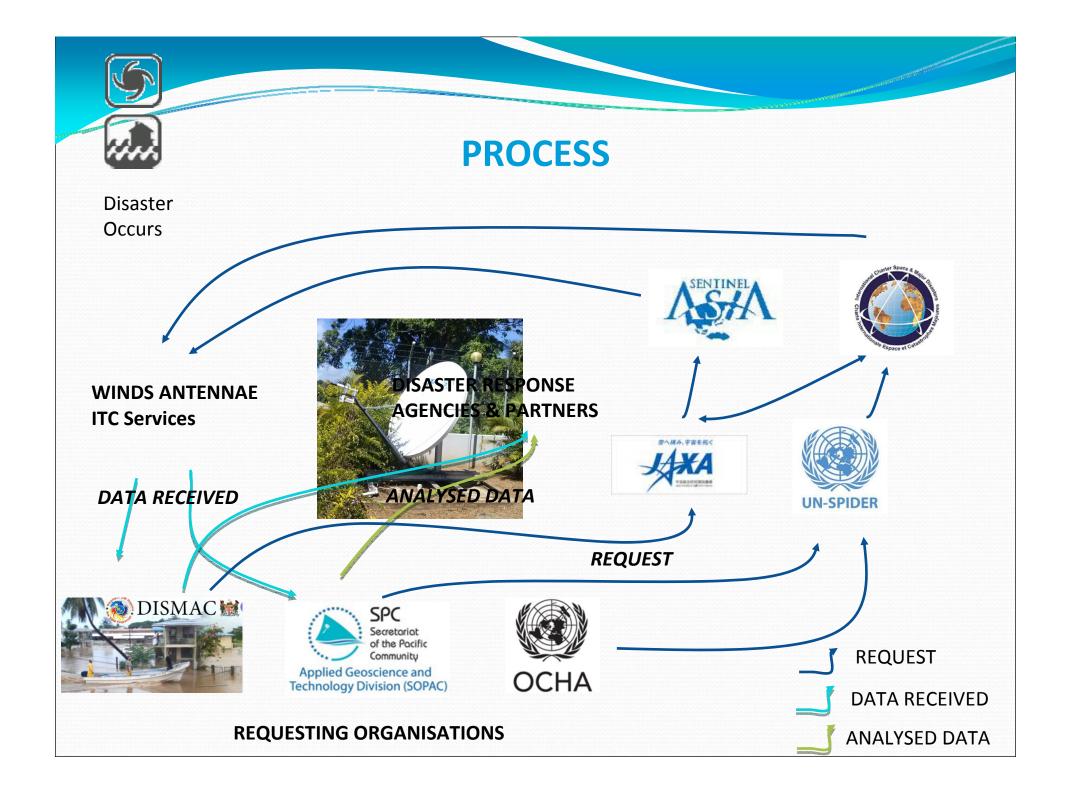
- provides technical and policy advice and support to strengthen disaster risk management practices in Pacific Island Countries and Territories
 - DRM Policy & Planning
 - Risk Reduction
 - Community based DRM
 - Pacific DRM Training
 - Pacific Disaster Net
 - Disaster Management
 - Disaster Risk Reduction in Eight Pacific ACP States (B-Envelope)
 - Supporting Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Pacific Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs)
- Use GIS & RS in our various work programmes for different applications



WINDS ANTENNAE

- Installed at the Government of Fiji ITC complex
- Maintained by ITC staff
- Standard procedure for requesting and accessing imagery via Sentinel Asia established
 - request JAXA by email for proposal to use the WINDS antenna for receiving commercial data when disaster occur
 - 2. request the emergency observation request to Sentinel Asia
 - 3. JAXA also receives emergency observation requests sent to the International Disaster Charter via UNOOSA/UNOSAT
 - 4. ITC Fiji is contacted by JAXA once image is uploaded
 - 5. ITC Fiji contacts NDMO and SOPAC once data is prepared
 - 6. Imagery downloaded by SOPAC and NDMO and distributes as required
- Pre and post disaster image products were provided in February 2012





EXPERIENCES/USES

ment in the Solomon Islands (Dec 2012)

assessment, logistics, planning, relief)

ment in Samoa (Dec 2012)

esource mapping in Pitcairn (Jun 2012)

y (how best to improve water accessibility)

ssments in Fiji (Jan/March 2012)

tion, extents, maximum flood heights

ssment in Solomon Islands (2009)

ctions, investigating cause of river diversions

ition mapping in Suva

