



# Pacific Islands Extension Network (PIEN)

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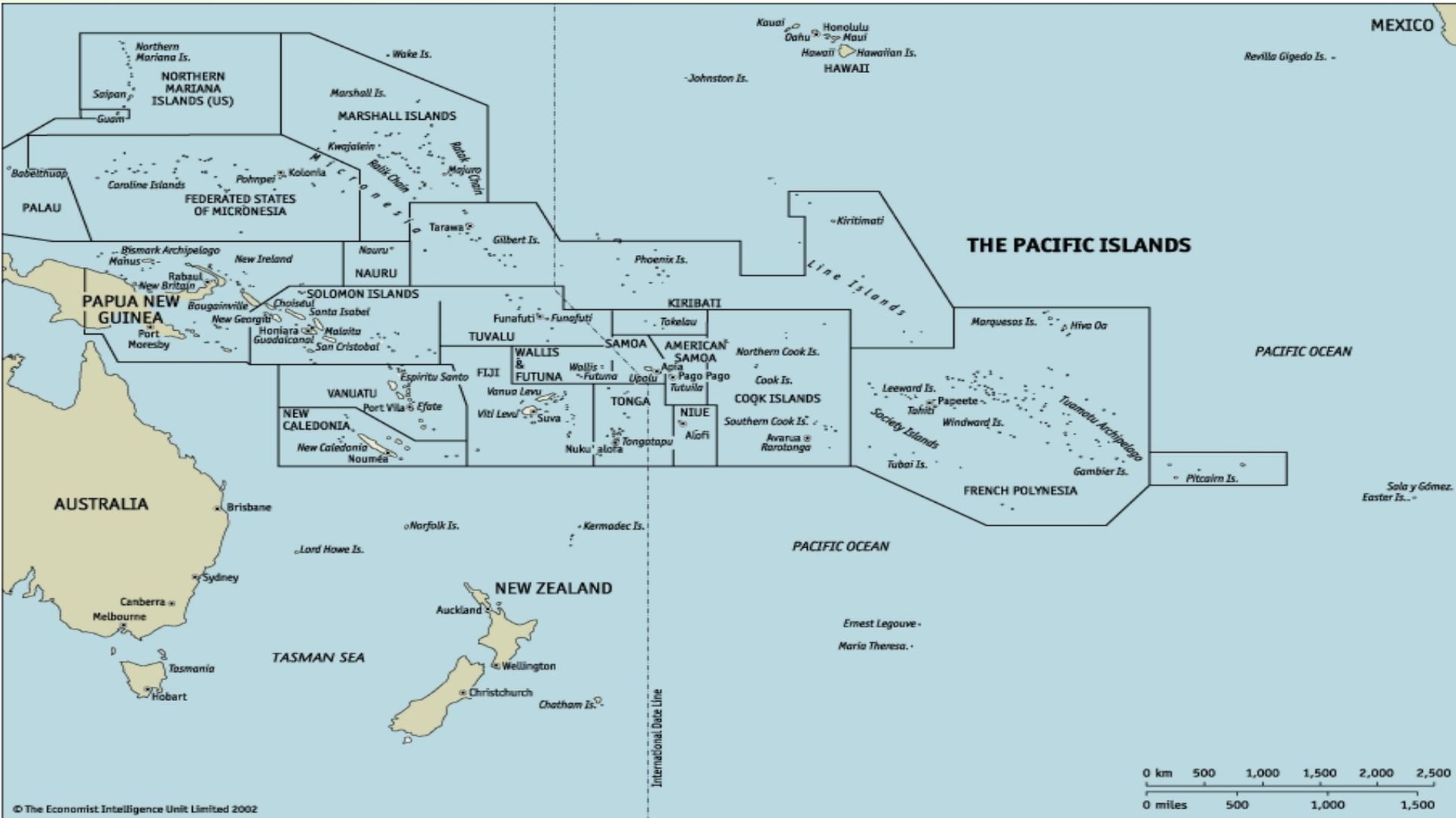


**GFRAS – Chile 2010**



# Secretariat of the Pacific Community

*a regional organization owned by 22 PICTS*



# SPC's responses to the challenges facing Agriculture Advisory Services in the Pacific



# Who told us to set up PIEN?



Creating the Pacific  
Islands  
SPC - Land

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Pacific Extension Summit recommended to set up PIEN 2005





# The 2nd Pacific Extension Summit CTA

*Transforming extension and outreach in the Pacific for sustainable development*



18th - 22nd May 2009, Novotel Hotel, Nadi, Fiji Islands



Co-Sponsors



Australian Government  
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International Agricultural Research



# Why a Network???



PIEN as an informal network of interested experts tasked with **sharing extension experiences and information** and in seeking ways to **improve and support the delivery** of extension services of government & non government organizations in the Pacific.



# Role

To provide a platform for networking,  
professional development and  
representation of members



Growing the Pacific. Growing our future together.  
Cofundado, in unio de naciones.  
SPLRD - Land Resources Division

# What will PIEN do?

- **To lobby governments**
- **To foster the voice of extension delivers**
- **Share information**
- **Secure funding**
- **Link to appropriate partners internationally, regionally and nationally**
- **To engage educational institutions providing training in the region and internationally**



# Function cont.....

- Share successful extension approaches
- Professional development opportunities for members
- Represent members and their professional interests.
- Explore linkages with other relevant and reputable extension networks
- To initiate policies relating to extension, delivery services and meeting farmers and landowner needs
- To secure funding to enable the network to meet regularly



# Membership

**Membership is open to all**

- Heads of Extension services
- Interested extension agents of governments, non governments organization working in the fields of agriculture, forestry, rural and community development in the Pacific
- Farmers
- Tertiary institutions providing training in agriculture, forestry, rural and community development, vocational & secondary schools teaching agriculture
- Interested professionals national, regional and international



# Who has endorsed PIEN?

- Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Services of 22 PICTs
- Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services of PICTs
- Major Agricultural based NGOs





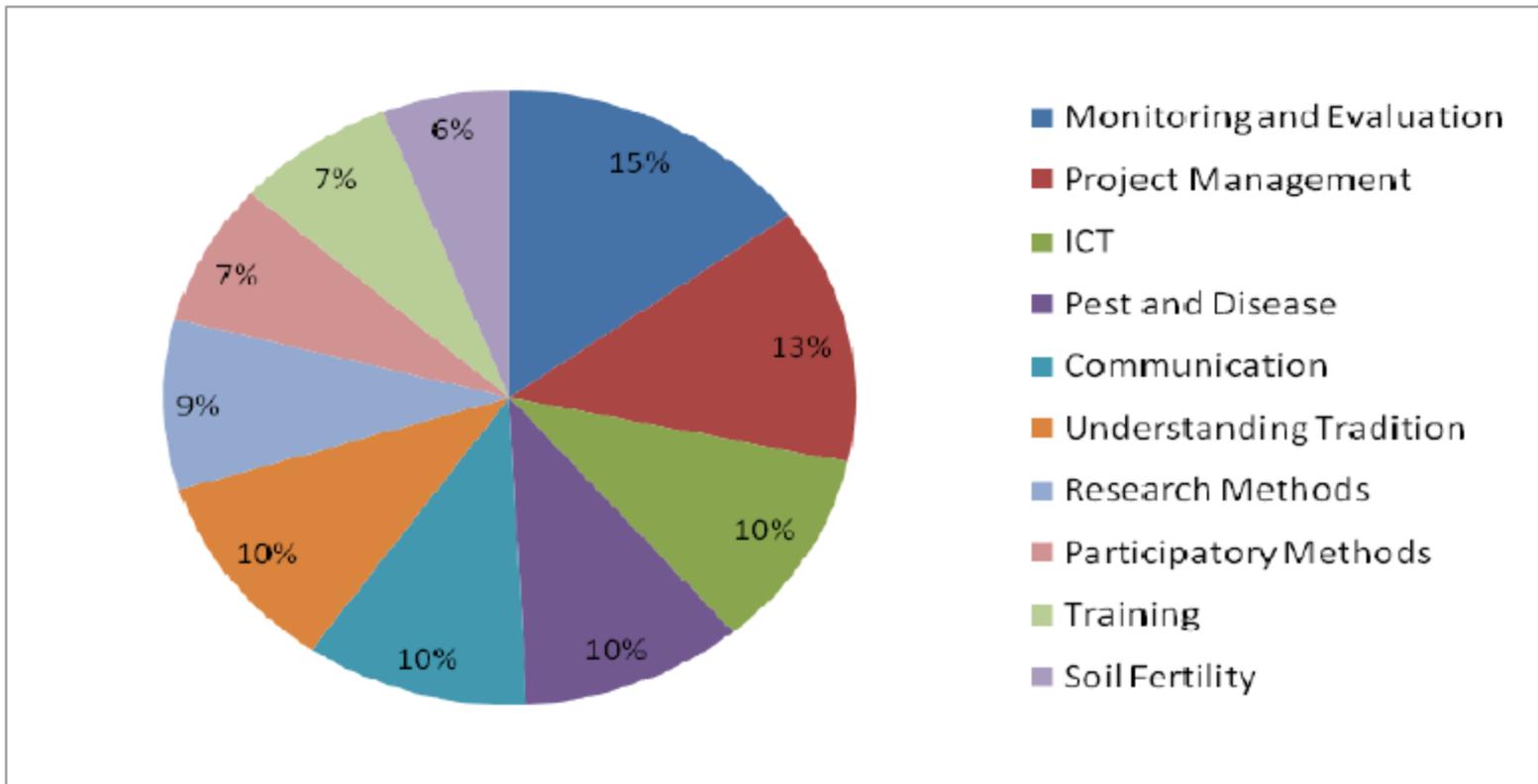
# PIEN Activities



# Participatory needs assessment for capacity building in extension project (Pacific Islands)



## Priority Areas Needing Capacity Building



**Figure 3: Ten most common capacity building needs identified for the Pacific Region.**



# Capacity building for EOs

The need to continue to up-skill EO must be ongoing – lack of basic agribusiness background

## Ready solutions

- University of the South Pacific - Programs
- Vocational – Tutu, Vanuatu
- PARAVET -
- Plant Protection Curriculum – IPPSI



# The Pacific Excellence in Extension Service Award

- Awarded to Pacific Islanders who **demonstrate excellence in extension service** and who makes a positive impact on people's lives.



# PIEN activities....

- Funding for teaching of Extension at the University of the South Pacific
- Student projects in Extension
- Teaching of participatory approaches – class excursion to villagers
- Various extension meeting in-country
- Implement the Pacific Engaging youth in Agriculture Strategy
- Cross visits of extension agents from one county to the other
- Secondary school curriculum development



# If we cant go to farmers let them come to us through ICTs?

**1 :20,000 ratios**



# Solomon Islands Extension Summit – May 2010

## Conclusions & Recommendations

The conference agreed to pursue the following conclusions and recommendations:

- The need for skills based training for staff
- The need for exchange of information between provinces.
- The need to examine the Agriculture and Rural Development Approaches.
- The adoption of Rural Development Programme(RDP) Management of Information Systems (MIS).
- Farmer led and participatory research approach, such as Leaf miner in Temotu, Alomae Malaita



# Pacific Extension advisory contacts –Heads of Extension & Private sector

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Fiji Organic Association

### Solomon Islands

KGA

Private entities

### Vanuatu

Farmers Support Association –

### Kiribati

KOFA

Private entities

### Tonga

Tonga Farmers Federation

### Samoa

WBDI

Samoa Farmers Association



# Global links of PIEN

APEN - Australasia “Pacific” Extension  
Network

GFRAS – Global Forum for rural agriculture  
services





Regional Organic Task Force

# Pacific Organic Standard

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# Regional Organic Task Force – now POETCOM



- Bio Fenua, French Polynesia
- MAFFF Tonga
- Equilibres – New Caledonia
- Fiji Organic Association, Fiji
- Kastom Garden Association, Solomon Islands
- Ministry of Agriculture Quarantine Forestry & Fisheries – Department of Livestock and Quarantine - **Vanuatu**
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Samoa
- Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development, Kiribati
- Kiribati Organic Association –KOFA -Kiribati
- Niue Islands Organic Association, Niue
- PNG Coffee Growers Association, Papua New Guinea
- Titikaveka Growers Association, Cook Islands
- Tonga National Youth Congress, Tonga
- Women in Business Development, Inc. Samoa
- CEMA – Solomon Islands
- CSP – Solomon Islands
  - FAO
  - USP/IRETA
  - NARI– PNG
  - SPC/FACT
  - IFAD
  - EU, AusAid, NZAid,
- Agro Business Group – New Zealand
- National Association for Sustainable Agriculture - Australia
- OXFARM - NZ
- IFOAM



# Way forward for PIEN

- Strengthen the network
- Detail review of what is on the ground, numbers, qualifications, gender, infrastructure, ICTs, information services, systems approaches
- Link to the many agriculture and forestry projects operating in the Pacific, climate change, food security etc
- Improve linkages to global networks
- Secure resources for in-country national activities
- PIEN as the GFRAS focal point for the Pacific Region?



# Information markets

- **Website:** [www.spc.int](http://www.spc.int)
- **Extension policy briefs for the Pacific**
- **CD – Pacific Extension Summit 05, 09**  
**Review of the Vanuatu Extension Services**  
**Solomon Islands Extension summit 2010**

**Welcome all to 3<sup>rd</sup> Pacific  
Extension Summit – Fiji 2011**





Puaka tunu  
project  
45,000 kava  
seedlings  
worth  
900,000 pa'aga

