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## **The Pacific Islands 1999**

academic survey of the pacific islands includes maps photographs tables diagrams atlas and detailed index

## **Pacific Islands Environment Outlook 1999**

the pacific is the last major world region to be discovered by humans although small in total land area its numerous islands and archipelagoes with their startlingly diverse habitats and biotas extend across a third of the globe this revised edition of a popular text explores the diverse landforms climates and ecosystems of the pacific island region multiple chapters written by leading specialists cover the environment history culture population and economy the work includes new or completely revised chapters on gender music logging development education urbanization health ocean resources and tourism throughout two key issues are addressed the exceptional environmental challenges and the demographic economic political challenges facing the region although modern technology and media and waves of continental tourists are fast eroding island cultures the continuing resilience of pacific island populations is apparent this is the only contemporary text on the pacific islands that covers both environment and sociocultural issues and will thus be indispensable for any serious student of the region unlike other reviews it treats the entirety of oceania with the exception of australia and is well illustrated with numerous photos and maps including a regional atlas contributors david abbott dennis a ahlburg glenn banks john barker geoffrey bertram david a chappell william c clarke john connell ron crocombe julie cupples derrick depledge colin filer gerard j fryer patricia fryer brenden s holland e alison kay david m kennedy lamont lindstrom rick lumpkin harley i manner selina tusitala marsh nancy mcdowell hamish a mcgowan frank mcshane simon milne r john morrison dieter mueller dombois stephen g nelson patrick d nunn michael r ogden andrew pawley jean louis rallu vina ram bidesi moshe rapaport annette sachs robertson richard scaglione donovan storey andrew p sturman lynne d talley james p terry randolph r thaman frank r thomas caroline vercoe terence wesley smith paul wolffram

## ***The Pacific Islands 2013-05-31***

special edition for the mauritius international meeting for the 10 year review of the barbados programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing states

## **Environment and Development 1992**

small island developing states are often depicted as being among the most vulnerable of all places to the effects of climate change and they are a cause celebre of many involved in climate science politics and the media yet while small island developing states are much talked about the production of both scientific knowledge and policies to protect the rights of these nations and their people has been remarkably slow this book is the first to apply a critical approach to climate change science and policy processes in the south pacific region it shows how groups within politically and scientifically powerful countries appropriate the issue of island vulnerability in ways that do not do justice to the lives of island people it argues that the ways in which islands and their inhabitants are represented in climate science and politics seldom leads to meaningful responses to assist them to adapt to climate change throughout the authors focus on the hitherto largely ignored social impacts of climate change and demonstrate that adaptation and mitigation policies cannot be effective without understanding the social systems and values of island societies

## **Environment and Development in the Pacific Islands 1997**

this publication is one of a series of strategic impact assessments carried out as part of the global international waters assessment project giwa unep gef to evaluate the world s transboundary waters in recognition of the links between freshwater and coastal marine environments and the effects of human activities this report focuses on the pacific islands region which is made up of 23 island nations or territories in melanesia polynesia and micronesia and which covers about 12 per cent of the world s ocean space

## **Pacific Environment Outlook 2005**

this volume examines environmental law and governance in the pacific focusing on the emerging challenges this region faces the pacific is home to some of the world s most astonishing biological and cultural diversity at the same time pacific island nations are economically and technically under resourced in the face of tremendous environmental challenges destructive weather events ocean acidification mining logging overfishing and pollution increasingly degrade ecosystems and affect fishing farming and other cultural practices of pacific islanders accordingly there is an urgent need to understand and analyse the role of law and governance in responding to these pressures in the pacific drawing on academic and practitioner expertise from the pacific region as well as europe and the united states this unique collection navigates the major environmental law and governance challenges of the present and future of the pacific environmental law and governance in the pacific discusses 21 pacific island countries and territories including cook islands fiji papua new guinea solomon islands vanuatu and samoa and a broad range of themes such as deep sea mining wetlands and mangroves heritage endangered species human rights and access to justice are addressed thus providing a comprehensive and state of the art overview of environmental law and governance within specific jurisdictions as well as across the pacific region as a whole this volume will be essential reading for students and scholars interested in environmental law and governance in the pacific region as well as policy makers practitioners and ngos involved in the development and implementation of environmental law and policy

## **The Pacific Islands International Waters Project 2006**

a uniquely collaborative analysis of human adaptation to the polynesian islands told through oral histories biophysical evidence and historical records humans began to settle the area we know as polynesia between 3 000 and 800 years ago bringing with them material culture including plants and animals and ideas about societal organization and then adapting to the specific biophysical features of the islands they discovered the authors of this book analyze the formation of their human environment systems using oral histories biophysical evidence and historical records arguing that the polynesian islands can serve as useful models for how human societies in general interact with their environments the islands clearly defined and relatively isolated environments comparatively recent discovery by humans and innovative and dynamic societies allow for insights not available when studying other cultures kamana beamer te maire tau and peter vitousek have collaborated with a dozen other scholars many of them polynesian to show how these cultures adapted to novel environments in the past and how we can draw insights for global sustainability today

## **Climate Change and Small Island States 2010-08-12**

this book presents papers written by scholars practitioners and members of social movements and government agencies pursuing research and or climate change projects in the pacific region climate change is impacting the pacific in various ways including numerous negative effects on the natural environment and biodiversity as such a better understanding of how climate change affects

pacific communities is required in order to identify processes methods and tools that can help countries and the communities in the region to adapt and become more resilient further the book showcases successful examples of how to cope with the social economic and political problems posed by climate change in the region

## **Pacific Islands 2004**

this book explores how pacific island communities are responding to the challenges wrought by climate change most notably fresh water accessibility the growing threat of disease and crop failure the pacific island nations are not alone in facing these challenges but their responses are unique in that they arise from traditional and community based understandings of climate and disaster knowledge sharing community education and widespread participation in decision making have promoted social resilience to such challenges across the pacific in this exploration of the pacific island countries bryant tokalau demonstrates that by understanding the inter relatedness of local expertise customary resource management traditional knowledge and practice as well as the roles of leaders and institutions local knowledge practice belief systems can be used to inform adaptation to disasters wherever they occur

## ***Environmental Law and Governance in the Pacific 2020-08-26***

this series provides critical perspectives on the contemporary environmental issues of pacific nations and identifies interventions required to address key concerns at the local subnational national regional and global levels case studies commissioned to provide field level research document such issues as the integration of traditional and modern systems of environmental management and the application of traditional environmental practices to solid waste management in this volume

## **Pacific Islands Environment Outlook 2004 2004**

this book analyses the regional complexes of climate security in the pacific pacific island states and territories picts have long been cast as the frontline of climate change and placed within the grand architecture of global climate governance the region provides compelling new insights into the ways climate change is constructed governed and shaped by and in turn shapes regional and global climate politics by focusing on climate security as it is constructed in the pacific and how this concept mobilises resources and shapes the implementation of climate finance the book provides an up to date account of the way regional organizations in the pacific have contributed to the search for solutions to the problem of climate insecurity in the context of the united nations climate change conference cop21 in paris in 2015 the focus of this book on regional governance offers a concise and innovative account of climate politics in the prevailing global context and one with implications for the study of climate security in other regions particularly in the developing world

## **Islands and Cultures 2022-11-29**

this edited volume addresses the impacts of climate change on pacific islands and presents databases and indexes for assessing and adapting to island vulnerabilities by analyzing susceptibility variables developing comprehensive vulnerability indexes and applying gis techniques the book s authors demonstrate the particular issues presented by climate change in the islands of the pacific region and how these issues may be managed to preserve and improve biodiversity and human livelihoods the book first introduces the issues specific to island communities such as high emissions impacts and discusses the importance of the lithological traits of pacific islands and how these physical factors relate to climate change impacts from here the book aims to

analyze the various vulnerabilities of different island sectors and to formulate a susceptibility index from these variables to be used by government and planning agencies for relief prioritization such variables include tropical cyclones built infrastructures proximity to coastal areas agriculture fisheries and marine resources groundwater availability biodiversity and economic impacts on industries such as tourism through the categorization and indexing of these variables human and physical adaptation measures are proposed and support solutions are offered to aid the inhabitants of affected island countries this book is intended for policy makers academics and climate change researchers particularly those dealing with climate change impacts on small islands

## **Managing Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific Region 2020-03-03**

this book is for the person who lives in the tropics or subtropics and is interested in native plants who wants to know about plants that are useful who loves to watch plants grow and who is willing to work with them such a person might ask questions like where will they grow how do i grow them are they good to eat how are they used what are their names these questions and more are answered here préface

## **Tropical Pacific Island Environments 1997**

pacific island countries have been shown to be especially vulnerable to such external influences as natural disasters political unrest and downturns in the global economy and their tourism industries have been notably affected in particular they typically have a narrow resource base and a fragile and often vulnerable natural environment while there is some research on islands and small states there is a dearth of information on the south pacific and very little research is being undertaken in the region compared to other geographical regions in the world this volume brings together current work in pacific island tourism in this collection three main themes arise images of the south pacific socio economic impacts of tourism and pacific island countries and the outside world the first focus is on the question of image namely stereotypes of a destination held by tourists and potential tourists the extent to which residents for their part really welcome visitors and the role tourism might play in changing pre established images the second theme is tourism s impacts notably the economic and socio cultural effects of international tourism s intrusion in the region which though often hotly debated have attracted relatively little empirical research the third focus is on the challenges of how pics articulate with their external geo political and physical environment these involve existing relations with formal colonial centres geographical isolation the need for greater air access to the outside world and for more tourists and the continuing threat to several pics of global warming which increased air travel will inevitably exacerbate this text will be of interest to tourism students researchers and academics in the fields of tourism development studies and cultural studies

## **Indigenous Pacific Approaches to Climate Change 2018-04-25**

small islands have received growing attention in the context of climate change rising sea levels intensifying storms changing rainfall patterns and increasing temperatures force islanders to deal with and adapt to a changing climate how do they respond to the challenge what works what doesn t and why the present volume addresses these questions by exploring adaptation experiences in small islands across the world s oceans from various perspectives and disciplines including geography anthropology political science psychology and philosophy the contributions to the volume focus on political and financial difficulties of climate change governance highlight the importance of cultural values local knowledge and perceptions in and for adaptation and question to what extent mobility and migration constitute sustainable adaptation overall the contributions highlight the diversity of island contexts but also their specific challenges they present valuable lessons for both adaptation success and failure and emphasise island resilience and agency in the face of climate change

## **Confronting Environmental Treaty Implementation Challenges in the Pacific Islands 2010**

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## **Action Plan for Managing the Environment of the Pacific Islands Region, 2005-2009 2005**

talk of the human enhanced greenhouse effect and the ways in which it may affect our lives has made many people more aware of environmental change we have come to realize that the environment is and has always been in a state of continuous change and that we and other organisms have had to adjust our lifestyles accordingly this book focuses on the pacific basin a vast region which can be considered a microcosm of the entire surface of the earth and which has suffered from being marginalized in most accounts of earth surface processes and phenomena in this book the pacific basin includes the pacific ocean and islands and also the pacific rim which is divided into the subregions of antarctica south america central america north america beringia east asia and australasia professor nunn begins by outlining the distant origins of the modern pacific basin more than 1000 million years ago then traces its development through the palaeozoic and mesozoic into the cenozoic era for this time the last 66 million years the history of environmental change becomes progressively better known for the last 1.8 million years the quaternary period the earth's climate has oscillated between warm and cool producing synchronous environmental changes throughout most of the pacific basin the importance of volcanism and tectonics land level movements for which the pacific basin is well known as causes of environmental change is explained in detail the effects of human activities on most pacific basin environments began to be registered only during the holocene the last 12 000 years culminating in the environmental crisis which currently afflicts many parts of this region while the role of humans in altering pacific basin environments is discussed in detail considerable attention is also given to the ways in which environmental change caused changes to human lifestyles which had far reaching consequences

## **Climate Variability and Change and Sea-level Rise in the Pacific Islands Region 2003**

a fascinating study of the environmental history of australia new zealand and the islands of the pacific from the time of the dinosaurs to the present day of interest to students and academics alike this book provides a much needed synthesis of the recent literature on the environmental history of australia and oceania part of abc clio's nature and human societies series this book maps out the key trends in the region's environmental history charting the creation of the australian continent from the ancient land mass of gondwanaland to the arrival of humans especially fascinating are the chapters highlighting how successive waves of human migration created environmental havoc throughout the region leading to the collapse of the easter island civilization and the spread of nonindigenous flora and fauna from the controversies over the reasons why creatures such as the marsupial lion and the giant kangaroo became extinct to such contemporary problems as deforestation and global warming this book contains sobering lessons for us all

## **Pacific Region Environmental Strategy, 2005-2009 2004**

this book showcases vital lessons learned from research field projects and best practice examples with regard to climate change adaptation in countries throughout the pacific region a part of the planet that is particularly vulnerable to and affected by climate change the book's primary goals are to document the wealth of experiences in the region available today to encourage cross

sector interactions among the various stakeholders in the region and to help transfer results to other countries and regions accordingly it gathers a set of papers presented at a symposium on climate change adaptation held in fiji in july 2016 focusing on fostering resilience and improving the quality of life in these contributions local and international experts present a variety of initiatives showing how pacific countries are coping with the many problems associated with climate change including initiatives in education and awareness work taking place across the region operational aspects and their implications for policy making and challenges in urban and rural areas

## **Strengthening Environment Management Capabilities in Pacific Island Developing Countries 1992**

ambitious in its scope and scale this environmental history of world war ii ranges over rear bases and operational fronts from bora bora to new guinea providing a lucid analysis of resource exploitation entangled wartime politics and human perceptions of the vast oceanic environment although the war s physical impact proved significant and oftentimes enduring this study shows that the tropical environment offered its own challenges unfamiliar tides left landing craft stranded unseen microbes carrying endemic diseases disabled thousands of troops weather terrain plants animals all played an active role as enemy or ally at the heart of natives and exotics is the author s analysis of the changing visions and perceptions of the environment not only among the millions of combatants but also among the islands peoples and their colonial administrations in wartime and beyond judith bennett reveals how prewar notions of a paradisiacal pacific set up millions of americans australians new zealanders and japanese for grave disappointment when they encountered the reality she shows that objects usually considered distinct from environmental concerns souvenirs cemeteries war memorials warrant further examination as the emotional quintessence of events in a particular place among native people wartime experiences and resource utilization induced a shift in environmental perceptions just as the postwar colonial agenda demanded increased diversification of the resource base bennett s ability to reappraise such human perceptions and productions with an environmental lens is one of the unique qualities of this study impeccably researched natives and exotics is essential reading for those interested in environmental history pacific studies and a different kind of war story that has surprising relevance for today s concerns with global warming

## **Environment, Aid and Regionalism in the South Pacific 1989**

the book covers a wide range of topics on the marshall islands including chapters on the geography and physical environment the ecosystems and flora early human settlement and post colonial history traditional marshallese medicine and topics on modern applied science related to the exploitation of sand gravel and rock aggregate waste management and the use of geographical information systems gis for socioeconomic analysis authors of chapters include dr terry and dr terry professor randy thaman dr irene taafaki director of the usp marshall islands centre ex geography lecturer john morrell and staff of sopac publisher

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