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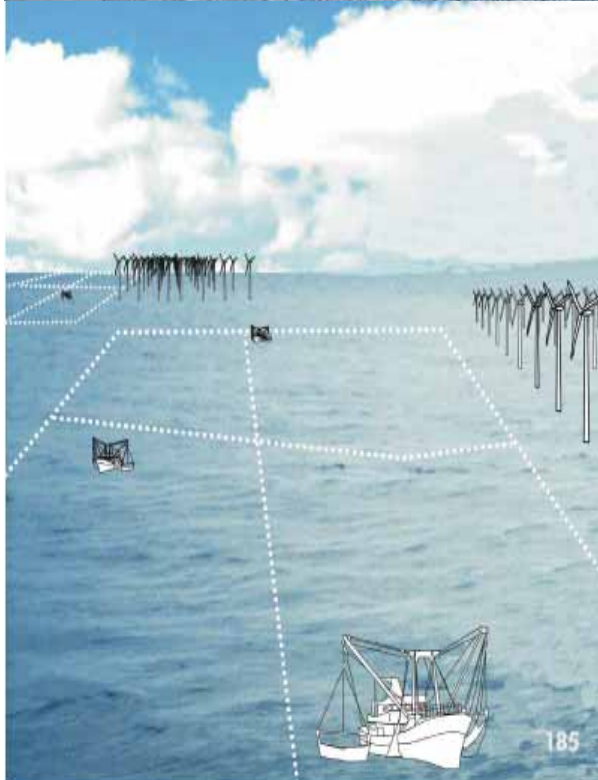




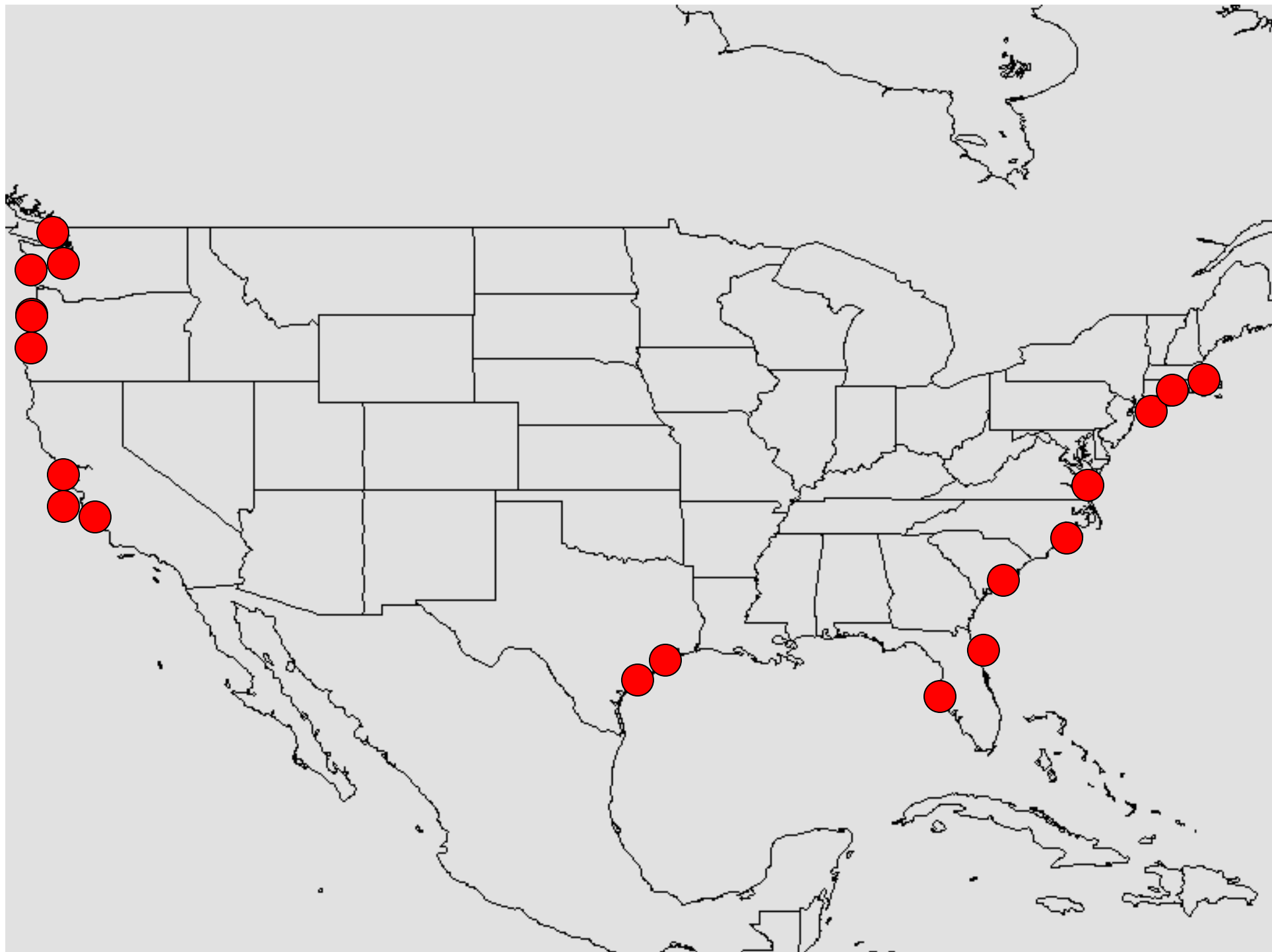


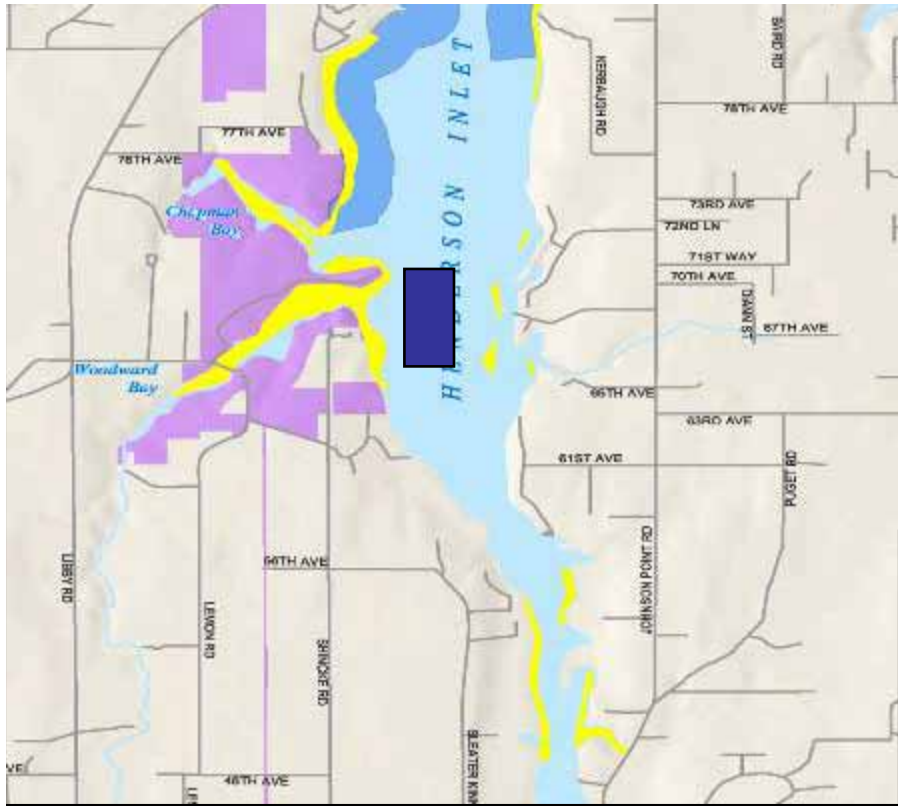




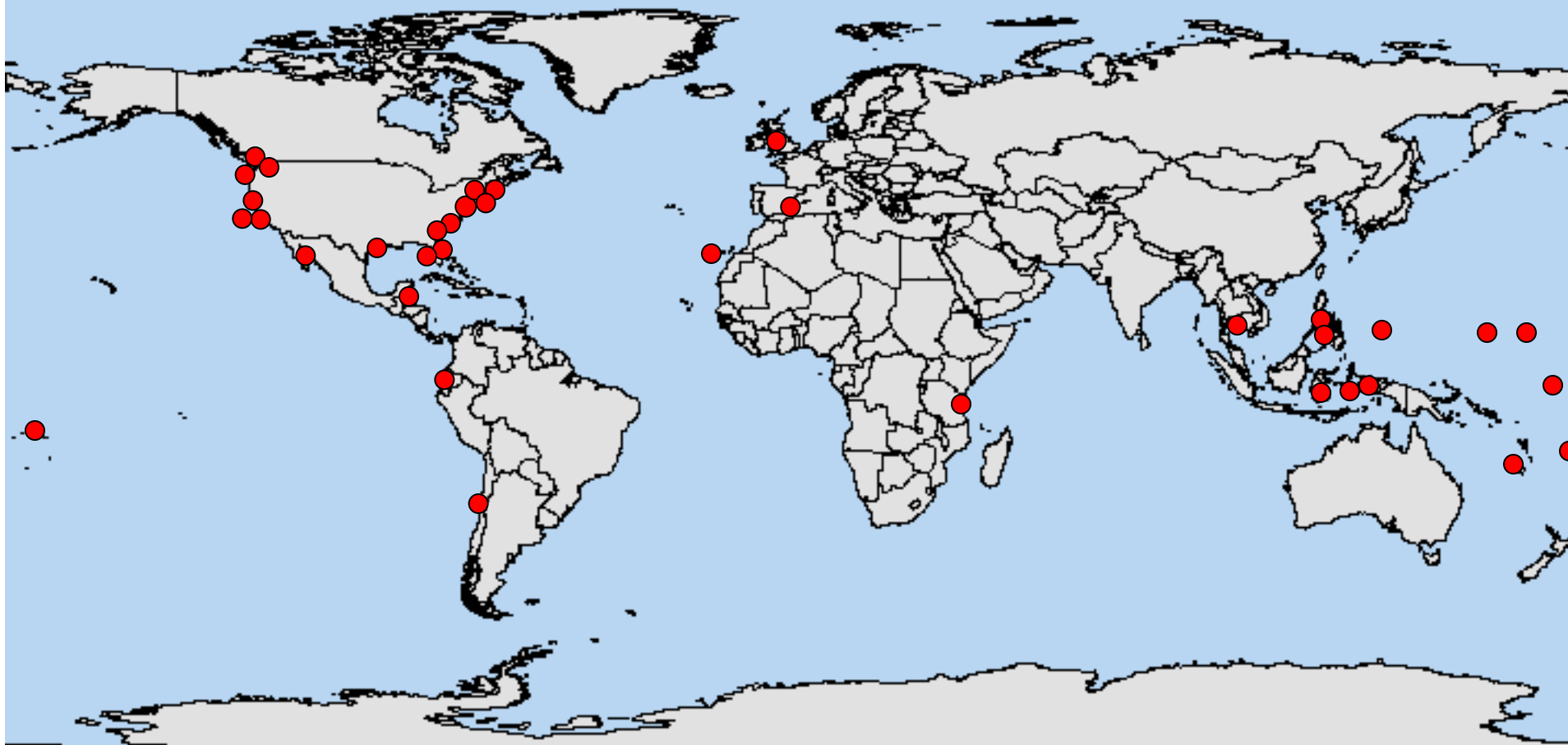




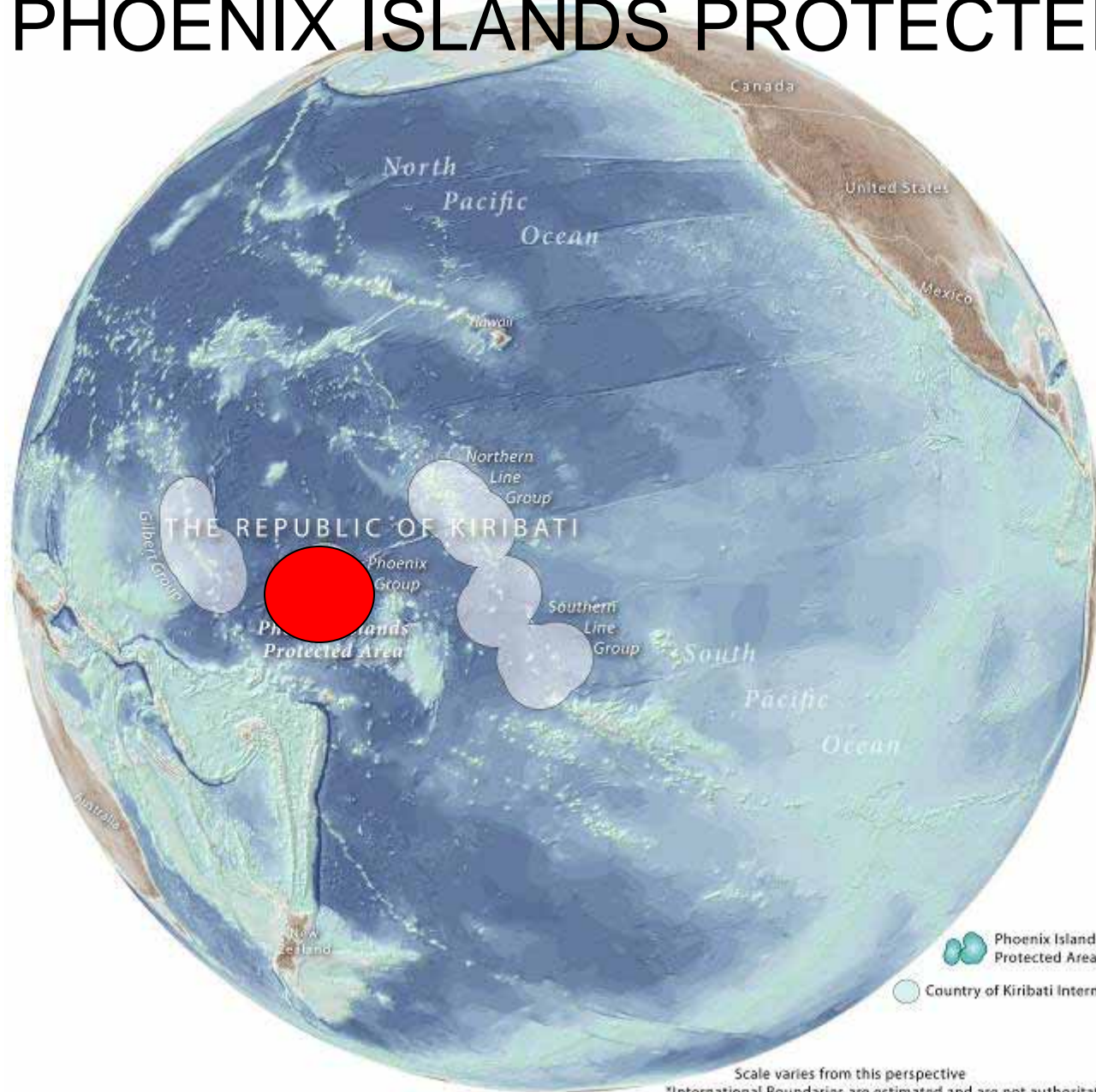




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THE PHOENIX ISLANDS PROTECTED AREA

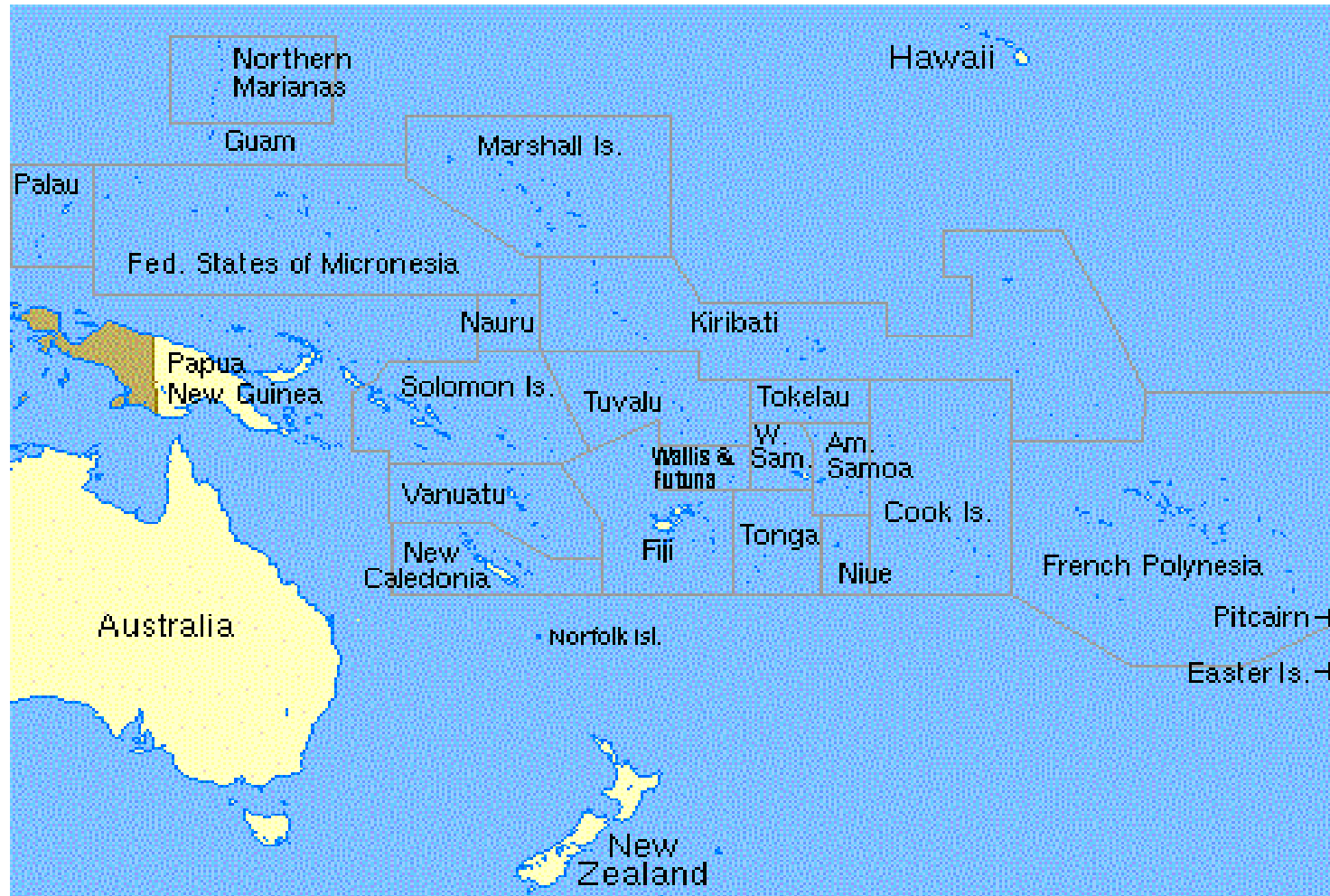


-  Phoenix Islands Protected Area Bounda
-  Country of Kiribati International I

Scale varies from this perspective
*International Boundaries are estimated and are not authoritative.



SOUTH PACIFIC



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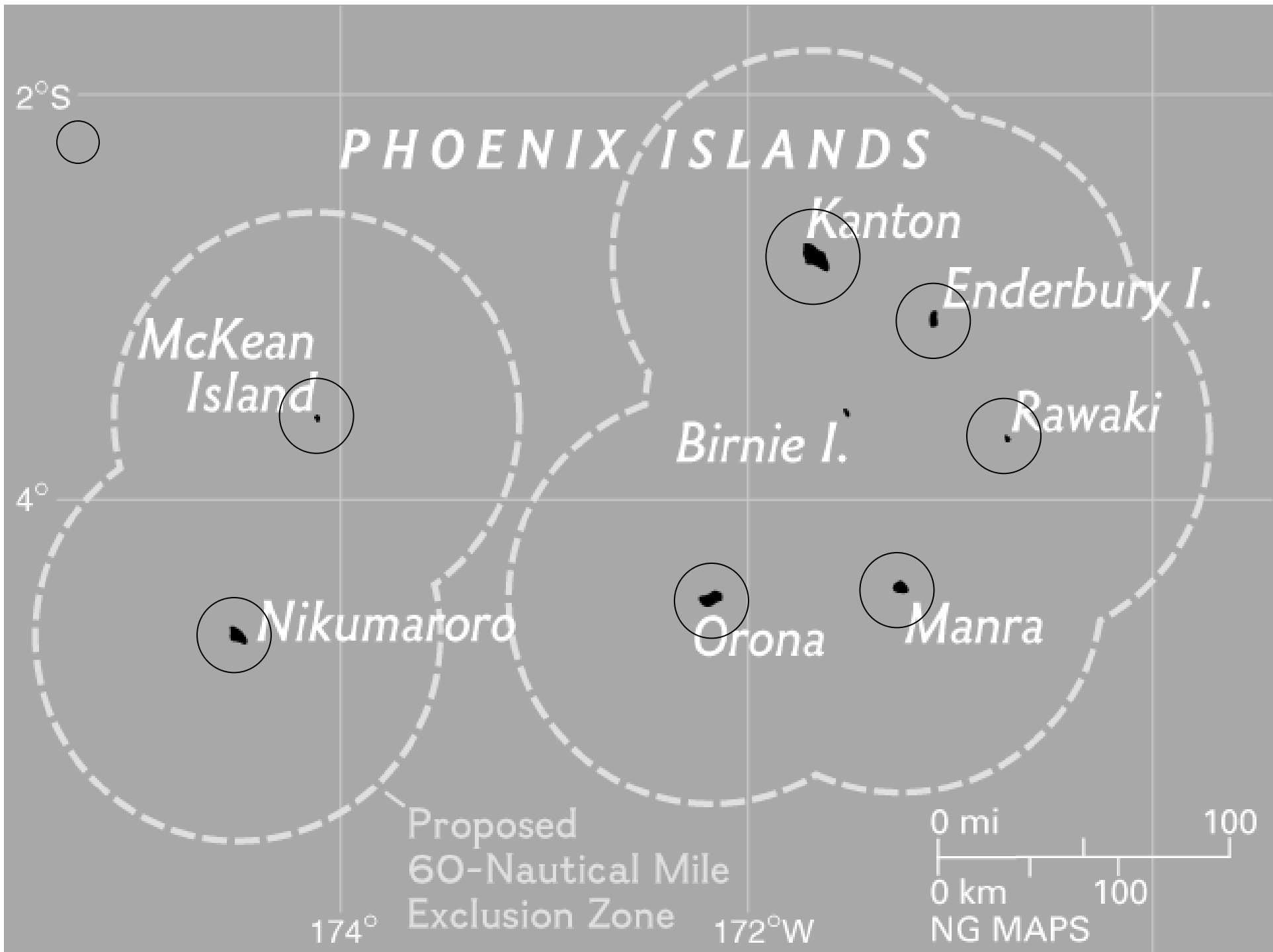




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Location: Raja Ampat



No Take Zone through Lease





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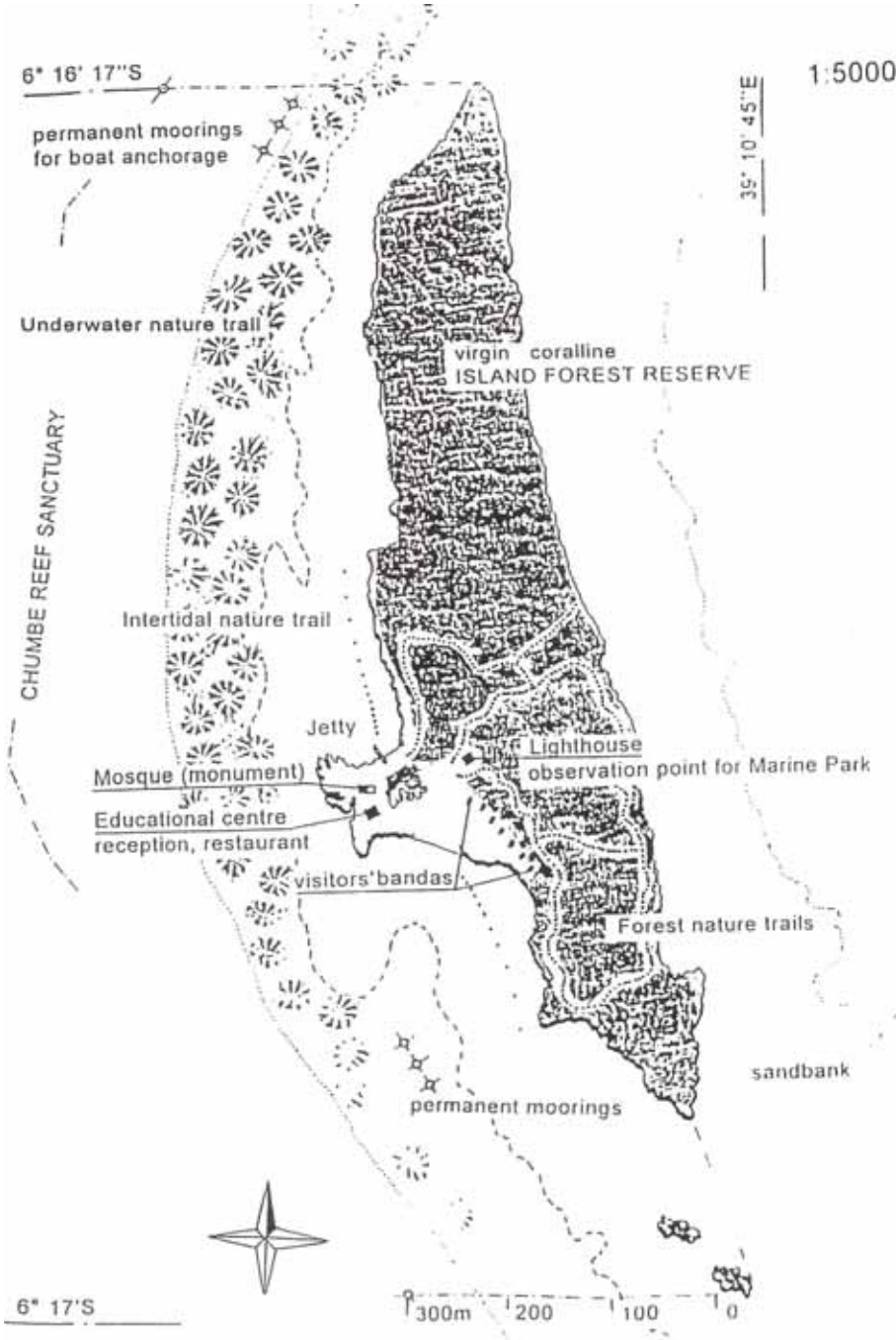

CHUMBE ISLAND CORAL PARK
ZANZIBAR / TANZANIA



Chumbe Island - a private nature reserve off Zanzibar



Chumbe Island Coral Park



MPA zoning



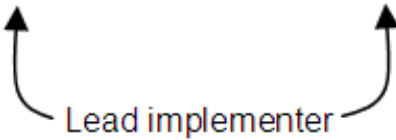
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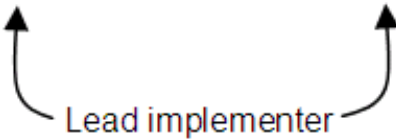
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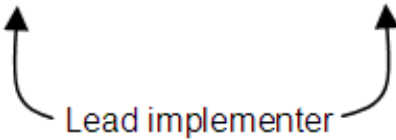
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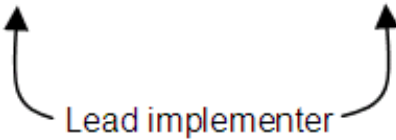
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The Role of MCAs

1. Protection of sites
2. Integrated networks
3. Stakeholder Interests

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Feasibility

1. Priorities

2. Threats

3. Stakeholders

4. Laws

5. Economics/Funding

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MCAs versus MPAs

- 1. Agreed terms and conditions as opposed to conflicting interests**
- 2. Bottom-up as opposed to top-down**
- 3. Include quid-pro-quo incentives as opposed to sacrifices**

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Major Lessons Learned

1. Fish Protection
2. Diversity
3. Local Integration
4. Varying Scales
5. *Project Champions*

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Limitations

1. Communication & Collaboration

2. Acceptance & Recognition

3. Funding

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Next Steps

1. Understand other efforts
2. Reach out
3. Collaborative demo projects

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This **Practitioner's Toolkit for Marine Conservation Agreements** provides information regarding one strategy to address the increasing degradation and depletion of biodiversity in ocean and coastal waters.

Purpose of the Toolkit ▼

Marine Conservation Agreements Defined ▲

Marine Conservation Agreements (MCAs) include any formal or informal understanding between two or more parties in which the parties obligate themselves, for an exchange of benefits, to take certain actions, refrain from certain actions, or transfer certain rights and responsibilities to achieve agreed upon ocean or coastal conservation goals (see figure below). MCAs can be entered into by governments, communities, private entities (including not-for-profit and for-profit), and private individuals. The definition of MCAs has evolved over the past several years due in part to the identification and assessment of several existing **MCA projects** throughout the world.

ELEMENTS AND VARIABLES OF MARINE CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS						
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EVENTS

September 2008:

- **Workshop proceedings now available:** Updated information regarding the recent workshop on Private Marine Conservation Agreements, including the full Proceedings, is now available. Access the workshop page [here](#).
- **Land rights reach into the sea:** Aboriginal land rights in the Northern Territory have been extended to the sea for the first time in a landmark High Court ruling that gives traditional owners in northeast Arnhem Land control over fishing in tidal waters. [Read more...](#)

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Each ocean coast state¹ has a unique landscape and seascape, as well as its own way of managing ocean and coastal resources. Some states have one or two state-level agencies with clear authorities and jurisdictions that oversee all aspects of ocean and coastal management while other states have numerous state and local-level agencies with unclear authorities and jurisdictions.

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What You'll Find

...the state summaries through an interactive map or through the menu.

In each section, after Conservation Leasing and Ownership, you will find appropriate state agency contact information along with discussion of agency responsibilities and programs.

The state summaries in this toolkit provide the management framework for each ocean coast state in a consistent and comparable manner. To accomplish this, we have compiled brief overviews covering the following topics:

- The Ocean and Coast
- Conservation Leasing and Ownership
- Submerged Lands

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