

International Programs

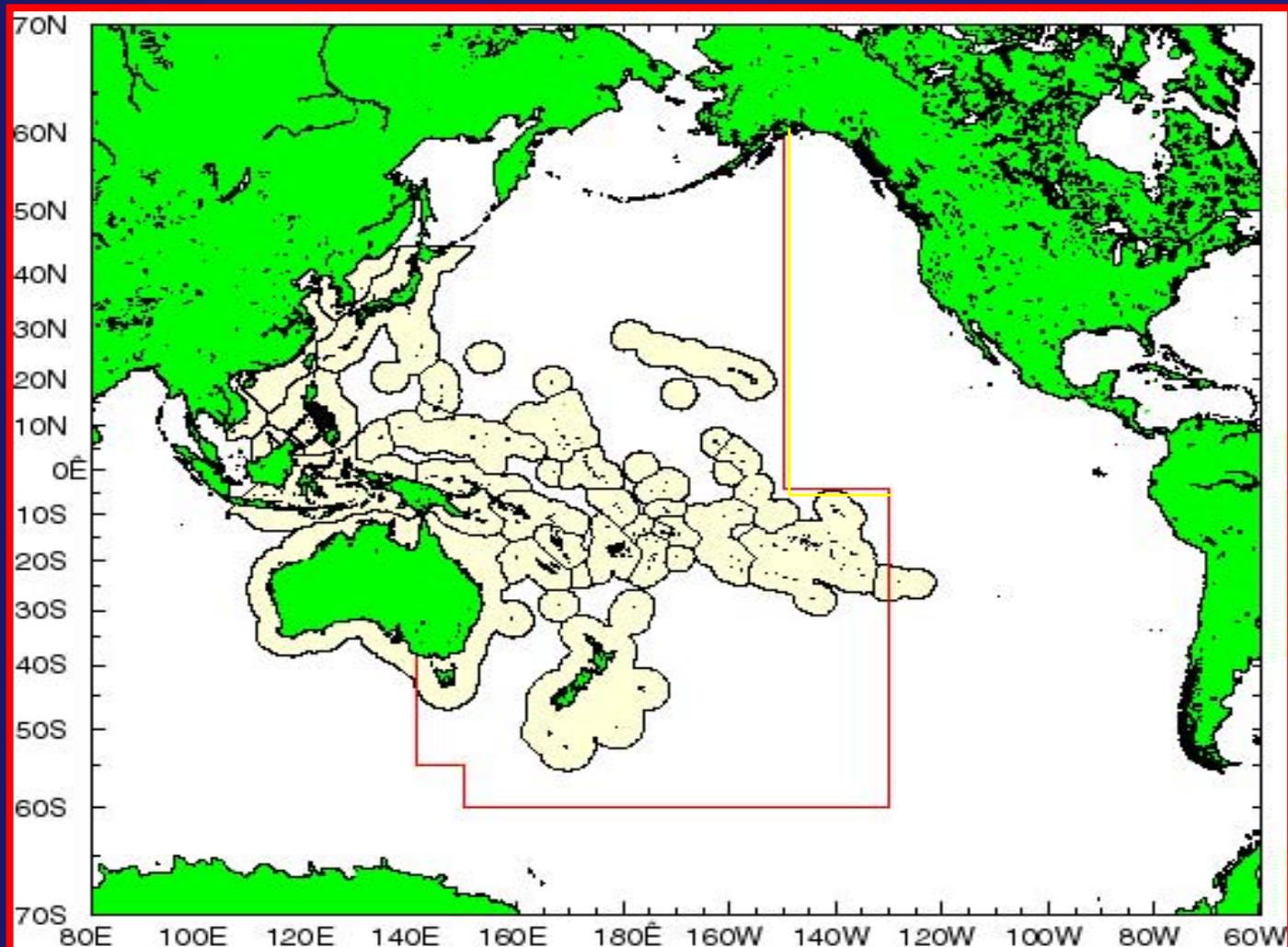
Pacific Islands Regional Office



PIRO International Program

- Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention
- South Pacific Tuna Treaty
- Western and Central Pacific Turtle Conservation and Recovery
- Pacific Insular Fishing Agreement, Compact responsibilities and other issues

Western and Central Pacific HMS Convention (WCPFC) Area



Western and Central Pacific HMS Convention

- Largest Convention area on the globe.
- Involves approx. 40 nations and territories
- Largest tuna resource in the world -- 1 mmt.
- NOAA Fisheries role will be prominent in Commission activities
- Currently Prepcon Phase
- Entry into force expect in coming year
- Significant work prior to entry into force
- Significant impact on resources users and owners, NOAA Fisheries

South Pacific Purse Seine Fishery

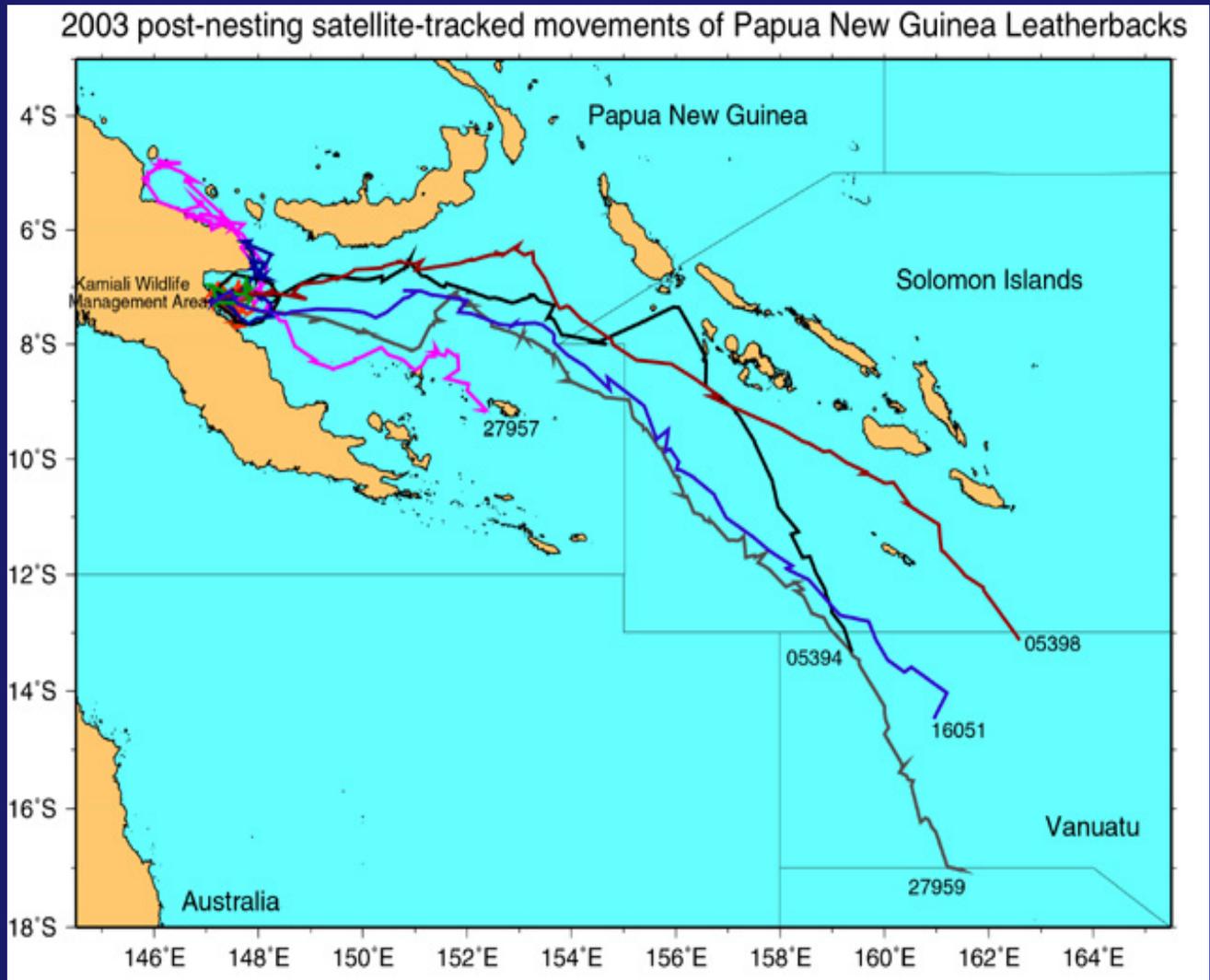
“International” Turtle Recovery, Management and Institutional / Capacity Building

- Joint NMFS/Council Effort
- Focus on all US Flag and Compact Areas
- As well as project in the Melanesian Arch.
- Support for NMFS SWFSC researchers
- Grants and Contracts to local MRDs, ENGOs etc.
- At least 2 FY's of funds -- approx. 7-800 k/yr.

Leatherback Tracking in PNG

Preliminary Results

Source: SWFSC



Other International Activities

- Compact Responsibilities
- PIAFAs