

**Pacific High-level Policy Dialogue on
“The Role of Macroeconomic Policy and Energy Security in supporting
Sustainable Development in the Pacific”**

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Opening Session

Presentation

Green Economy in a Blue World

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"The future we want" reinforced the global commitment towards balancing the economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development.

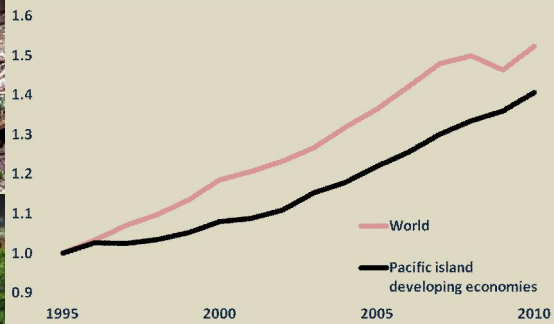


The Pacific faces
signification
challenges, especially
with respect to
poverty alleviation
and environmental
sustainability



Limited economic growth

Index of real GDP growth



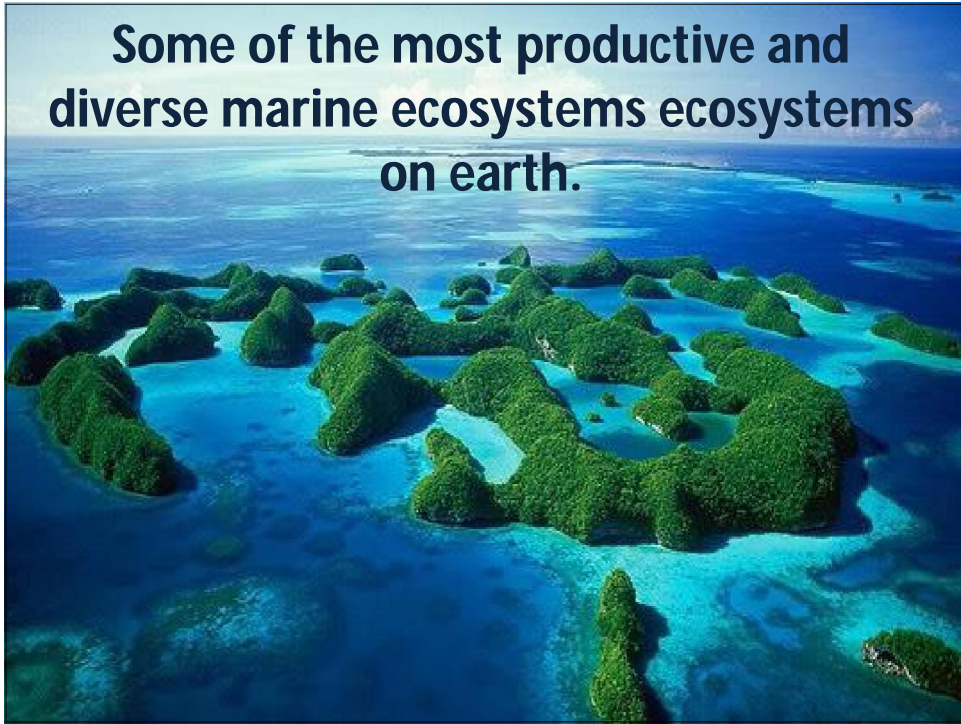
There are 2,600,000 or a fifth of the total Pacific islands population living in poverty.



Climate change (and natural disasters) is the single greatest threat facing the Pacific.



**Some of the most productive and
diverse marine ecosystems ecosystems
on earth.**



But...



Multi-benefits of the Coral Triangle Initiative and marine management areas





Countries in the Pacific have committed to renewable energy targets.



Green economy tools and policies have the potential to address some of the most pressing problems facing the Pacific— food security and non-communicable diseases.

