A WHOLE DOMAIN APPROACH TO MARINE PROTECTION
LARGE OCEAN STATES
STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF ACHEIVING THE MARAE MOANA LEGISLATION
DIFINING AREAS OF PROTECTION WITHIN 2 MILLION SQ/KM’S OF OCEAN

Our Large Ocean State

Traditional Leadership
In July 2017, the government of the Cook Islands passed the Marae Moana bill, designating 50 nautical mile exclusion zones around each of its 15 islands. The total area under this protection equates to 324,000 square kilometres, or 16% of the total EEZ (Aichi Target 11)
PROCESS TO ESTABLISH MARAE MOANA

1. Marae Moana Concept
2. Stakeholder Consultations
3. Use information from Consultations to write Marae Moana Policy
4. Cabinet approval of Marae Moana Policy
5. Draft Marae Moana Bill
6. Stakeholder Consultations
7. Develop Drafting Instructions for Marae Moana Bill
8. Cabinet approval of Marae Moana Policy
9. Parliament
10. Stakeholder Consultations
ISLAND SPATIAL PLANS ARE GOING TO TAKE TIME AND RESOURCES.
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