

Featured Research:

Decarbonising Fiji Shipping, a once in a generation opportunity

With increasing interest from partners such as MFAT, ADB, and GGGI in supporting domestic shipping decarbonisation in Fiji, MCST is re-sharing this webinar from last year as a useful resource.

The session features insights from leading Pacific and international researchers, offering a clear pathway forward with multiple potential benefits. It also highlights the importance of building on existing work to avoid duplication as new actors engage in this space.

Watch the full webinar here to explore the key findings and opportunities identified to date.



Link: <http://bit.ly/45JuYF9>



In the region:

Shaping the Future of Pacific Maritime Transport

The Pacific One Maritime Framework (POMF) is an ambitious regional effort to unify strategies for a safe, secure, and sustainable maritime sector that meets the diverse needs of Pacific peoples. Initiated through the 5th PRETMM and driven by a Steering Committee of PICT representatives, the POMF aims to align with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. With strong emphasis on inclusivity, feedback, and measurable outcomes, the framework is now under development with wide consultation across the region.

Read more here:

<https://bit.ly/4nIW6QZ>

News Spotlight

RMI and FSM Strengthen Maritime Treaty Amid Rising Seas

At UNOC3 in Nice, President Hilda C. Heine (RMI) and President Wesley W. Simina (FSM) signed an amendment to their Maritime Boundary Treaty, reaffirming fixed maritime boundaries between the two nations—regardless of sea level rise. The amendment aligns with the 2021 PIF Leaders Declaration and strengthens legal certainty, sovereignty, and regional solidarity in the face of climate change. Read the full article here:

<https://bit.ly/3I2qG1H>

JTs Reflections from UNOC3: A Pacific Voice on Ocean Stewardship

In a powerful reflection from the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, MCST's John Taukave shares his experiences navigating global ocean diplomacy through a deeply Pacific lens. From discussions on the High Seas Treaty to Indigenous-led storytelling at the Peoples of the Ocean gathering, his account highlights the spiritual, cultural, and ecological ties between Pacific peoples and the Ocean. With heartfelt moments and sharp insights, John reminds us: "If we trust the Ocean, then she will do the same."

Read the full article here:

<https://bit.ly/40rcwO3>



John Takave at the People of the Ocean opening in Nice. Photo Credit: Juliere Baudo

Words that Move

Climate Poetry: Mia Kami

She is every second breath
A part of who we are
She binds us all together
No matter where we are
We've had generations of care
We've had generations of trust
Now we must love the ocean
The way that she's loved us

Blood is thicker than water
But there's salt water in my veins
If we trust the ocean
Then she will do the same
Her songs in the tides
And her stories live on our shores
Did we do enough
Or can we do so much more



Mia Kami at the People of the Ocean opening in Nice. Photo Credit: Juliere Baudo



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