



Science for the sustainable use of the oceans

VULNERABLE ISLANDS AND SOCIETIES

Inshore fisheries are integral to ensuring food security, local income and national sovereignty of Small Island Developing States. Together with the everyday marine cultural practices employed, they serve as adaptive learning sites for living with coastal and relative sea-level changes and other environmental challenges – in the South Pacific as elsewhere.

In cooperation with local partners, German marine research contributes to developing the capacities of these fisheries further and towards an adaptive

management of coastal marine ecosystems. This comprises, for instance, individual skill development for the assessment of a reef's environmental status in Fiji, the strengthening of local organizations in the implementation of sustainable, locally developed catch technologies in Solomon Island, or the strengthening of local institutions protecting ownership and right of use in Kiribati.



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