

Our vision

Empowering our people,
in our decisions, in our culture,
for our future

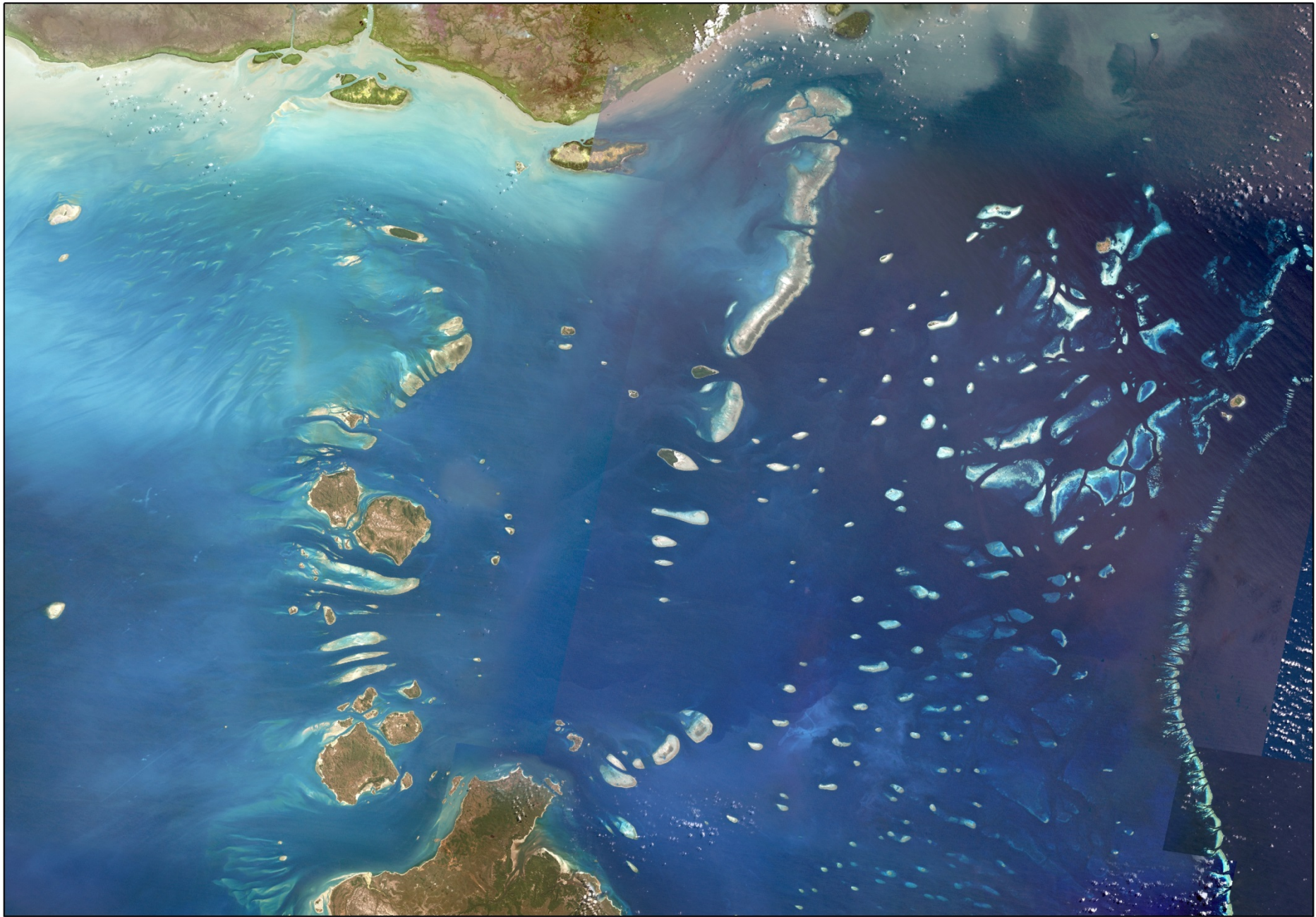
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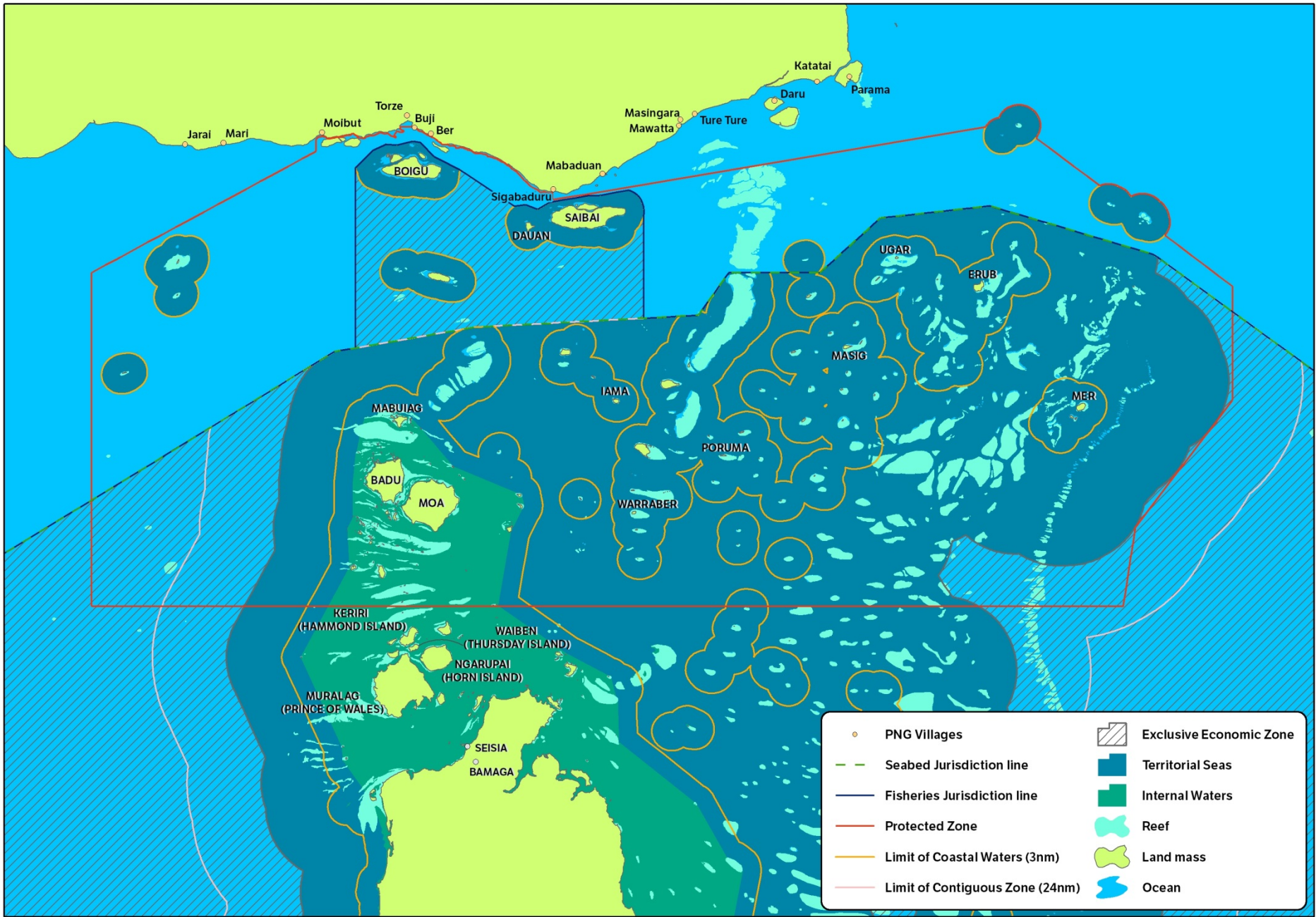


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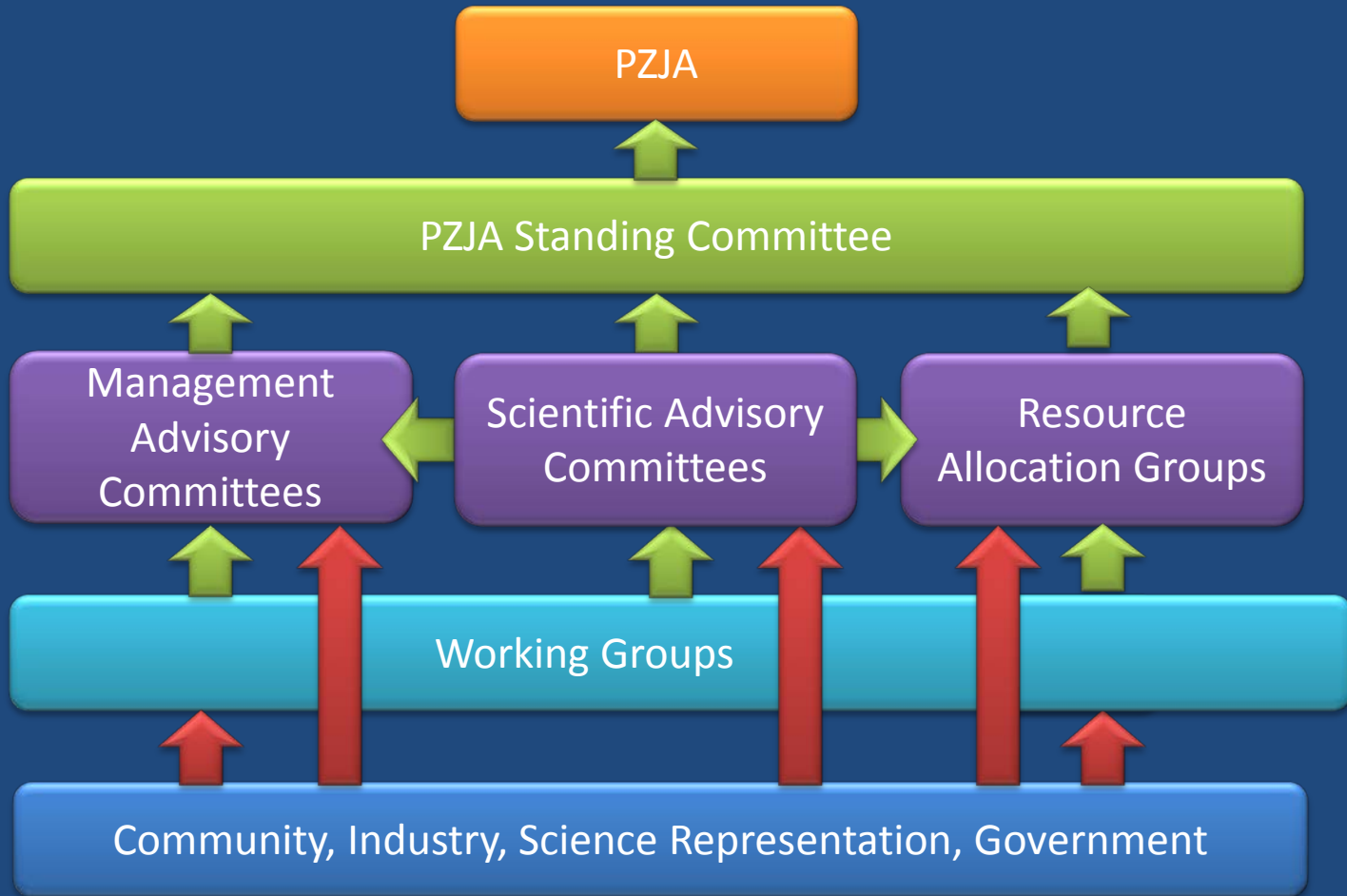
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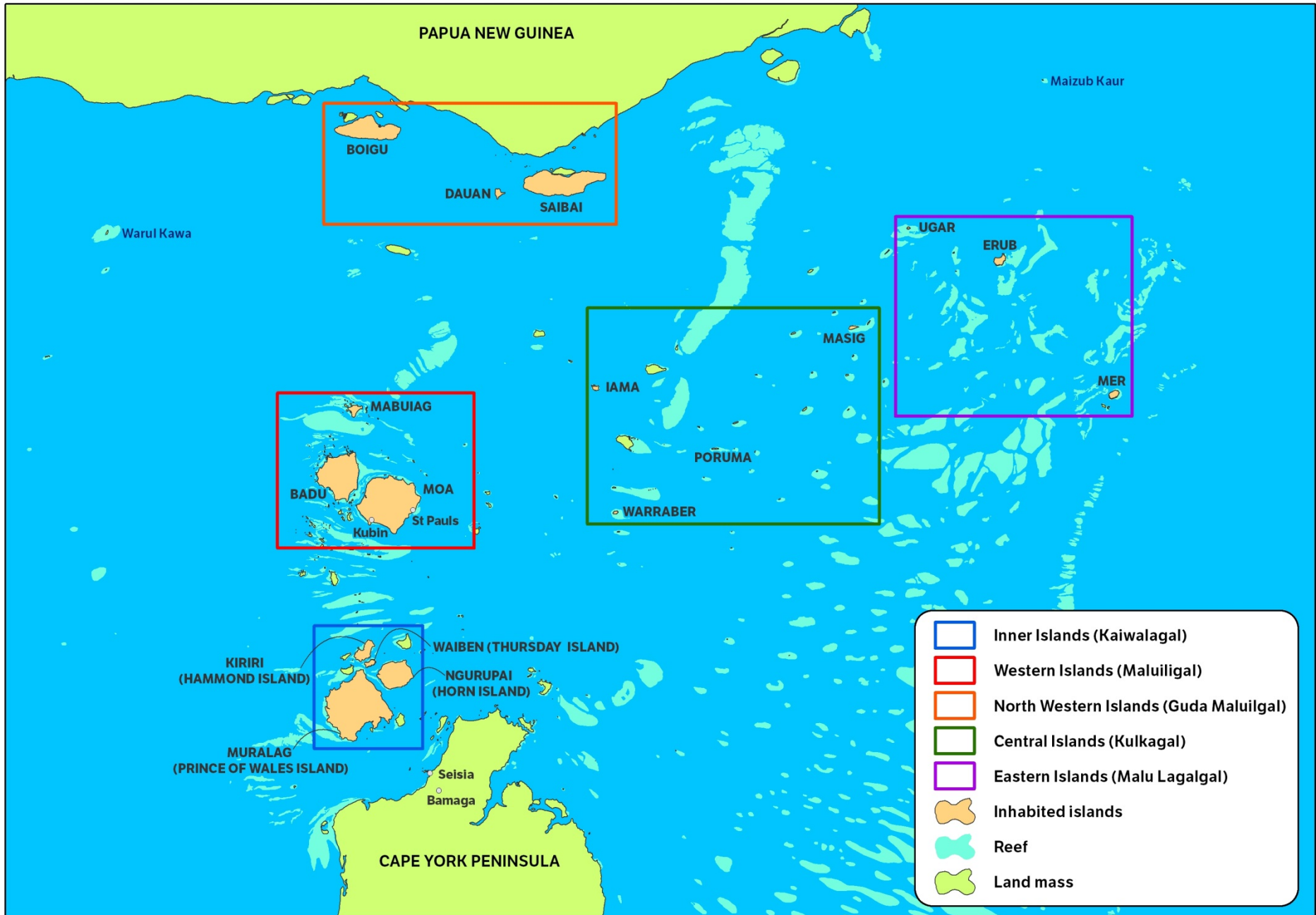
- A commercially viable fishing industry which is 100 per cent owned by Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people
- Improved wealth of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people in the region
- Sustainable management of fisheries resources





Torres Strait Fisheries Management





TIB representation by cluster

	Gudamalugal	Kaiwalagal	Kulkaigal	Kemer Kemer Meriam	Maluialgal
Finfish WG	Tenny Elisala	Eliziah Wasaga	Frank Faiud	Jerry Stephen	Maluwap Nona
Hand-Collect WG	Maluwap Nona	Patrick Mills	Simon Naawi	Michael Passi	Maluwap Nona
Tropical Rock Lobster WG	Aaron Tom	Phillip Ketchell	Mark David	Les Pitt	Terrance Whap
Scientific Advisory Committee	Paul Kabai	Phillip Ketchell	Ned Larry	Jerry Stephen	Maluwap Nona
Prawn MAC	Ugar: Jerry Stephen; Masig: Gavin Mosby; Poruma: Francis Pearson Iama: Satrick Baluz				



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Ownership Arrangements

Torres Strait Finfish Fishery

100% owned by Traditional Inhabitant

Torres Strait Beche-de-Mer Fishery 100%

owned by Traditional Inhabitant

Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery

56.2% owned by Traditional Inhabitant

43.8% owned by TVH

Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

No Traditional Inhabitant ownership

Torres Strait Crab Fishery

100% owned by Traditional Inhabitant

Torres Strait Trochus Fishery

100% owned by Traditional Inhabitant



Fisheries ownership and quota leasing

- TSRA leasing of unused finfish quota generates revenue
 - ✓ Finfish Quota Management Committee
 - ✓ Over \$1M raised to date
 - ✓ \$500K investment in community initiatives
- Finfish Fishery Action Plan
- Planning for TRL quota Leasing



The Torres Strait Treaty

The Torres Strait Treaty defines the maritime boundaries between Australia and Papua New Guinea.

The primary purpose of the *Torres Strait Treaty* is to protect the way of life of traditional inhabitants within the Torres Strait Protected Zone.

The Treaty sets out a framework to guide Australia and Papua New Guinea in providing for the management, conservation and sharing of fisheries resources in and around the Torres Strait Protected Zone



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Torres Strait Fisheries Act



(a) to acknowledge and protect the traditional way of life and livelihood of traditional inhabitants, including their rights in relation to traditional fishing;

(d) to administer the provisions of Part 5 of the Torres Strait Treaty (relating to commercial fisheries) so as not to prejudice the achievement of the purposes of Part 4 of the Torres Strait Treaty in regard to traditional fishing;

(g) to have regard, in developing and implementing licensing policy, to the desirability of promoting economic development in the Torres Strait area and employment opportunities for traditional inhabitants.



Native Title Sea Claim Determination

- Recognised Torres Strait Traditional Owner rights to access marine resources over 44,000 square kilometres of Sea Country
- How the Determination will be applied to future management arrangements is a work in progress, led by Malu Lamar (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation RNTBC
- PZJA must now notify and give Traditional Owners an opportunity to comment on proposed management action in the Sea Claim Determination Area (Part A).

Commercial fishing access

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Traditional Inhabitant
- TIB licence (unlimited)
- Access to all fisheries



Challenges

- Move from input to output control
- Use and management of TIB quota
- Improve catch monitoring
- Increasing participation, efficiency and economic benefit



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