

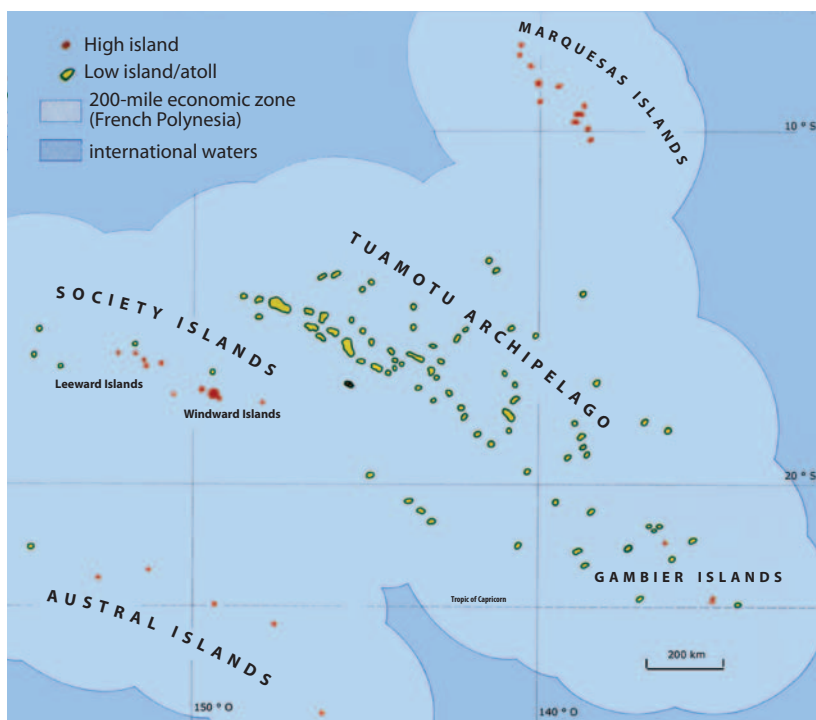
# FRENCH POLYNESIA

IN FRENCH POLYNESIA, THE INTEGRE PROJECT SUPPORTS INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT, WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTING PARTICIPATORY MANAGEMENT PROJECTS AT THREE PILOT SITES, I.E. OPUNOHU ON THE ISLAND OF MOOREA, RAIATEA-TAHAA ISLANDS AND THEIR LAGOON, AND TAIARAPU OR TAHITI PENINSULA.

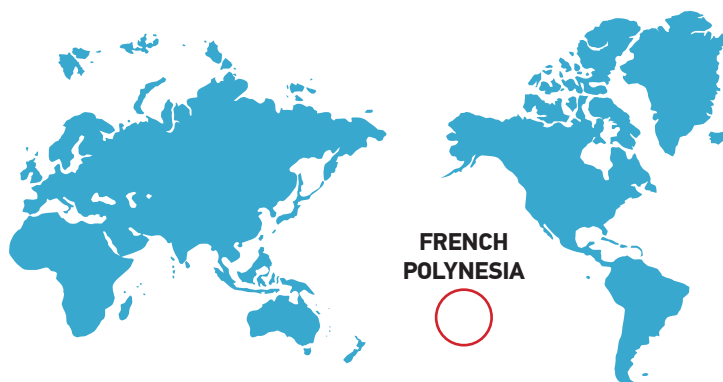


## OBJECTIVES

*The project aims at supporting environmental protection and sustainable resource use, helping efforts to reduce pollution and developing participative planning initiatives for managing shared areas and local development.*



<b>CAPITAL</b>	Papeete
<b>POPULATION</b>	274,277 inhabitants, with 75% concentrated in the Leeward Islands. 2 out of every 3 French Polynesians live in Tahiti, mainly in Papeete and nearby municipalities.
<b>AREA</b>	4167 sq. km of dry land and 5.5 M sq. km of EEZ
<b>STATUS / POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	French Polynesia is an overseas entity within the French Republic. The Organic Act of 27 February 2004 granting an autonomous status to French Polynesia allows French Polynesia to govern itself freely, with broad powers including those pertaining to the environment and economic development.
<b>ENVIRONMENT BIODIVERSITY</b>	This territory comprises about half of France's maritime waters (5.5 M sq. km). It hosts a high percentage of endemic species, particularly in remote areas. Today the environment has been weakened through human activities and invasive species.
<b>ECONOMY</b>	Tourism, pearl oyster farming, aquaculture, handicrafts, construction, and public works serve as the economic pillars from out of existing work sectors. Some 13% of French Polynesia's current commercial GDP is based on the tourism sector.



## CROSS-SECTOR ACTIVITIES

- Setting up a pilot farm** on the Opunohu EPEFPA (agricultural training facility), an organic agriculture training and testing centre, and a network of pilot sites throughout the territory, a driver for exchanges and training, together with the Agriculture Department and the SPG BioFetia association.
- Supporting creation of a marine managed area** for French Polynesia's EEZ via critical analysis of the management of a range of large marine protected areas.

## ➤ FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES ON PILOT SITES



### REDUCING POLLUTION FROM FARM ACTIVITIES

A land management plan designed to reduce the erosion caused by growing pineapples on slopes has been developed and implemented on a pilot plot on Opunohu Estate. In addition, a swine manure composting station has been set up on the Agricultural High School's farm and an organic crop-management sequence for pineapples has been developed.

### HELP DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN OPUNOHU

A participatory project to create a tourist facility on Opunohu Estate has been developed with the municipality of Moorea. Consultations with stakeholders and the community are designed to determine the outlines of the tourist facility project, both in terms of its substance and its governance and oversight. Territorial authorities continue to be involved and informed at every stage of these consultations.

#### AS WELL AS:

Restoring archaeological sites. Setting up a fitness trail and formulating a sustainable development plan.



### DEVELOPING AN INTEGRATED LAGOON MANAGEMENT PLAN

The issues were identified in a participatory manner at the beginning of the project. This led to work setting up *rahuis*, a Tahaa Coral Gardens management committee and a study on water quality in Faaroa Bay. A governance mechanism that allows on-going identification of issues and implementation of management actions to respond to those issues needs to be set up before the end of the project.

### SETTING UP A PILOT HAZARDOUS-COMMERCIAL-WASTE SYSTEM

Given the accumulation of hazardous waste such as used oil and batteries by professionals on both islands, a pilot system to collect, transport and treat such waste was studied, proposed and implemented with the FP Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Trades and the Hava'i municipal community. A label is also being developed to give recognition to the professionals involved.

#### AS WELL AS:

Setting up eco-tourism, community garden and organic farming training sites, reducing erosion through permaculture, designing an abattoir that includes waste recycling facilities.



### SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A RAHUI NETWORK IN TAIARAPU

Using a method based on showcasing traditional knowledge, involving stakeholders and collecting scientific data, work is underway at the site to support the creation of *rahuis* similar to the one in Teahupoo.

### LOW-COST STREAMLINED SPINEFOOT (RABBITFISH) FARMING AND RESEEDING

Aquaculture in French Polynesia requires a lot of resources and technical expertise. The territory would like to be able to develop simpler aquaculture techniques to make this activity more accessible and so that some of the farmed fish can be released for reseeded purposes. The project's engineers and technicians are working at the same time on developing farming and reseeded techniques. The species chosen is the *Streamlined spinefoot* (rabbitfish, *Siganus argenteus*).

#### AS WELL AS:

Purchasing a shredder and truck for Tahiti Peninsula's organic farmer association (Biomarama), carrying out a study designed to promote tourism in Aoma Valley, conducting archaeological and ethnobotanical prospecting in the *Fenua Aihere*.

### TECHNICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS



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