

The livelihoods and well-being of Pacific Islands are inextricably linked to the optimal and responsible exploitation of ocean, coastal and land-based resources, especially mineral resources. However, management of some "non-traditional" resources such as deep sea minerals and hydrocarbons are in many cases beyond the present capacity of SPC Member states and there is poor awareness of the necessary policy, legislation and environmental, fiscal, taxation management regimes needed to ensure Pacific Island interests and environments are protected.



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