

Task Team Information Sharing Platform

ICG/PTWS/WG-PICT



Regional Geohazard Meeting

26th February 2025, Apia, Samoa

Co-Chairs :

Jonathan Tafiariki (Solomon Islands)

Anthony Jamelot (French Polynesia)

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Task Team Information Sharing Platform Objectives



Following the PICT regional pacwave22 exercise objective 2, in order to continue and follow recommendations from WG-PICT meeting on 3rd February. 2023, an interim Task Team has been built in order to organize and think about direct informal exchange in a tsunami warning context between PICT members and especially the South-West Pacific Region.

During the 2022 PacWave Regional Exercise three alternative direct communication modes were tested:

- HF radio
- E-mail Listserv from ITIC
- Social network – using a dedicated WhatsApp Group

The main objective of this task-team is to provide guidelines and recommendations for a direct informal exchange of tsunami information between NTWC and NDMO from PICT member in order to test it again for the next PacWAve 2024.

The Task team deadline could be after PacWave 2024.

Interim Co-Chairs: Anthony Jamelot (French Polynesia) and Jonathan Tafiariki (Solomon Islands) -February 2023

Composition:

The Group to be comprised of representatives from Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) and ITIC as members, Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) Agencies and WMO Regional Association V (RAV) as observers with Chair and Vice Chair to be elected by the members of the Working Group and endorsed by the ICG/PTWS

Task Team Information Sharing Platform



Terms of Reference (2023 version)

1. Propose a WG-PICT regional PacWave24 objective;
2. Based on Pacwave22 report, re-evaluate early /anticipatory information to be shared between NTWC and NDMO and which platform would be more adapted for each kind of information.
3. WhatsApp Guidelines;
 - Maintain the mobile contact list up to date in order to keep the PacWave22 group alive;
 - Obtain official mobile numbers of NTWC and NDMO (handle by IOC/UNESCO Secretariat)
 - guideline for messages sent on WhatsApp
4. HF- Radio Guidelines :
 - Fetch feedbacks from monthly test and recommend preliminary guidelines.
 - Membership of the task team is open to any technical communication expert on this platform
5. Email Listserv Guidelines :
 - guideline for messages shared by email (no acknowledgement , etc)
 - Update and add new e-mail into the Pacwave22 listserv handled by ITIC
6. Identify and list new and relevant platform for Information Sharing
 - Other social media (Signal, ...)
 - Mobile App Broadcast system
 - Dedicated (private) broadcasting information web-page.

Task Team Information Sharing Platform



Report synthesis

- TT-ISP was officially validated last september 2023 ICG/PTWS XXIX Tonga, (Pacwave-22 PICT)
- Intersessional action & tasks
 - TT-ISP = 5 Online meeting in 2024
 - Prepare SLACK guidelines
 - Prepare & conduct the PICT-Pacwave24 regional exercise

PacWave24

PICT

4th November 2024 - 23:00 UTC



Exercise debrief

Pacwave24-PICT Webinar - 13 November 23:00 UTC

WG-PICT + TT Information Sharing Platform. - A.Jamelot - France - French-Polynesia

PICT Pacwave 24

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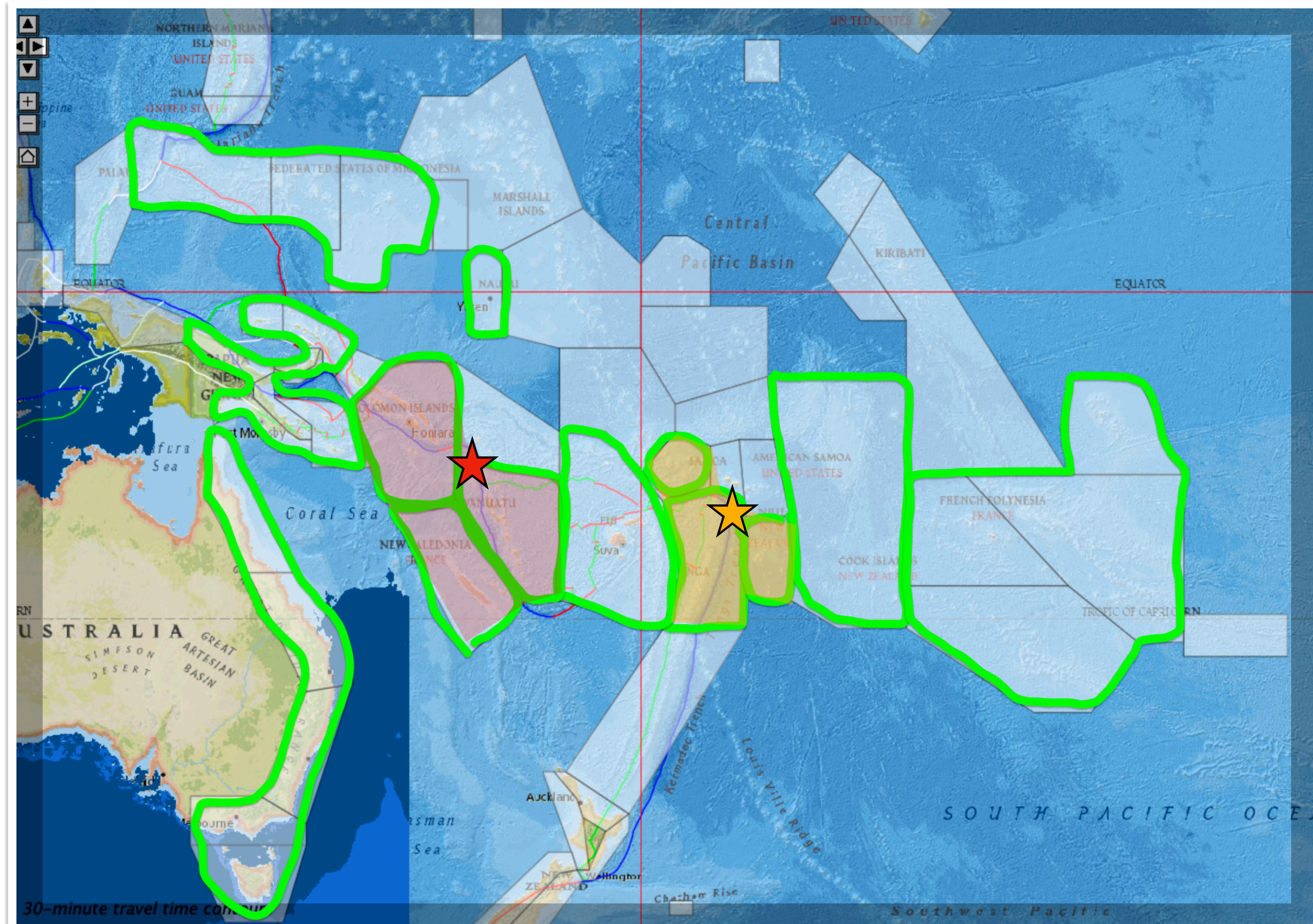
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In this case a regional cooperation and sharing tsunami impact becomes crucial

Scenario



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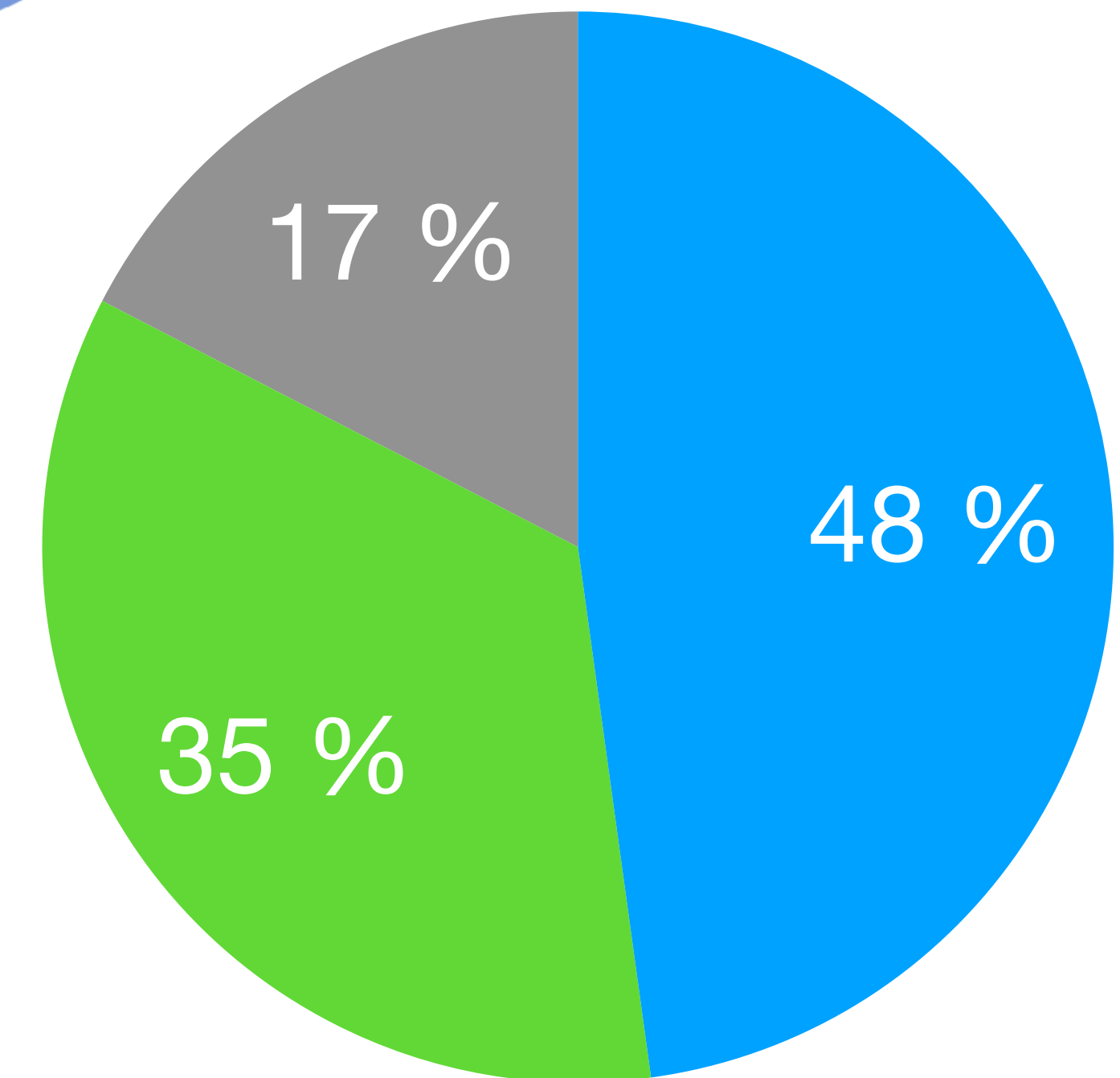
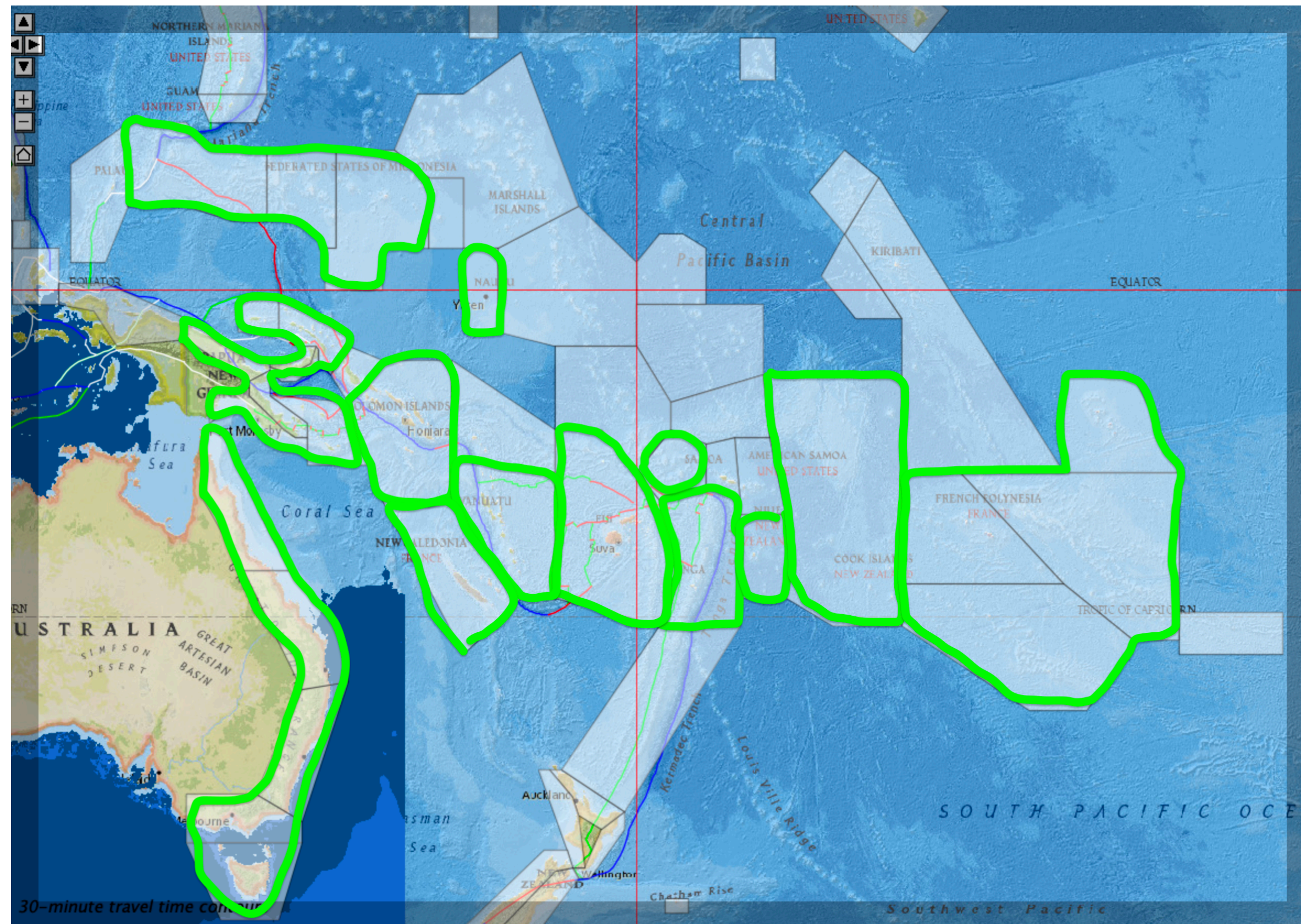
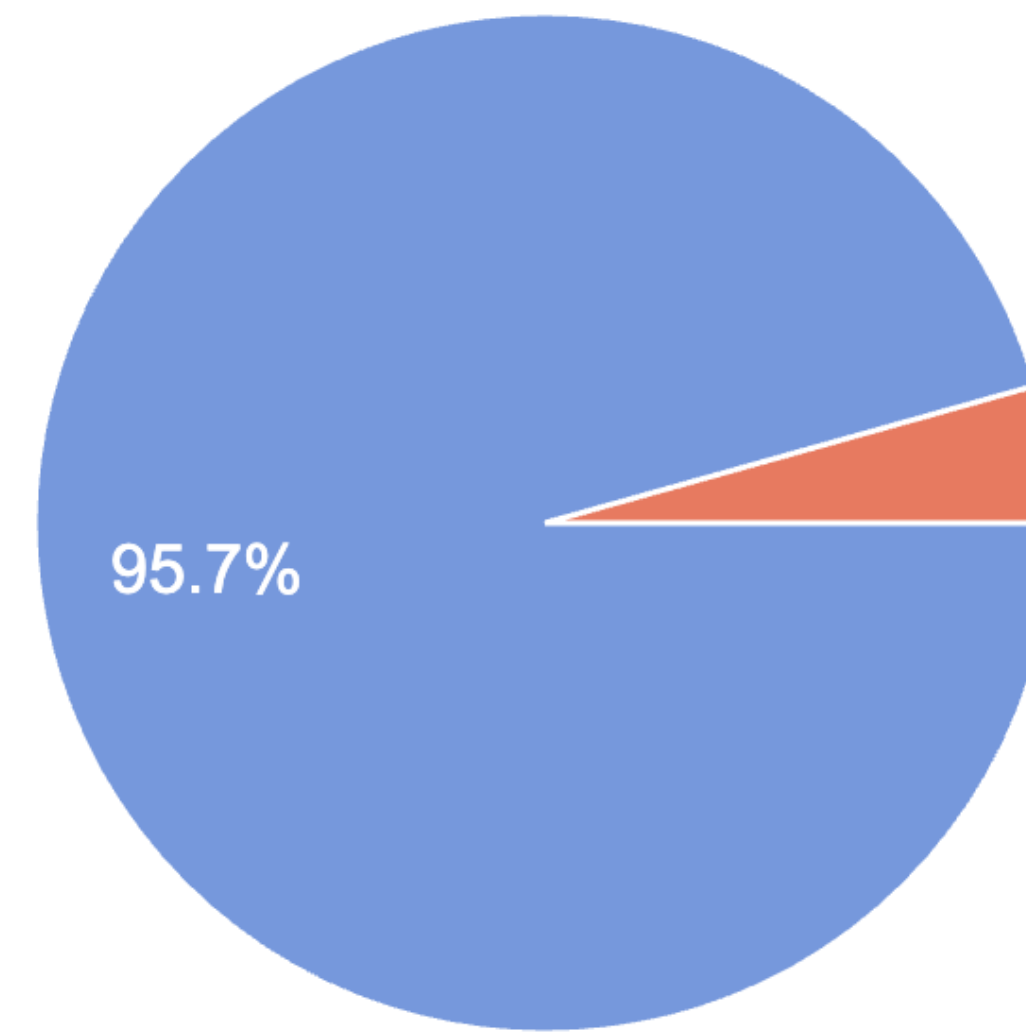
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- PTWC standard bulletin will be simulated in an exercise mode and will be send to the official recipient list of each participants during the 2 hours of the exercise

Introduction

22 National agencies registered

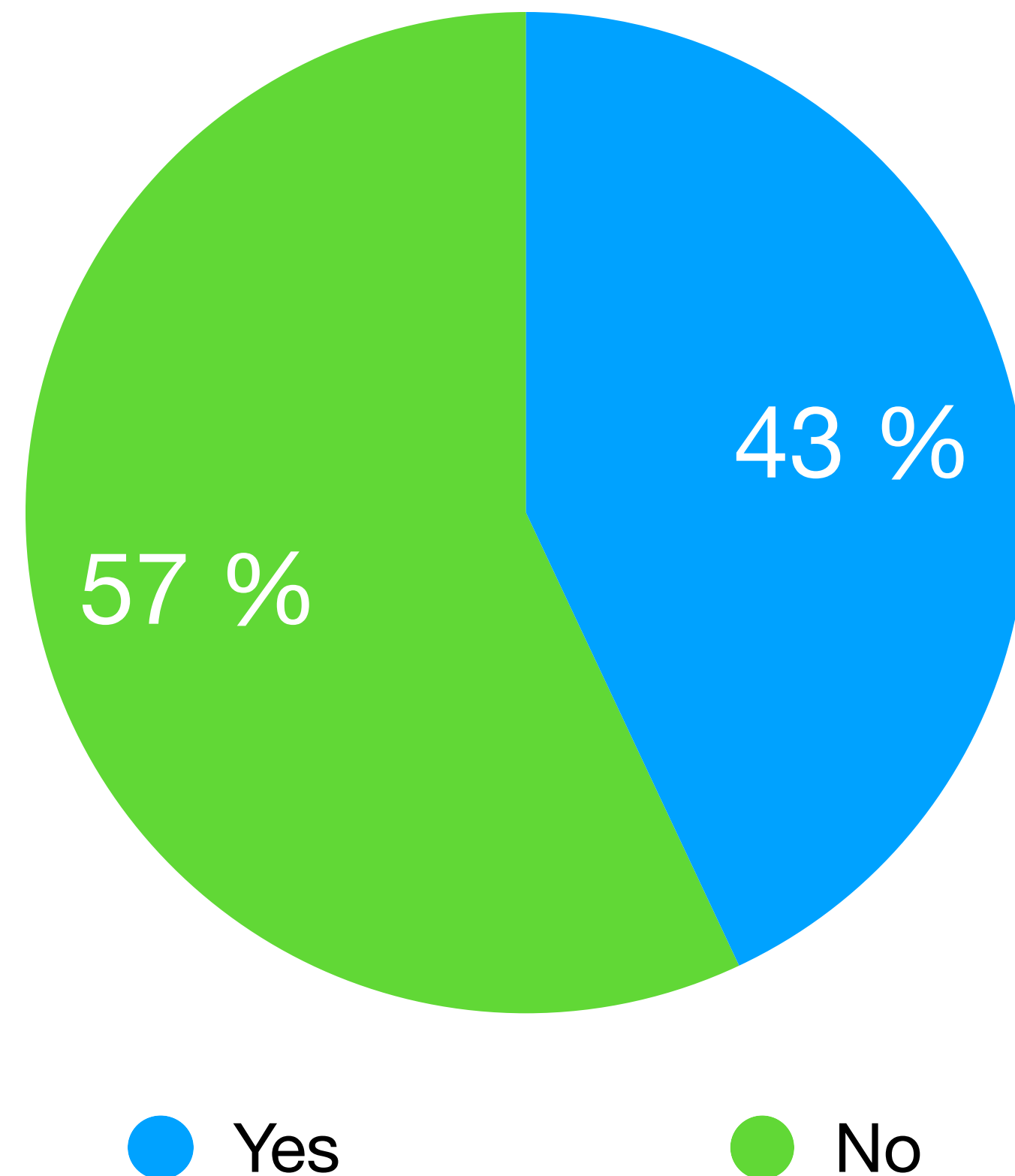
-> 13 PICT members participants



● NTWC ● NDMO ● OTHER

COM2 : HF-Radio

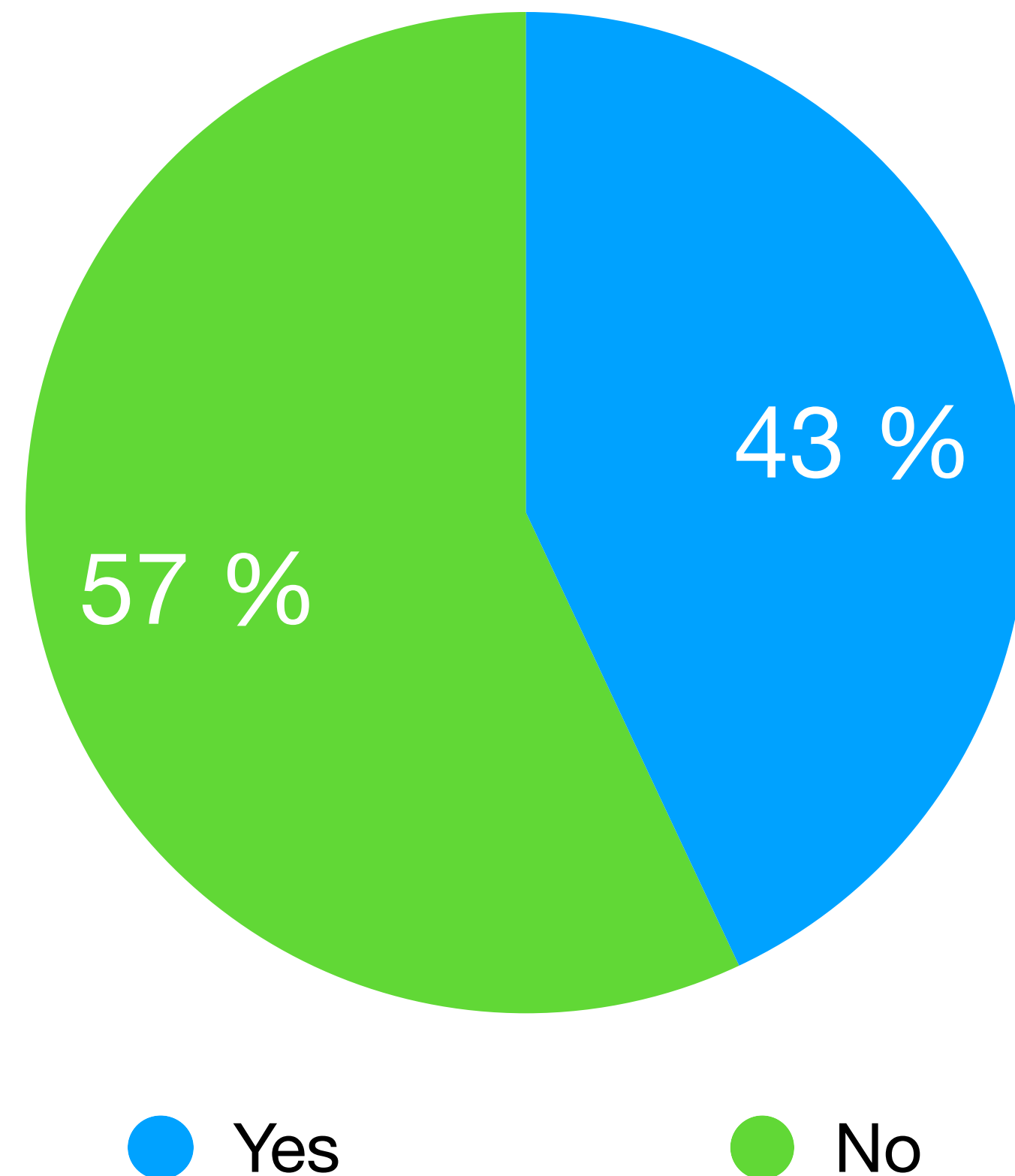
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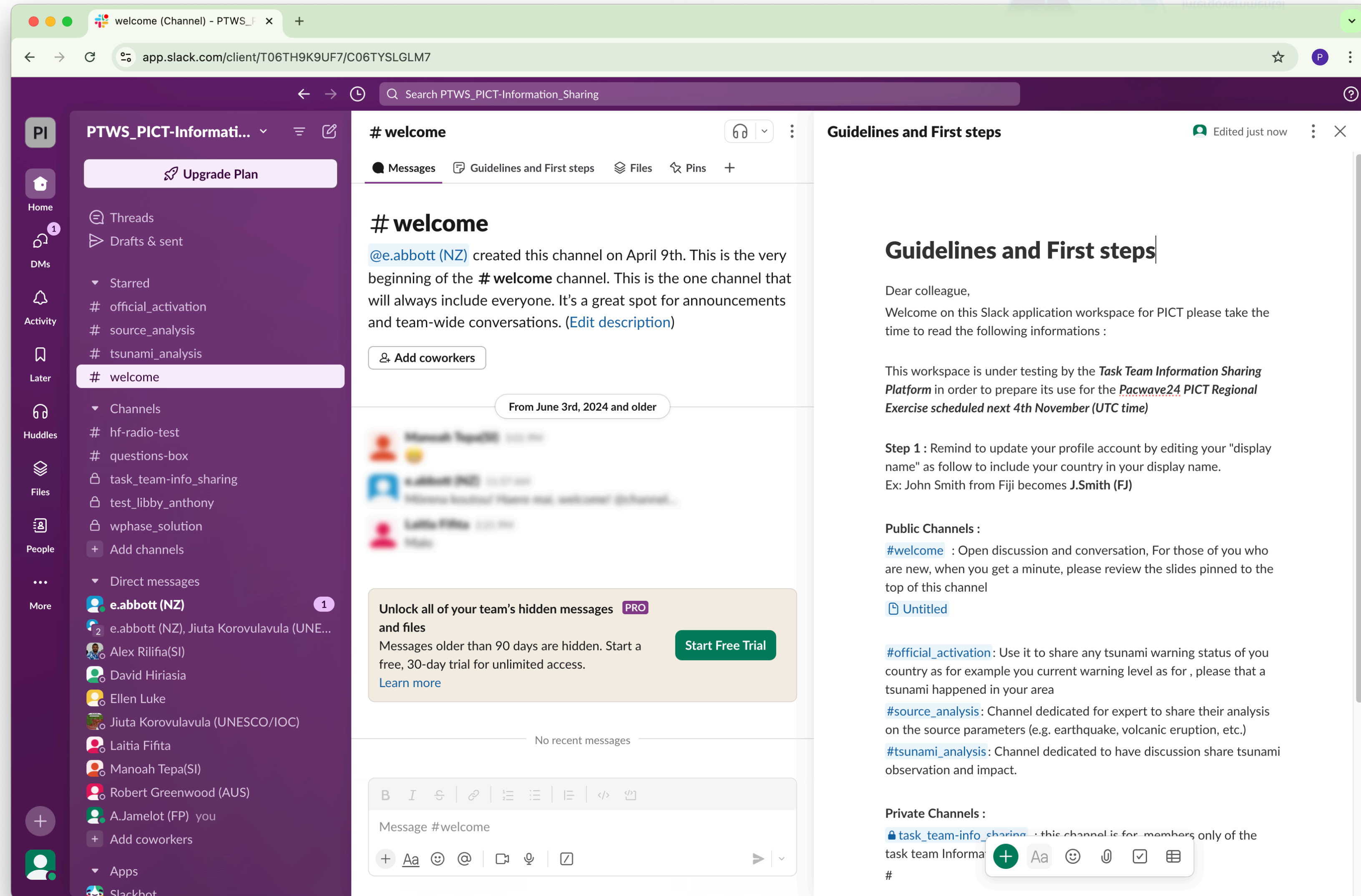
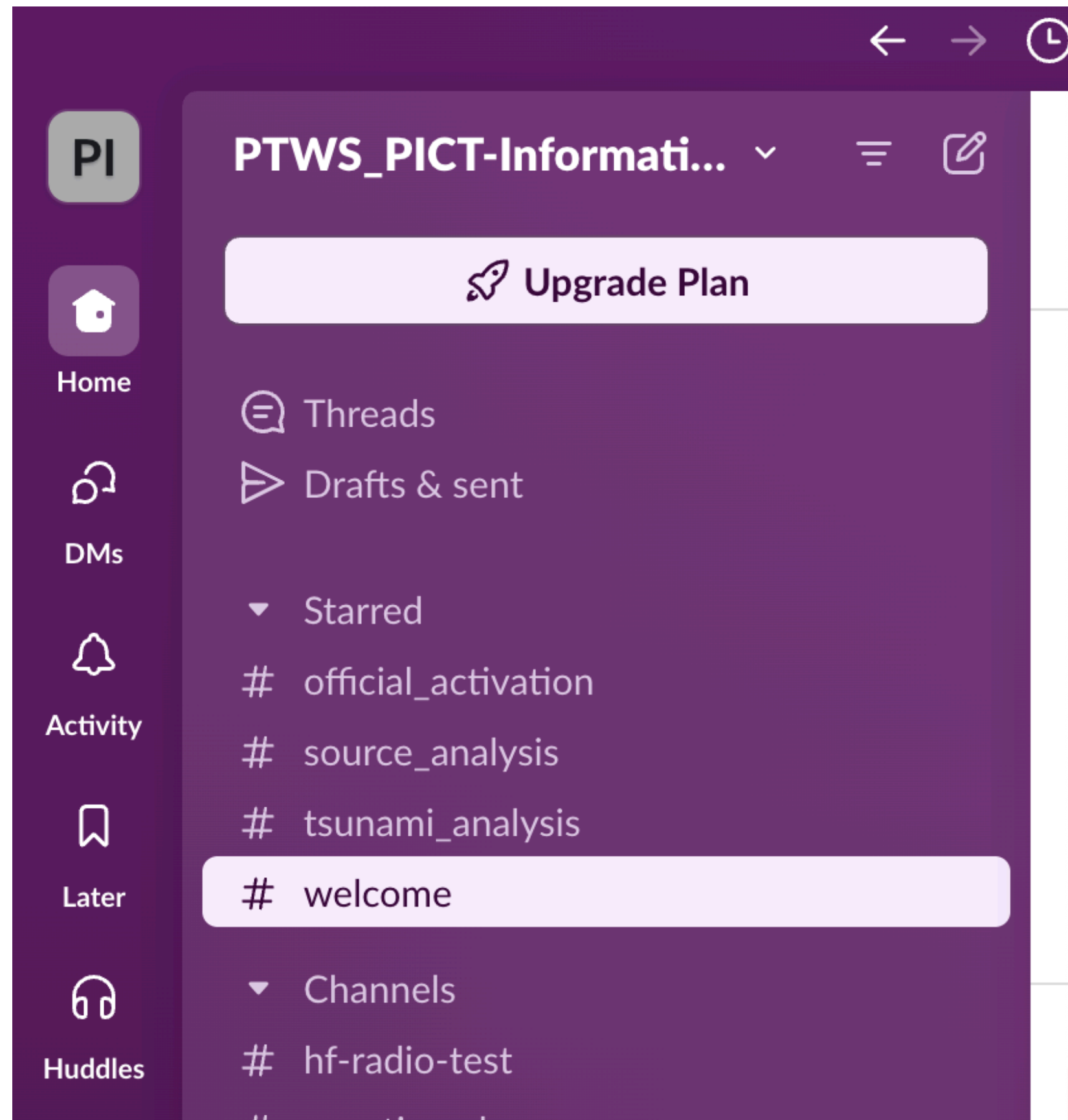
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SLACK (48 members NDMO&NTWC)

Guidelines for each channels





Guidelines and First steps

Dear colleague,

Welcome on this Slack application workspace for PICT please take the time to read the following informations :

This workspace is under testing by the *Task Team Information Sharing Platform* in order to prepare its use for the *Pacwave24 PICT Regional Exercise scheduled next 4th November (UTC time)* Last updated documentation is available [here](#).

Step 1 : Remind to update your profile account by editing your "display name" as follow to include your country in your display name.

Ex: John Smith from Fiji becomes **J.Smith (FJ)**

Public Channels :

[#welcome](#) : Open discussion and conversation, For those of you who are new, when you get a minute, please review the slides pinned to the top of this channel

[#official_activation](#) : Use it to share any tsunami warning status of you country as for example you current warning level as for , please that a tsunami happened in your area

[#source_analysis](#) : Channel dedicated for expert to share their analysis on the source parameters (e.g. earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.)

[#tsunami_analysis](#) : Channel dedicated to have discussion share tsunami observation and impact.

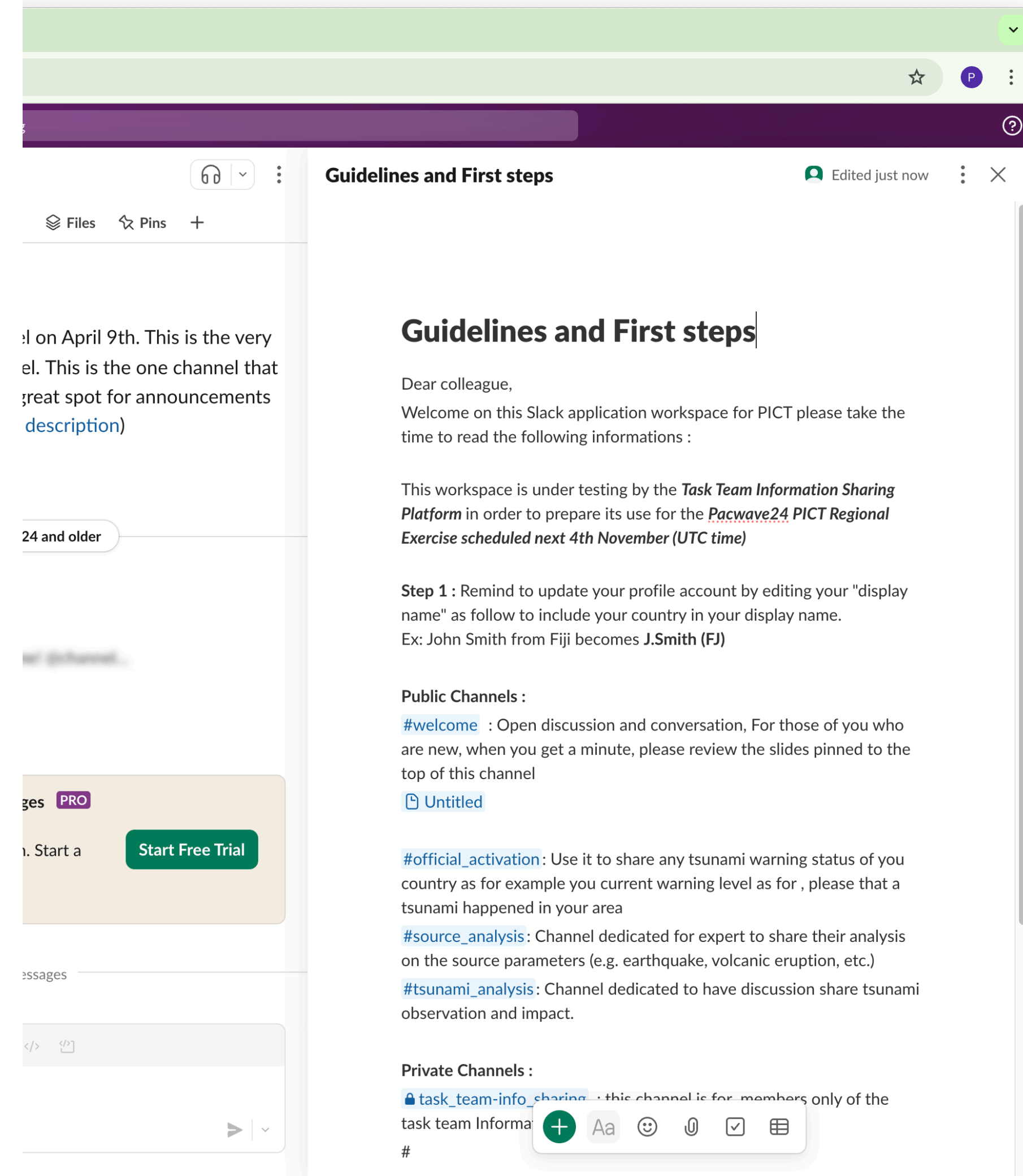
[#hf-radio-test](#) : Channel dedicated to share information to coordinate HF radio communication test between participants during the exercise time (Frequency and start of testing). Do not hesitate direct messaging between each pother for more readiness.

[#questions-box](#) : Channel dedicated to any question out of the scope of the previous one , like question on SLACK or question about the exercise itself.

[#photos](#) : Channel dedicated to share any pictures or photography (Team group photo, Exercise, ...)

Private Channels :

[#task_team-info_sharing](#) : this channel is for members only of the task team Information sharing platform



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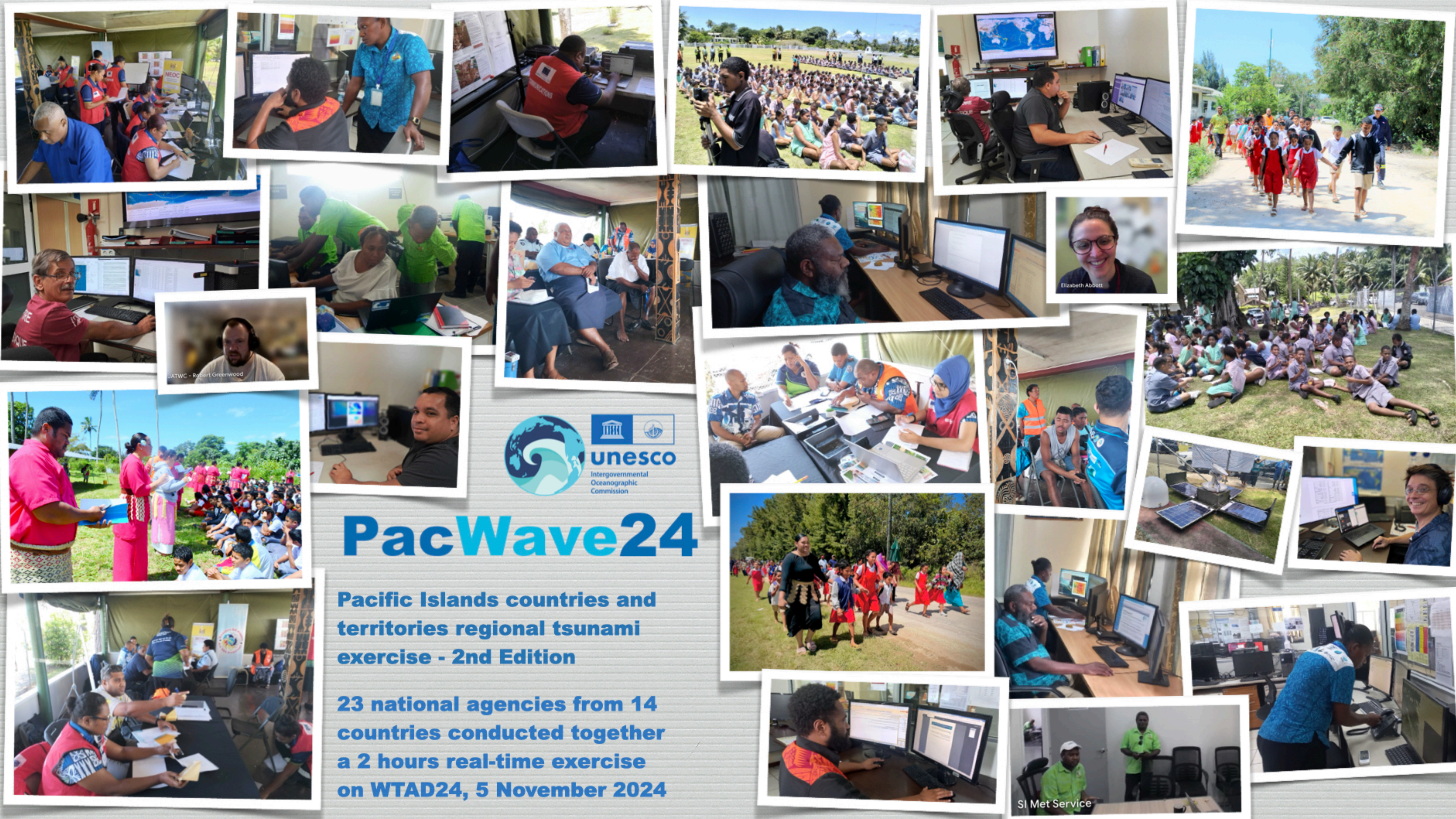
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Invitation to join SLACK for the first time and access to the PICT Workspace

Access to the SLACK Workspace for PICT :
<http://ptwspictinfor-vfd2089.slack.com/>

A collage of Slack interface elements. On the left is a mobile app home screen showing navigation icons (Home, DMs, Huddles) and a channel list for 'PTWS_PICT-Information'. In the center is a desktop browser view of a Slack channel named '#welcome' with a list of channels like '#official_activation', '#source_analysis', and '#tsunami_analysis'. On the right is a large QR code for joining the workspace. Below the QR code is a 'Welcome' message from '@e.abbott (NZ)' and a 'Private Channels' section listing '#task_team-info_sharing'.



PacWave24

Pacific Islands countries and territories regional tsunami exercise - 2nd Edition

23 national agencies from 14 countries conducted together a 2 hours real-time exercise on WTAD24, 5 November 2024

JATWC - Robert Greenwood

Elizabeth Abbott

SI Met Service

PICT Pacwave 24 feedbacks



SLACK feedbacks

- Need to share more about tsunami observations and impact
- SLACK Desktop version over web browser is very intuitive
- Good channel topics
- We could add a new channel : #tsunami-report to share impacts of the tsunami (photos, runup heights)
- Slack offer possibility to generate teams , during the exercise Libby generated country teams. This make easier to adress a question to specific country
- When sharing earthquake parameters , we need also to share the depth
- Is the focal mechanism usefull to share as well here ?

- National activity will be always the priority, this is a only non official channel so people do not have to rely on it.
- Some particpants have got some IT security policies issues to access to SLACK or reciveing external email, and some of them having firefox version comptability issues as well.
- Slack Mobile Application worked fine during this exercise

HF Radio feedbacks

- Organizing a HF radio test monthly ?
- Define a caught signal for the regional and Tsunami/Earthquake warning ?
- HF frequency , seems to be 1205 kHz

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The screenshot shows a Slack channel interface with a sidebar on the left and a main message area on the right. The sidebar lists various channels, with '# source_analysis' selected. The main area shows a message from 'NTWC duty officer (FP, CPPT)' at 4:00 PM: 'Strong earthquake near Port Villa , currently magnitude Mw(mB)=7.5 depth 30 km ... Waiting for preliminary CMT solution'. A second message at 4:08 PM provides a 'Preliminary Centroid moment tensor solution gives the following results :'. Below this is a code block containing seismic data: Mw=7.27, Vanuatu Islands; Event Time: 2024-12-17 01:47:22 UTC; Epicenter: 17.616S 168.105E 12.0km; Centroid: 17.516S 168.105E 50.5km; BEST DBLE.COUPLE:M0= 1.03*10**27; NP1: STRIKE=151;DIP=26;SLIP= 172; NP2: STRIKE=248;DIP=87;SLIP= 65. A third message at 4:09 PM states 'Magnitude Mw going to 7.3' and includes an image of a seismic map showing the Vanuatu Islands and surrounding regions with a red star indicating the epicenter and a depth scale on the right.

December 16th, 2024

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Magnitude Mw going to 7.3

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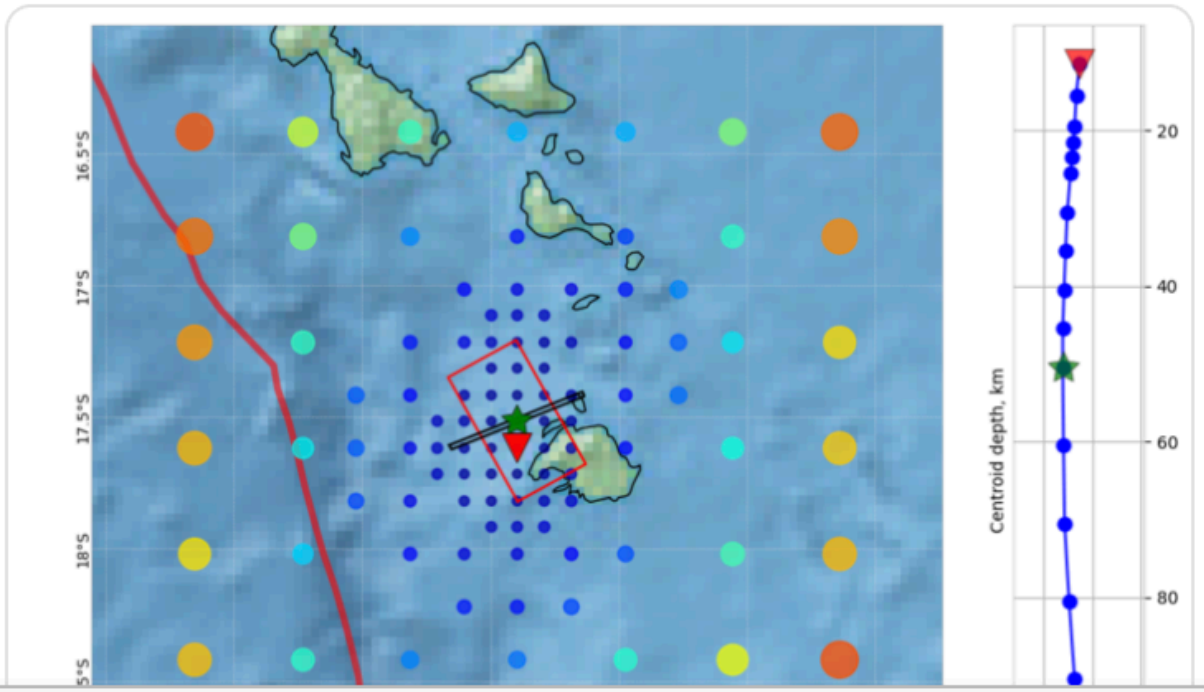
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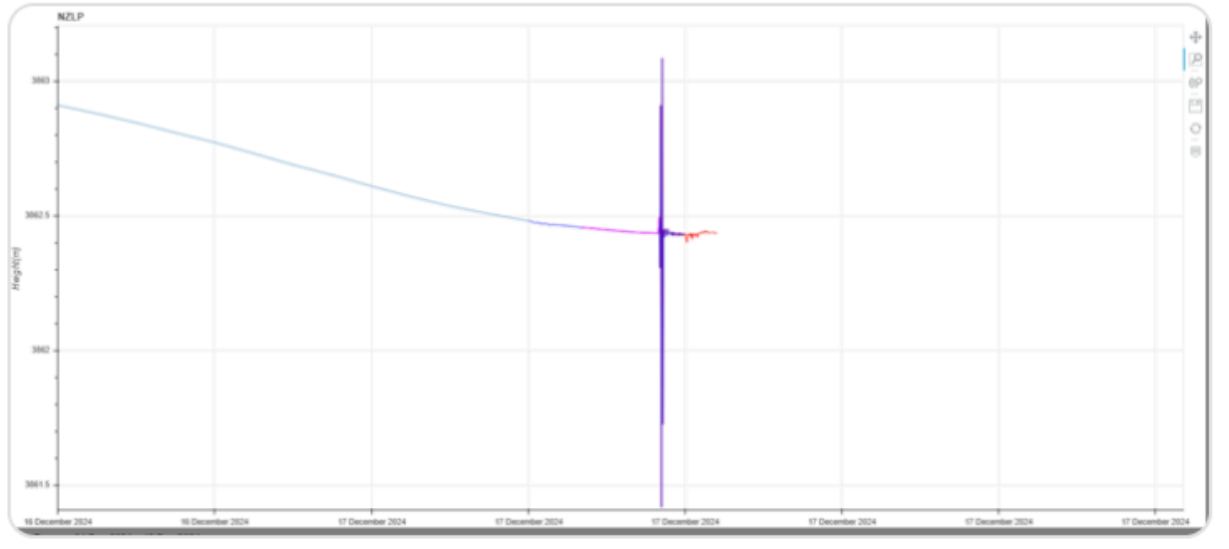
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NTWC duty officer (FP, CPPT) 4:18 PM
Any early tsunami observation from DART NZL ?

e.abbott (NZ, GNS) 4:22 PM
This is the latest from the backend internal data visualisation.

NZL-1520NZtime.png ▾



e.abbott (NZ, GNS) 4:22 PM
You can view the data by building a query here: <https://tilde.geonet.org.nz/ui/data-exploration>

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GeoNet Tilde Time Series API
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1 reply 2 months ago

NTWC duty officer (FP, CPPT) 4:28 PM
25 cm seems to have been reported on Port Villa tide gauge, the IOC sealevel web site seems to be again down because of multiple request i assume.

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NTWC duty officer (FP, CPPT) 5:51 PM
Maximal height observed aton 17/12/2024 03:52 UTC
Lenakel, Tanna : 15 cm O-crest
Lifou : 5cm O-crest

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Message #tsunami_analysis

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6. Identify and list new and relevant platform for Information Sharing

- Other social media (Signal, ...) ?
- Mobile App Broadcast system ?
- Dedicated (private) broadcasting information web-page. ?
- Satellite phone contact list ? Who's has it ?
- ...

Pacwave24 Misc:

- EMWIN receiver used in Fiji and Tonga to get PTWC bulletin warning from GOES directly, share this setup with others members.
- During the exercise we have tested a double tsunami event separated by
- What about sat phones ? Which members have one , build a regional contacts list with those numbers (saved by IOC/UNESCO) then share this information between members (if agree).
- Other technologies ?

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Task Team ISP Recommendations



- **CONTINUE** to conduct and support the next regional PICT PacWave exercise.
- **RECOMMEND** in person table top exercise between WG-PICT members at their convenience with the support of TT ISP.
- **AGREE** and **SUPPORT** a monthly regional HF radio test communication between PICT with the collaboration of the WFP/ECT
- **RECOMMEND** members to maintain VHF/HF radio communication redundancy to support national emergency
- **EXPLORE** for other communication technology as satellite link to support national emergency and recommend PICT members to acquire such equipment.
- **ENHANCED** information sharing guidelines through all tested communication lines;
- **ENHANCED** and **PROMOTE** the regional information sharing platform (currently SLACK)
- **ASK** the TSP PTWC to add an event identifier in the email subject of PTWC bulletins in case of multiple tsunami event in a short time.

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- 10 min : **Sharing experience from Vanuatu Mw 7,4 information sharing , Slack and more through WhatsApp. It shows how it is important to have a regional connection for collaboration and help.**
- 15 min : Let's discuss what kind of information could be share automatically at the regional scale between WG-PICT members.
- 30 min : Open the floor , let's discuss also the point 6 of TT ToRs.
- 30 min : Agree on the list of recommendations from TT
- **15 min : Reconduct the TT ? If yes,**
 - **Update the TOR**
 - **TT officials candidatures for re elect during WG-PICT**
- 5 min : AOB

Close of meeting

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Interim Co-Chairs :

Jonathan Tafiariki (Solomon Islands)

Anthony Jamelot (French Polynesia)



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Task Team Information Sharing Platform

Terms of Reference / ToR (Updated)



1. Propose, organize and conduct a WG-PICT regional PacWave26;
2. Re-evaluate early /anticipatory information to be shared between NTWC and NDMO and which platform would be more adapted for each kind of information.
3. Mobile / desktop app Guidelines (WhatsApp, SLACK, ...);
 - Maintain the mobile contact list up to date in order to keep the PacWave22 group alive;
 - Obtain official mobile numbers of NTWC and NDMO (handle by IOC/UNESCO Secretariat)
 - guideline for messages sent on WhatsApp
4. HF- Radio Guidelines :
 - Support regional *monthly* test and recommend preliminary guidelines in collaboration with WFP/ETC.
 - Membership of the task team is open to any technical communication expert on this platform
5. Email Listserv Guidelines :
 - guideline for messages shared by email (no acknowledgement , etc)
 - Update listserv handled by ITIC
6. Identify and list new and relevant platform for Information Sharing
 - Mobile App Broadcast system;
 - Dedicated (private) broadcasting information web-page;
 - Build a Satellite phone contact list among PICT Members

Composition:

The Group to be comprised of representatives from Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) and ITIC as members, Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) Agencies and WMO Regional Association V (RAV) as observers with Chair and Vice Chair to be elected by the members of the Working Group and endorsed by the ICG/PTWS



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Thank You

