





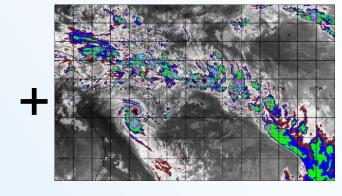


Combining Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Meteorological Forecasts in the Pacific to Increase community Resilience

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- The rapid disappearance of climate TK in the Pacific is a concern
- Pacific communities can access information provided by National Met Services
- However, there can be difficulties
- When this occurs, communities tend to refer to the climate TK and practices they trust
- 'The Tera, a coastal tree that rarely flowers, however when it does flower in April or the end of May, a long dry season is certainly coming' (collected from a Panema elder, Vanuatu)
- To increase community resilience
 - SPREP and the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) are working to transition the management of the Climate TK project
 - Assist Pacific Island Communities with the collection, storage and integration of climate TK and contemporary forecasts





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