SMALL ISLANDS, BIG IMPACT

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Potential Impacts

Non-Traditional Science

International Collaboration

Next Generation Island states, including Hawaii, have sovereignty over most of the extraordinary seascapes of the Pacific Ocean. For millennia, these societies have successfully managed their resources. However, global declines in ocean health combined with the upheaval of COVID-19 are unraveling the social, economic, and cultural fabric of Pacific Island states.



Our Ocean-Shot is to co-develop science innovation and ocean solutions that foster crisis readiness and are scalable to multiple geographies.







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The Pacific Ocean makes up 46% of Earth's ocean surface and is larger than all area combined

While substantial shifts are underway, there is still time to halt and reverse resource depletion, support sustainable development and strengthen local resilience to global shocks. Yet capacity for ocean exploration and resource management remain limited in the Pacific.

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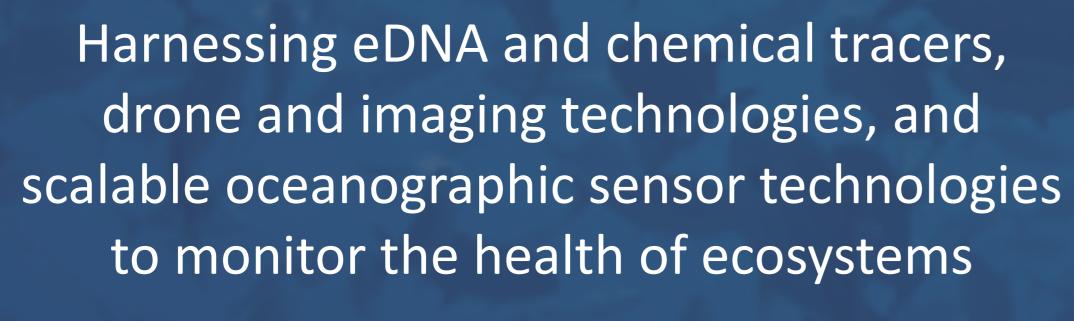
Our vision is to integrate cutting edge science and technology with traditional knowledge to equip Small Island / Large Ocean states across the Pacific Ocean to discover, reclaim, and support resilient marine ecosystems, communities and livelihoods.

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Examples include:







Capturing biophysical and marine use information through hand-held applications, combining remote sensing and vessel monitoring systems with artificial intelligence to track coral reef health and curb illegal fishing

Launching voyages of discovery exploring and rekindling connections of Pacific Islanders' with their oceans and ocean resources across the region



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SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL SECTORS ENGAGED OUTSIDE OF TRADITIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES







Potential Impacts

Our Ocean-Shot spans knowledge to impact through multi-stakeholder collaboration and engagement with key actors.

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INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND COLLABORATION







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Next Generation Our Ocean-Shot concept builds on existing collaboration among institutions across the Pacific, including Stanford, University of Hawaii, Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) and several others.





However, capacity remains limited across the Pacific.

Palau's vision and leadership and efforts such as the Micronesia Challenge provide unique opportunities and tools to chart a course to sustainable and crisis-resilient marine resource use for present and future generations across multiple Pacific Island states.

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BUILDING GLOBAL CAPACITY & DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF OCEAN SCIENTISTS

Potential Impacts

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Next Generation One of the key ambitions of the Ocean-Shot is to train and empower and next generation of ocean leaders. Building on existing programs and partnerships, students and early career professionals will be embedded in research and impact activities through a variety of mechanisms and opportunities.





Examples include a Pacific Ocean Leaders program co-led by Stanford, University of Hawaii and PICRC, participation of youth in voyages of discovery and research, and engagement in multi-stakeholder networks for research, education and impact.





