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# Field Report Rennell Bellona Province

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## Group

Indispensable Ocean Planning Team

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## Consultation Dates

Rennell and Bellona Province, Tingoa/West Rennell - Community	21/8/2019
Rennell and Bellona Province, East Rennell - Community	22/8/2019
Rennell and Bellona Province, Bellona community (meeting held in Honiara)	19/9/2019

## Introduction

The Team deployed from Honiara on Sunday 18th August 2019 at 6:45am to Rennell (Capital Tingoa). On Monday 19th of August the team met with the DPS for a courtesy visit informing the provincial government on MSP consultation process that are currently taking place on the ground. On Tuesday 20th of August at 9:30 am the team began its second consultation meeting with provincial stake holders: Police Officers, Teachers and community reps from ward 6, 5 and 4 at Tingoa. On Wednesday 21st the Team travelled east ward by a hired vehicle to East Rennell (Lake Tegano). Thursday 22nd consultation with community representatives from communities in and around the Lake Tegano was held.

Due to bad weather the flight to Bellona was cancelled and the planned session in Bellona was postponed. After consulting with the relevant stakeholder, the meeting for Bellona community representatives was held in Honiara on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.



## Results and Feedback

### 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2019 – Tingoa – Stakeholder: Provincial Government Executives

The Provincial Executive was currently in Honiara engaging in courtesy visits to Government Ministries, International Partners and other stakeholders. However, the team have informed the Deputy Provincial Secretary who only assumes that role but not yet officially appointed about the nationwide consultation on the MSP process. The discussion basically covered:

#### General Discussion:

- The importance of the Ocean as a resource
- Why it is important to start the story about our ocean in preparation for future development within our ocean space
- Ocean Planning is essential as a way forward to develop a ocean integrated plan to make collective informed decision making at all levels- Community, Provincial and National Government
- Will provide some guidance to the province in developing their own fisheries ordinance
- Questions answered in writing by Provincial Government Executives:
- What are some challenges /gaps in ocean management?
- Focus at the moment is more on land based activities
- Lack of information about the ocean in general and what is within it is the setback for not engaging or even discussing it at the provincial level
- Lack of provincial ordinance is the gap in which there is less attention given to the management of ocean resources.
- The national agencies that are currently mandated under their respective laws that governs some aspect of the ocean space need to engage more in raising awareness on their roles and responsibilities to give the ordinary people in the communities clear understanding and where to get information when necessary to make some sort informed decision making .

#### What are your ideas for Better Ocean planning/development?

- Continuous engagement with the provincial government and the community.
- Your opinion, how can we achieve ocean objectives? SINOP?
- Possible inclusion of provincial reps in any SINOP working group



## 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 – Tingoa – Stakeholders: Police Officers, Teachers, Landowners and Community Representatives



Figure 1: Consultation in Tingoa with representatives from West Rennell

Group 1: Jordan Taugonga, Ela Baiabe, George Teika, Christina Nasiu, Trisey Norma I.

Questions	Coastal (Yellow)	Offshore
What activities currently exist in the ocean (economic, cultural, social and management)?	<p>Economic Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logging activities near shores</li> <li>• Mining</li> <li>• Anchorage</li> </ul> <p>Social/cultural Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily collection – Fishing-Livelihood</li> <li>• Coral reef use</li> </ul>	Commercial fishing (Tuna)



What activities would you like to see where?	<b>(Blue)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism sites (hotels) – blue</li> <li>• Airport (domestic)</li> <li>• Town</li> <li>• International Airport</li> <li>• Wharf</li> <li>• Fisheries Resource Centre</li> <li>• Telekom tower</li> <li>• Mineral water factory</li> <li>• Hospital</li> <li>• National secondary school</li> <li>• Power and water supply</li> <li>• Police centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve for Tuna harvesting</li> <li>• Allow for commercial fishing activities and research</li> </ul>
What activities do you think should be stopped or restricted?	<b>(Red)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logging – awareness before Los make decision</li> <li>• Tug boat pulling log crafts along coastal area</li> <li>• Mining – strengthening of legal institutions</li> <li>• Deposits of bauxites (stockpiles) on coastal areas</li> <li>• No disposal of waste or ship ballast water on the ocean</li> <li>• All activities that is identified as threats should be stopped</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrict on undersea (seabed) mining</li> </ul>

Group 2: Renbel Bakatahea, Wyn Tekioehe, Sina Tuata, Wally Teikogogo, Isaac

Questions	Coastal	Offshore
What activities currently exist in the ocean (economic, cultural, social and management)?	<b>(Yellow)</b> Logging (Log pond) Mining (bauxite deposit sites)	<b>(Yellow)</b> Fish Crayfish Beach-de-mar TROCUS



What activities would you like to see where?	(Blue) Hospital Airport improvement Tourism and need to build up the reefs (indispensable reefs) Protected Area Protected from reef fish Crayfish protection Protected from seaweed and clam shell	(blue) Commercial Tuna fisheries
What activities do you think should be stopped or restricted?	(Red) Reduce overharvesting	Illegal commercial activities

Group 3: Brian Kakeika, Rolf Tu'ata, Andrew Auhere, Godfree Segeika, Monty Tekobi, Soly Seuika, Bendick Kaipua.

Question	Coastal	Offshore
What activities currently exist in the ocean (economic, cultural, social and management)?	(Yellow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mining and Logging operation camps</li> <li>• Bauxite mining stock pile</li> <li>• Logging activities</li> <li>• Reef fishing operation</li> <li>• Illegal fishing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic shipping routes</li> <li>• Under-sea cable</li> <li>• Illegal fishing</li> </ul>
What activities would you like to see where?	(Blue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wharf</li> <li>• Wharf and access road</li> <li>• Airport and road</li> <li>• Improve school buildings / staff house</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indispensable reef fishing</li> <li>• Proposed township for indispensable reefs</li> </ul>
What activities do you think should be stopped or restricted?	(Red) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mining</li> <li>• Human trafficking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illegal fishing should be stop</li> <li>• Undersea (seabed) mining.</li> </ul>

### Summary feedback for west Rennell consultation

**Tell us the best way to keep you informed or involved.**

- Community representative to access information
- Social media (facebook)
- Radio programs Several follow-up visits to give feedback
- Awareness programs



- Through emails
- Proper and regular consultation and conditions.

**What do you think of ocean planning? What are your reasons?**

- It enhance effective management and protection, benefits to people and nations, recognises cultures and identities.
- To protect fish hot spot- keep the ocean clean
- Good and informative , give us new knowledge and understanding how to look after and manage our coastal areas

**One day there will be an “Ocean law” – what do you think should be included/considered**

- Customary claim should be considered
- Environmental impacts
- Indispensable reefs to be zone into three separate reefs (three zones)
- Includes churches, communities and other stakeholders in decision making Allocation of spaces for various activities should be clearly identify
- Communities and other relevant stakeholders should be part of the decision making in the ocean law
- The ocean law must be flexible with resource owners
- Totally restrict or band illegal fishing
- Tight monitoring on illegal fishing vessels and other illegal activities in the ocean both offshore and inshore
- Ocean law should not only look at space allocation but also considers how the ocean is being use especially ships (dumping of wastes at sea – marine pollution).
- Clear allocation of spaces and proper management of resources
- Ownership right must be respected
- Penalties must be upheld and respected





## 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 – East Rennell – Stakeholders: Community representatives



Figure 2 Consultation with community representatives from East Rennell

### Group 1: Noápai Alfred, Tepuke, Pongi, Tahua, Paúngahenua

Questions	Coastal	Offshore
What activities currently exist in the ocean (economic, cultural, social and management)?	(Green) 1-4: Fishing ground 5-11: Beche de mer and fishing	(Green) 1-5: local fishing ground 6-10: Tuna fishing
What activities would you like to see where?	(Yellow) 1-4: Tourism 5-9: Tourism and Yacht	(Yellow) 1-2: Tourism
What activities do you think should be stopped or restricted?	(Red) 1-2: mining 3-7: Proposed dump site at indispensable reefs and underwater mining 8-11: Illegal fishing	(Red) 1-5: Underwater mining



Group 2: Nussy Puia, John Mona, Fred Temoa, Willy Kauga, Jerry Tamoge.

Questions	Coastal	Offshore
What activities currently exist in the ocean (economic, cultural, social and management)?	(Green) 1: Beche de mer harvesting 2: Reef fish 3: Clam shell 4: Netting (gill) or diving 5: Swimming, washing at the lake 6: Shark fin harvesting	(green) 1: Tuna harvesting 2: Shipping services (internal routes) 3: green peace operation
What activities would you like to see where?	(Blue) 1: Tilapia farming at the lake 2: introduce new fresh water fish to the lake 3: Farming of clam shell and seaweed at the indispensable reef Removal of ship wrecks	(blue) 1: strong and effective surveillance (Rangers) 2: Proper and accurate resource data
What activities do you think should be stopped or restricted?	(red) 1: no mining in the lake 2: control of gill net harvesting (usage) 3: Avoid pollution (domestic waste), acid and other matter 4: Totally ban foreign harvesting from inshore resources such as cray fish, clam shell an other seafood 5: no mining (seabed) at the indispensable reef including provincial waters 6: stop harvesting of dolphin, whales, turtles and other marine endangered species 7: ban illegal fishing operations at provincial waters and the Indispensable reefs	1: no seabed mining 2: No illegal removal of minerals 3: no illegal fishing company

Group 3: Arnold Teipika, Jerry Tanoge, Joseph Peseika, Evan Moana, Gabriel Kiupua, Moses Tuhaika

Questions	Coastal	Offshore
What activities currently exist in the ocean (economic,	(green) 1: diving and fishing	(green) 1: shipping routes





cultural, social and management)?	2: spearing and diving 3: cray fish and beche de mer 4: diving and netting 5: shipping routes	2: tuna longline fishing 3: beche de mer 4: tuna (gill net)
What activities would you like to see where	(blue) 1: crayfish farming and fish farming 2: Eel fish farming and Tilapia farming 3: clam shell farming	(blue) 1: fishing and beche de mer harvesting 2: tuna fishing within provincial waters
What activities do you think should be stopped or restricted?	1: Modern destructive fishing methods 2: Eel fish harvesting during breeding 3: Diving at breeding sites	1: Fishing and diving at breeding sites 2: Shipping routes especially ship carriers carrying toxic chemicals (internal shipping)

## Summary Feedback for East Rennell consultations

### Tell us the best way to keep you informed or involved.

- Media
- Tele-communication
- Provide report
- Have a focal person to relay information
- Personal Inform
- Training and workshop
- Mail/ emails/ Phones
- Awareness on the final ocean policy

### What do you think of ocean planning? What are your reasons?

- People depend on ocean for their livelihood; therefore, planning on how to use the ocean is very important.
- We are very rich in marine resources thus Ocean planning is a good initiative to enhance sustainable use and development of our resources.
- Need continuous and wider consultation to communities on all resources we have in our ocean and how we can utilise to minimise impacts. This includes marine resources, minerals and other development activities.
- Ocean planning is really important for us coastal communities so as others, therefore it should be implemented immediately as soon as possible
- It is good to protect our ocean



- The ocean planning process is good but it is a bit late seeing that government may have already plans to explore that vast resources we have in the ocean

**One day there will be an “Ocean law” – what do you think should be included/considered?**

- There should be a reconsideration of jurisdiction boundaries to be extended beyond its current measurements (territorial waters and provincial waters)
- Traditional Governance (Chief System) should be empowered to execute the Ocean Law.
- Ocean boundaries need to be reconsidered (clear demarcation)
- Prepare legislation in preparation for the inevitable impacts/ effects of commercial activities.
- No dumping of manufactured rubbish in the ocean (e.g.; plastic)
- Fishing hot spot for any commercial marine species within the provincial waters must license under provincial waters.
- Ocean law must consider the historical users right on any reef within provincial waters
- Ocean law must recognize the traditional rights and practices of communities with regards to marine environment.
- Include resource owners in policy formulations – parts of the ocean are customary owned. In effect, wider consultations.

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Honiara – Stakeholder: Bellona Representatives**

Group 1: Joy Abia, Reagan Peseika, Greg Kaungia, McQueen Tekatoha, Dick Wilmot, Nick Hatigeva, Jerry Tengemoana and Daniel Kabei.

Questions	Coastal	Offshore
What activities currently exist in the ocean (economic, cultural, social and management)?	(Yellow) 1: Fishing ground – whole coastal area 2: Sale (commercial plus subsistence fishing) 3: shipping 4: Pollution - households	(Yellow) 1: Commercial fishing – entire EEZ 2: Tourism: exists in all provinces 3: Cannery: commercial fishing processing 4: Fisheries centre 5: Taboo sites/ cultural restrictions 6: Subsistence fishing – all provinces (small scale fishing)
What activities would you like to see where?	(Green) 1: commercial activities – fishing commercially protected -: Fishery centre 2: Infrastructure (wharf, jetty, etc)	(green) 1: strategic location of cannery regard giving to tuna hotspots (in addition to western) - Guadalcanal - Malaita - Ranbel



	<p>3: tourism (potential sites eg. Surfing, eco-lodges, jet skiing)</p> <p>4: Conservation (linked to tourism sites, and fisheries)</p> <p>5: Farming (linked to infrastructures, conservation and commercial activities)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Makira</li> </ul> <p>*not necessarily processing plants</p> <p>2: Better surveillance system – monitor and benefit from sea resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Link and learn from existing system,, e.g FFA</li> </ul> <p>3: better infrastructure in place – ports and wharfs</p> <p>4: Tourism</p> <p>5: Research Centres – have regard to where hotspots are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gudalcanal</li> <li>- Renbel</li> <li>- Western</li> <li>- Makira</li> <li>- Temotu</li> <li>- Malaita</li> </ul>
What activities do you think should be stopped or restricted?	<p>(White)</p> <p>1: Anchorage (linked to infrastructure – avoid damage caused by anchorage offshore)</p> <p>2: Certain fishing methods – traditional/fishing poisoning – dynamite use</p> <p>3: Wreckage</p> <p>4: Pollution</p> <p>5: Mining</p>	<p>(White)</p> <p>1: Illegal fishing (IUU)</p> <p>2: Pollution – household pollution and commercial scale and logging and mining</p> <p>3: Overharvesting sea resources</p>

**Tell us the best way to keep you informed or involved.**

- Training and workshop
- Mail/ emails/ Phones

**What do you think of ocean planning? What are your reasons?**

- Ocean planning is good in terms of resource management and decision making
- Need continuous consultation on what ocean is (background knowledge)

**One day there will be an “Ocean law” – what do you think should be included/considered?**

- Commission - to carry out regulating
  - Stricter licencing in place /Regulations



- Coalition of stakeholders (Ocean12) and other relevant stakeholders
- Representatives from all relevant stakeholders
  - Provincial government and Land owners (Los)
  - Inclusive representatives
- Stricter regulation of foreign companies
- Provision to cater for provinces rights to be protected – provincial laws.
  - Province been fitting having regard to tuna hotspots for example.
- Government must ensure corroborate between relevant laws this issue
  - Eg; forest, land, sea, environment – linked to inclusive representatives of all stakeholders
- Stricter penalties imported – enforcement
- International conventions adhere to.

## Participants lists

### Tingoa, West Rennell, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Name	Organisation/Community	Consultation Venue	Gender
1. Solly Seuika	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
2. Tracy Tago	Tingoa	Tingoa	F
3. Trisey Norma I	Tingoa	Tingoa	F
4. Sina Tuata	Tingoa	Tingoa	F
5. Teika George	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
6. Renbel Tepai	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
7. Godfrey Sogeika	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
8. Wally Teikogogo	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
9. Benedict Kaipua	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
10. Diego Mont	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
11. Ela Baiabe	Tingoa	Tingoa	F
12. Christina Nasiu	Tingoa	Tingoa	F
13. Isaac	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
14. Ralf Tuata	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
15. Brian Panio	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
16. Tekioehe Wyn	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
17. Andrew Auhere	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
18. Lindsay Tamaika	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
19. Jordan Taugonga	Tingoa	Tingoa	M



20. Donald Tuake	Tingoa	Tingoa	M
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### Lake Tengano, East Rennell, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Name	Organisation/Community	Consultation Venue	Gender
1. William Kenga	East Rennell		M
2. John Mona	East Rennell		M
3. Nessie Puia	East Rennell		F
4. Zarya Teika	East Rennell		F
5. Tanoge Jerry	East Rennell		M
6. Paunnhenua	East Rennell		M
7. Joseph Peseika	East Rennell		M
8. Moses T Tuhaika	East Rennell		M
9. Moana	East Rennell		M
10. Tahuh Lewis	East Rennell		M
11. Teipika Alfred	East Rennell		M
12. Tepuke	East Rennell		M
13. Jerry Tongavea	East Rennell		M
14. Jeff Dongi	East Rennell		M
15. Don Saosogo	East Rennell		M
16. Gabriel Kaipua	East Rennell		M
17. Angelline N	East Rennell		F
18. Jarren Teika	East Rennell		M
19. Peseika Arnold	East Rennell		M
20. J Sau	East Rennell		M

### Bellona Participants, Honiara, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Name	Organisation / Community	Consultation Venue	Gender
1. Greg Kaungia	Bellona	Honiara	M
2. Mcqueen Tekatoha	Bellona	Honiara	M
3. Reagan Peseika	Bellona	Honiara	M
4. Joy Abia	Bellona	Honiara	F
5. Jerry Tengemoana	Bellona	Honiara	M
6. Daniel Kabei	Bellona	Honiara	M
7. Nick Hatigevea	Bellona	Honiara	M
8. Dick Wilmot	Bellona	Honiara	M



## Annexes

Maps are also available as separate documents.

Offshore maps	Coastal maps
Rennell & Bellona Province - proposed activities	Rennell - proposed activities
Rennell & Bellona Province - unwanted activities	Bellona - proposed activities
	Indispensable Reef - proposed activities
	Rennell & Bellona - unwanted activities
	Indispensable Reef - unwanted activities



Ocean Planning Consultations 2019 - Rennell and Bellona Province - Proposed Activities - offshore

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Conservation and Resource Management

Fisheries

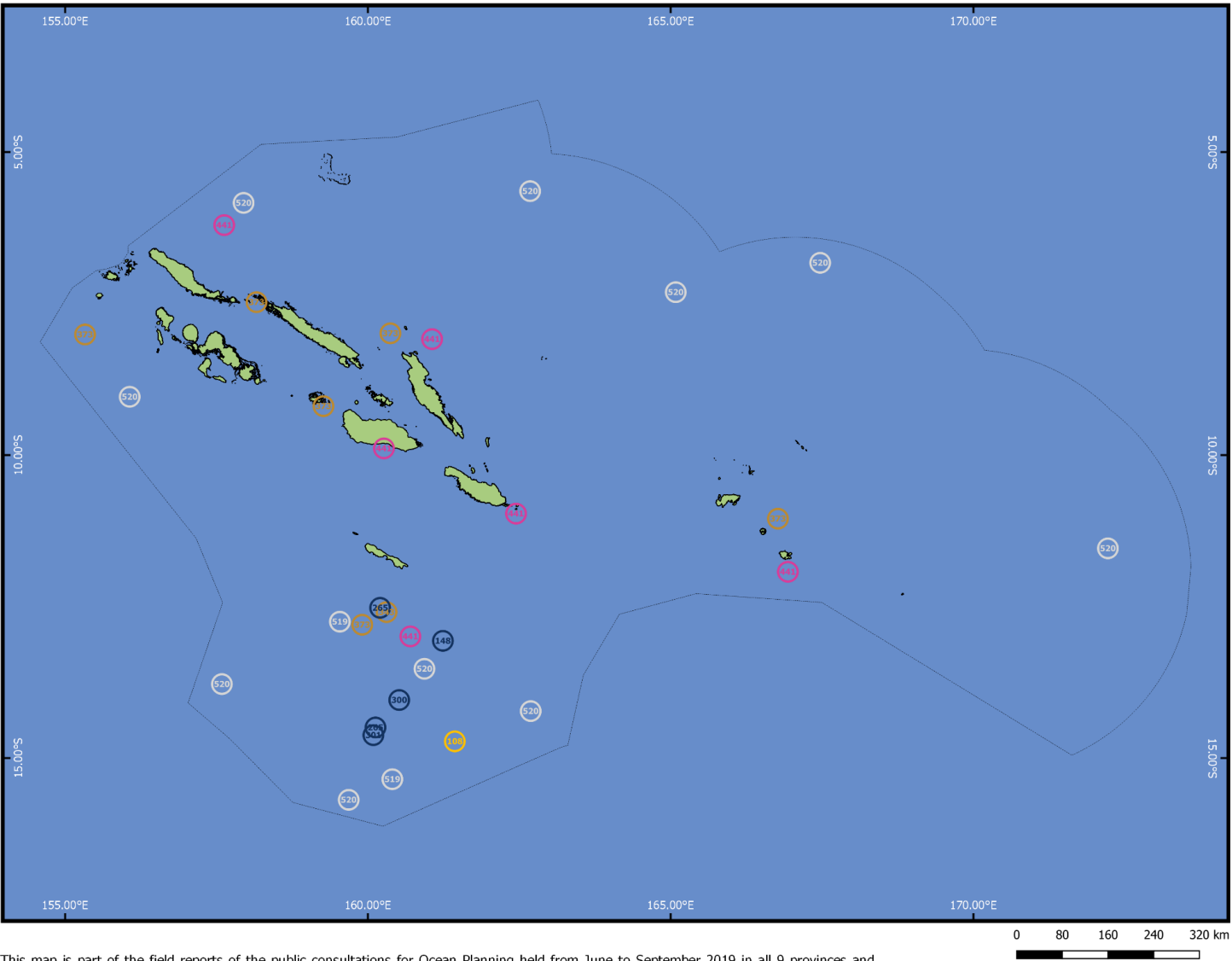
Infrastructure Development

Marine Tourism

Maritime Security

Exclusive Economic Zone

Theme	No	Activity
Conservation and Resource Management	108	Sustainable management
Fisheries	148	Beche de mer and fishing ground
Fisheries	265	Preserve for tuna harvest
Fisheries	300	Tuna fishing by the province
Fisheries	301	Tuna fishing ground
Infrastructure Development	343	Cannery- regard to tuna hotspots
Infrastructure Development	373	Ports and wharfs
Marine Tourism	441	Tourism
Maritime Security	519	Surveillance (Rangers) of fishing
Maritime Security	520	Surveillance and monitor



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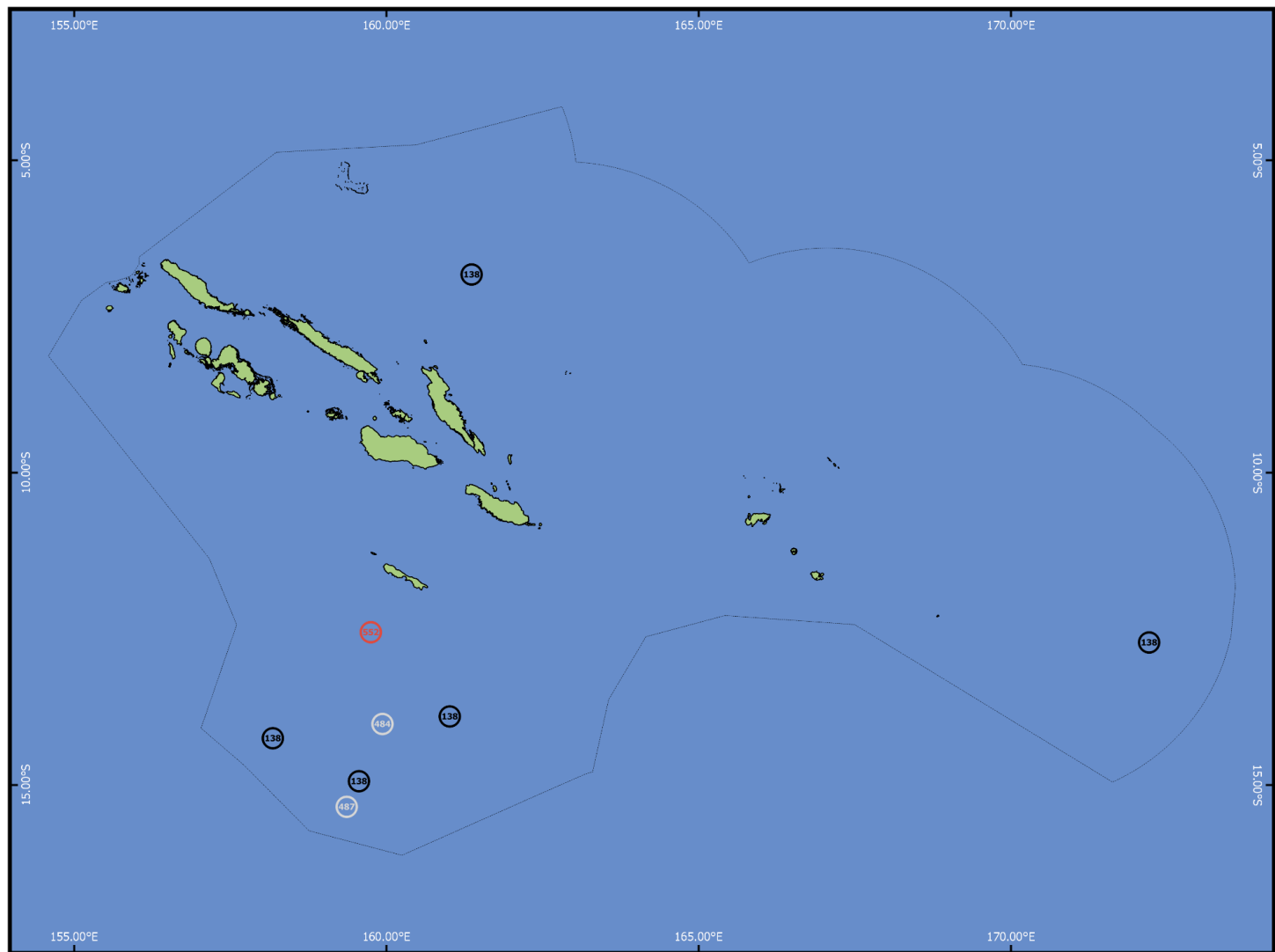


## Ocean Planning Consultations 2019 - Rennell and Bellona Province - Unwanted Activities - offshore

### Legend

- Extractive Industry
- Maritime Security
- Maritime Transport
- Exclusive Economic Zone

Theme	No	Activity
Extractive Industry	138	Seabed mining
Maritime Security	484	Illegal fishing
Maritime Security	487	Illegal fishing of sea mammals
Maritime Transport	552	Shipping route esp. ships carrying toxic



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Ocean Planning Consultations 2019 - Rennell and Bellona Province (Rennell) - Proposed Activities - coastal

Legend

Aquaculture

Conservation and Resource Management

Infrastructure Development

Marine Tourism

Maritime Transport

Conservation and Resource Management

Infrastructure Development

Exclusive Economic Zone

Theme	No	Activity
Aquaculture	16	Eel fish and tilapia farming
Aquaculture	22	Gray fish/fish farming
Aquaculture	23	Introduce new fresh water fish in the lagoon
Aquaculture	33	Tilapia farming
Conservation and Resource Management	101	Protected area
Infrastructure Development	336	Access road
Infrastructure Development	338	Airport
Infrastructure Development	348	Domestic airport extension
Infrastructure Development	354	Hospital
Infrastructure Development	359	International airport
Infrastructure Development	365	Mineral water factory
Infrastructure Development	369	National secondary school
Infrastructure Development	374	Power and water system
Infrastructure Development	380	Road & Wharf
Infrastructure Development	390	Wharf
Marine Tourism	441	Tourism
Marine Tourism	456	Tourism sites (Hotel)
Maritime Transport	532	Beacon



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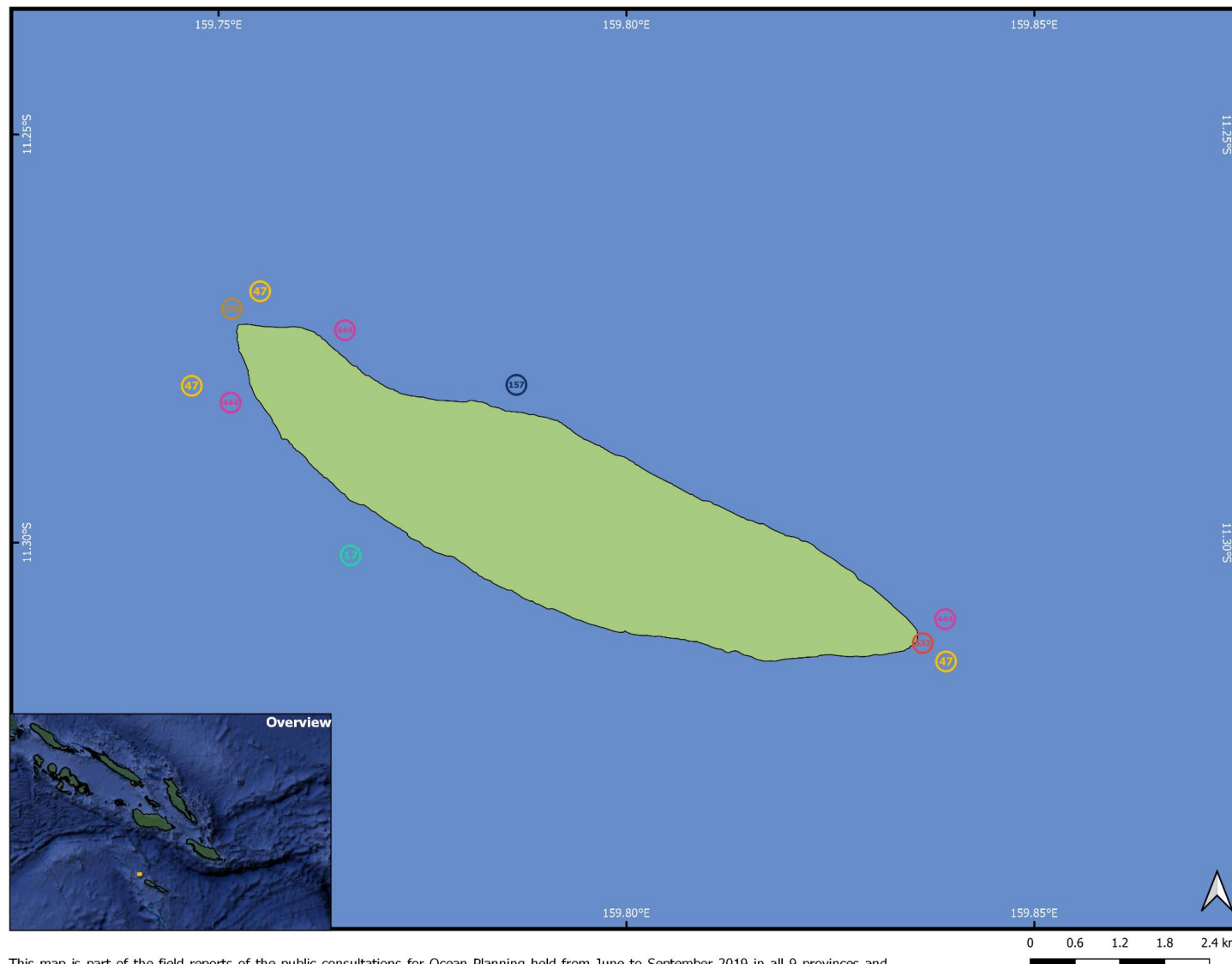
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## Ocean Planning Consultations 2019 - Rennell and Bellona Province (Bellona) - Proposed Activities - coastal



Theme	No	Activity
Aquaculture	17	Farming (linked to infrastructures, conse
Conservation and Re	47	Conservation area (linked to tourism site
Fisheries	157	Commercial activity - fishing commercial
Infrastructure Devel	358	Infrastructures (wharf, jetty etc)
Marine Tourism	444	Tourism - surfing
Maritime Transport	532	Beacon



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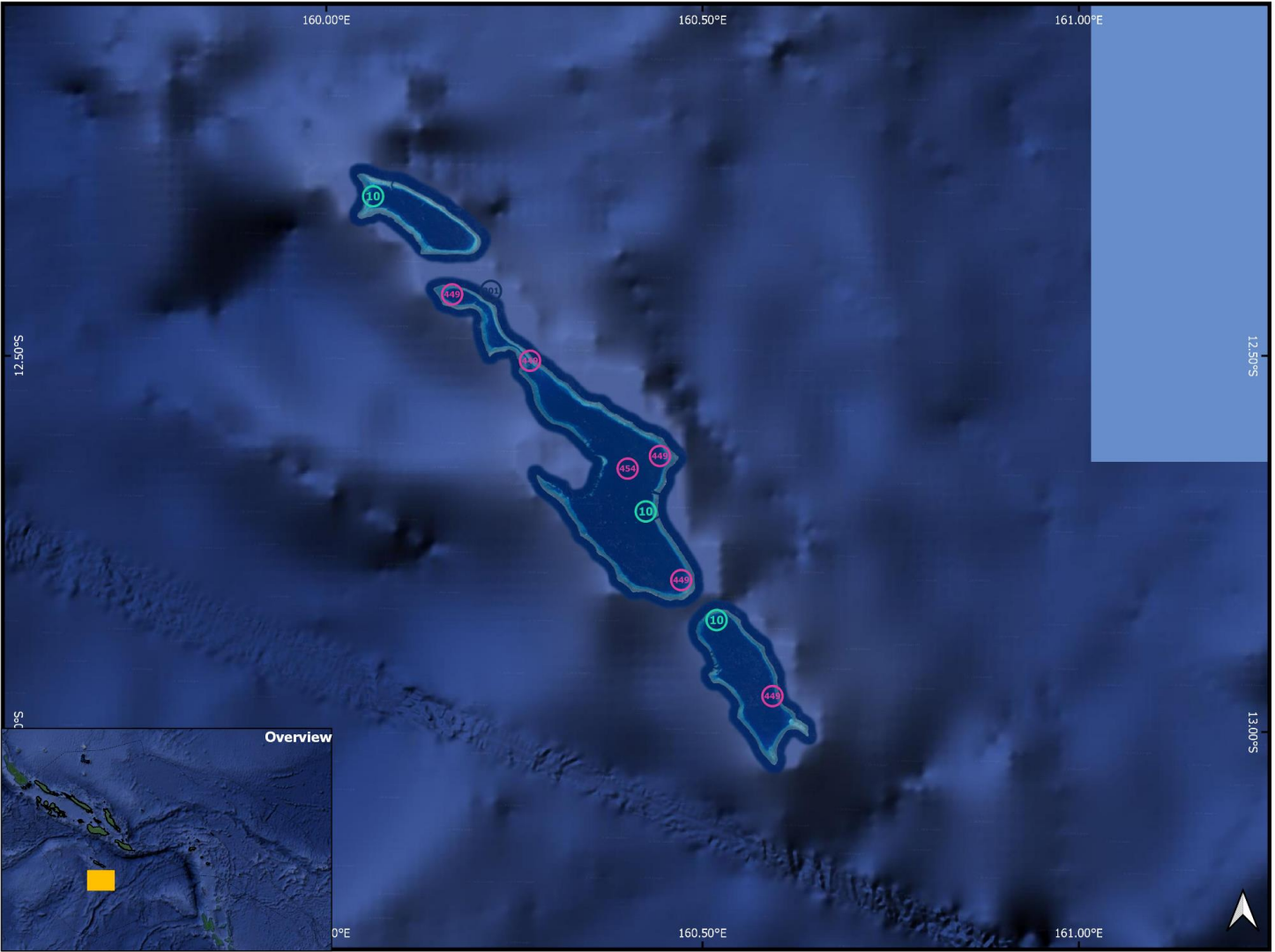
Aquaculture

Fisheries

Marine Tourism

Exclusive Economic Zone

Theme	No	Activity
Aquaculture	10	Clamshell and seaweed farming
Fisheries	201	Fishing camp - Fishing center - offshore
Marine Tourism	449	Tourism and yacht
Marine Tourism	454	Tourism site



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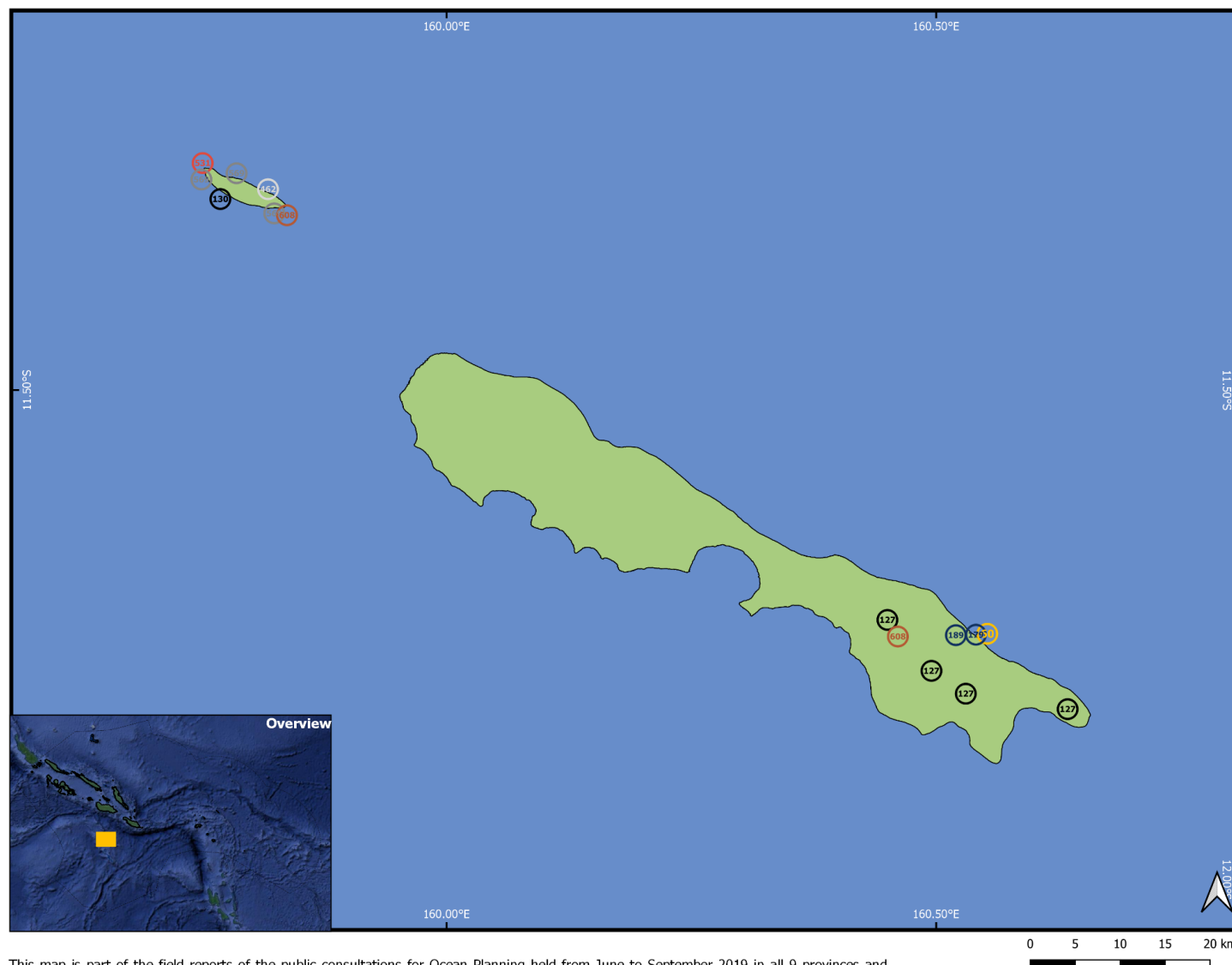
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## Ocean Planning Consultations 2019 - Rennell and Bellona Province (Rennell and Bellona) - Unwanted Activities - coastal



Theme	No	Activity
Conservation and Resource Management	60	Control gill net use
Extractive Industry	127	Mining
Extractive Industry	130	Mining activity
Fisheries	179	Diving at breeding sites
Fisheries	189	Eel fish harvesting at breeding sites
Maritime Security	462	Certain fishing methods - traditional/ fish
Maritime Transport	531	Anchorage (linked to infrastructures - av
Relics and Wreckage	569	Wreckage
Waste Management/ Marine Pollution Control	608	Pollution



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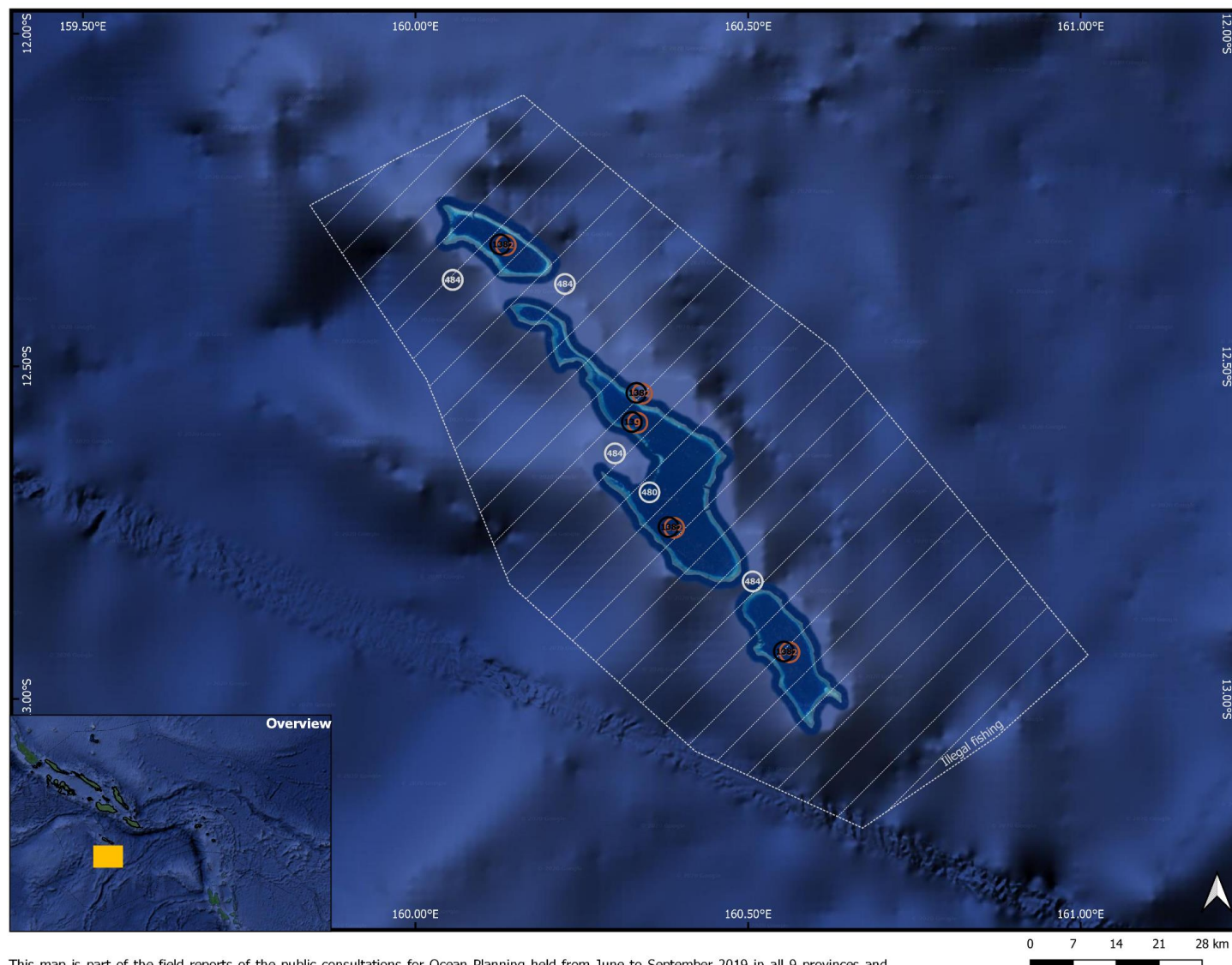




## Ocean Planning Consultations 2019 - Rennell and Bellona Province (Indispensable Reef) - Unwanted Activities - coastal

Legend		
	Extractive Industry	
	Maritime Security	
	Waste Management/ Marine Pollution Control	
	Maritime Security	
	Exclusive Economic Zone	

Theme	No	Activity
Extractive Industry	138	Seabed mining
Maritime Security	480	Illegal beche de mer harvesting
Maritime Security	484	Illegal fishing
Waste Management	9	Dump site
Waste Management	582	Dump site



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