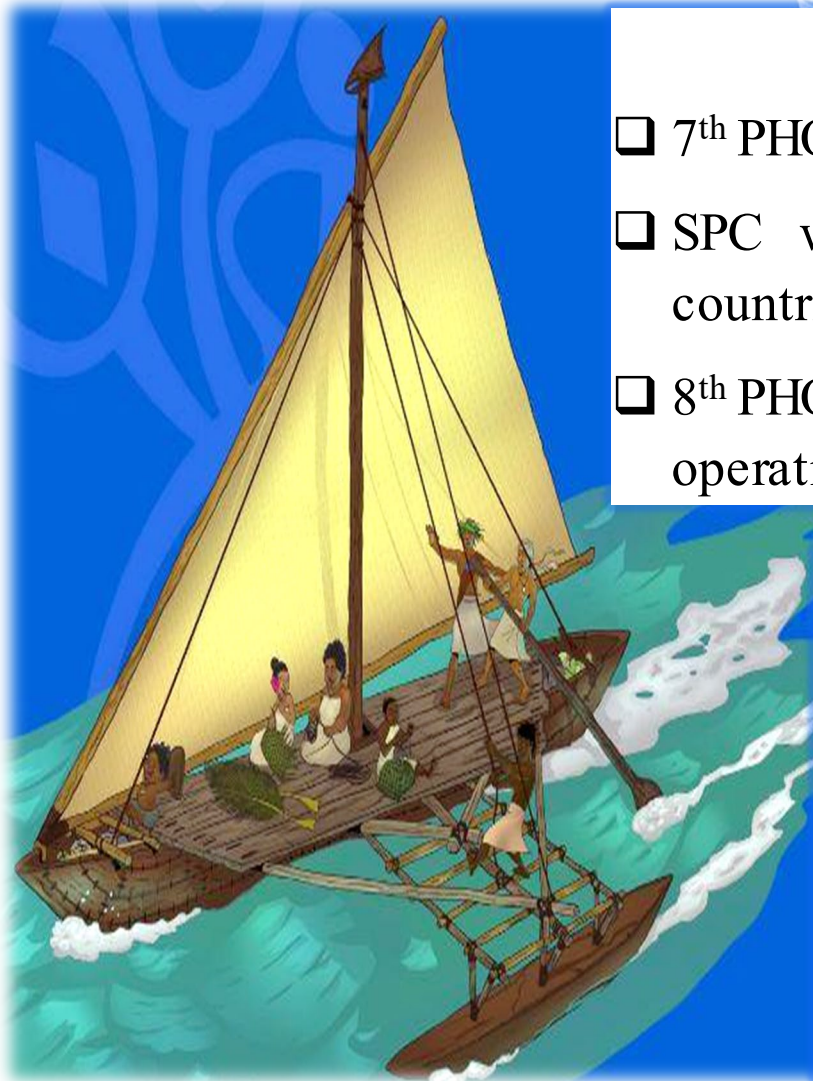


# An Overview of the Pacific Regional Research Collaborative Framework

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# Background of the Regional Research Agenda



## Regional Research Agenda Development

- ❑ 7<sup>th</sup> PHOAFS identified the need for an RRA in 2021.
- ❑ SPC with ACIAR funding held consultations with member countries and developed the RRA.
- ❑ 8<sup>th</sup> PHOAFS in March 2023 endorsed the RRA for operationalisation.

## Vision

“Identifies common forestry and agriculture development challenges in the Pacific Region, establishes research partnerships, and defines research strategies to overcome these challenges. The RRA brings decision-making, leadership, and planning into an inclusive Pacific process”

# The Regional Research Agenda Framework

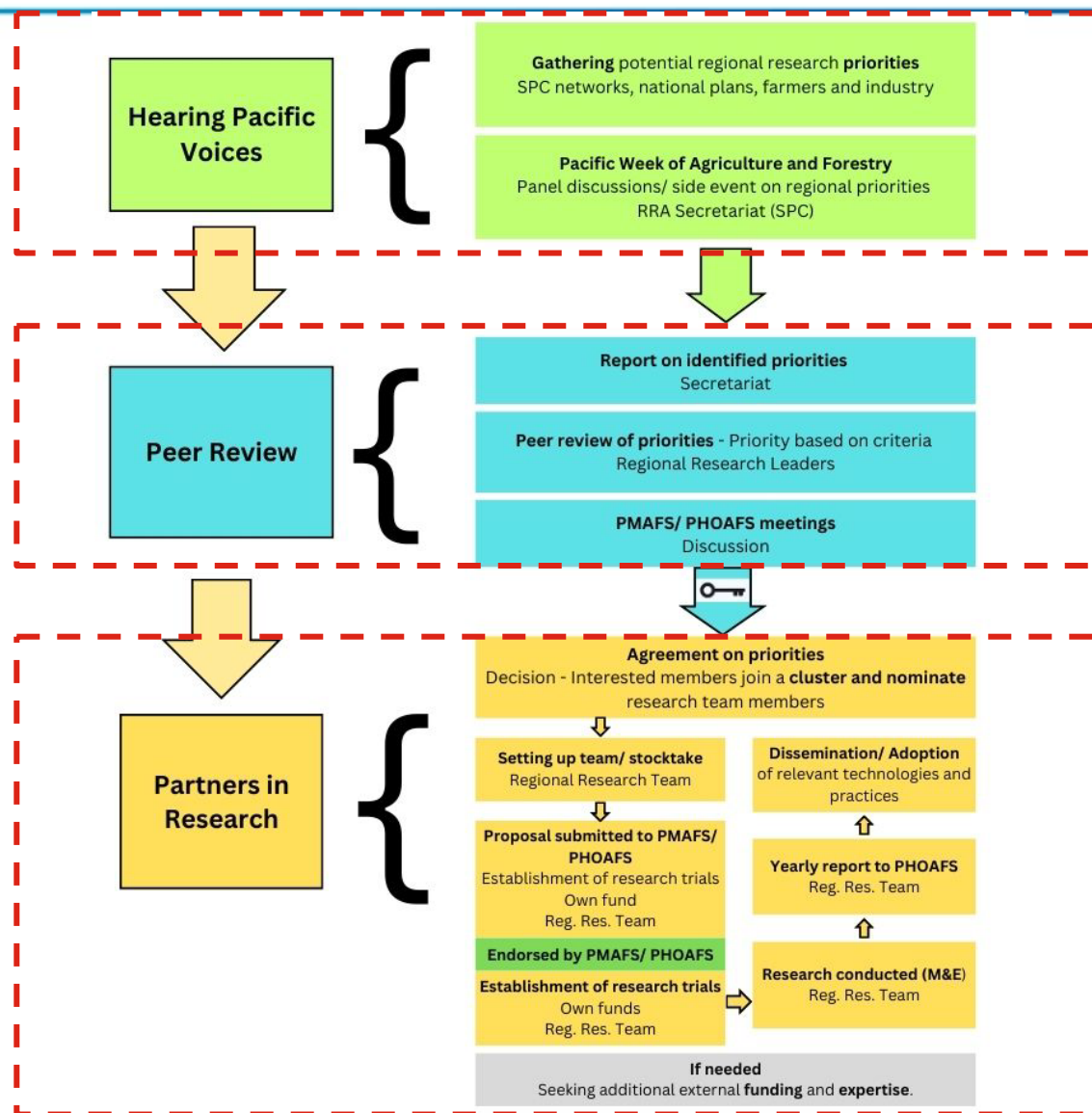


Figure 1: Regional Research Agenda Framework (Source: SPC, 2022)

# Hearing Pacific Voices

- Main objective was to identify the best way to gather researchable priorities from member countries.
- An extensive review was undertaken of meeting outcomes from SPC Networks and Agriculture and Forestry Plans.
- 12 Regional Research Themes and 49 researchable priorities were identified.

## Lesson learned

- Not all voices were heard and a platform to allow the voices to be heard was needed.



Figure 2: Existing and active networks within LRD



# Peer Review

- The Peer Reviewers went through the list of priorities and identified the Theme: Climate-resilient crops and Priority: Promote crops that are climate resilient as the main one to focus the testing of the final component.
- Considerations given to the timeframe for trialing the research.

## Lesson learned

- Not all countries were able to send in representatives to be part of the Peer Reviewers.
- Limited publications available to inform the literature review for the highlighted priority.
- General lack of research documented from the Pacific Islands.

## Cook Islands pushes for climate-resistant crops research

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# Partners in Research

- Trialling of the final component has progressed.
- Five countries (Cook Islands, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Nauru, PNG, Tonga) have volunteered to be part of the testing process.
- The research concept focuses on identifying and promoting crops that are climate-resilient.
- Specifically, the regional research will focus on farmers and their challenges in relation to climate change.

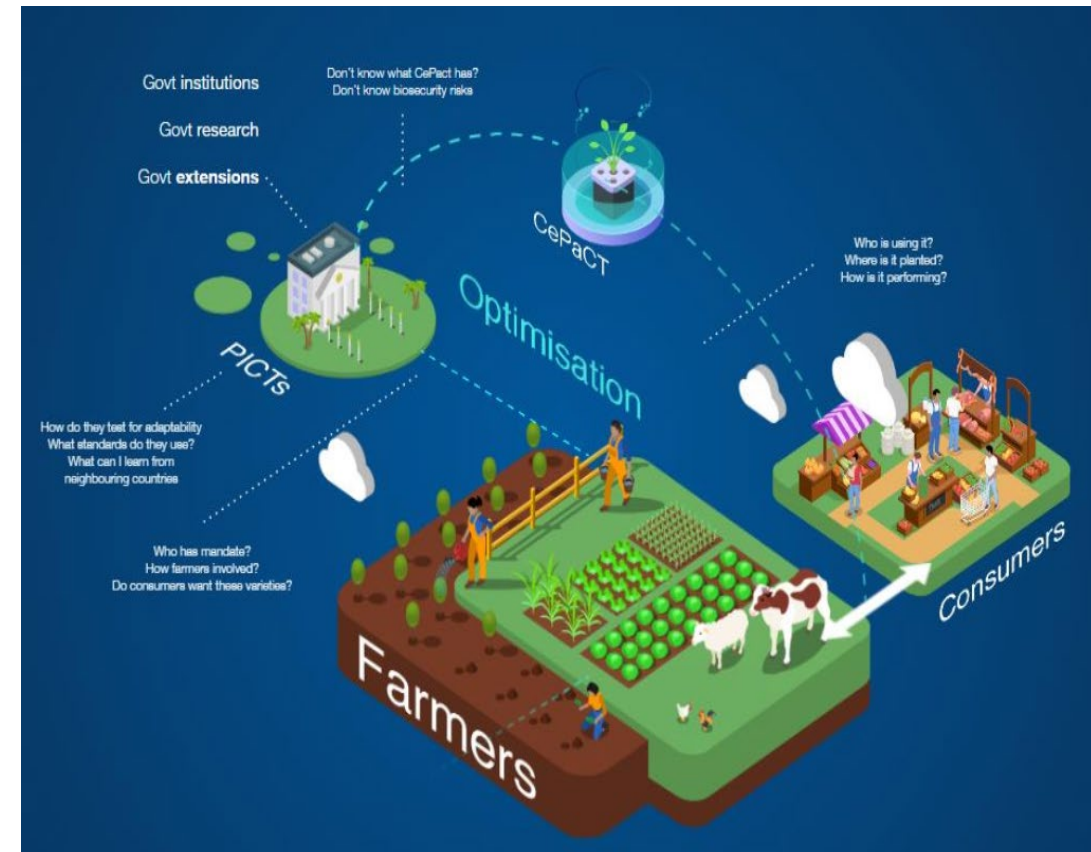


Figure 4: Regional Research



# Opportunities for collaboration

- Panel discussion at PWAFF to “Hear Pacific Voices” and define priorities.
- Biennial conference on regional agriculture and forestry research.
- Opportunities for young scientists to foster collaboration in agriculture and forestry research.
- Write shops to encourage the consolidation of research from Pacific Island researchers.
- Establish a Regional Journal.





# Thank you for your attention



*Peer Reviewers at work*