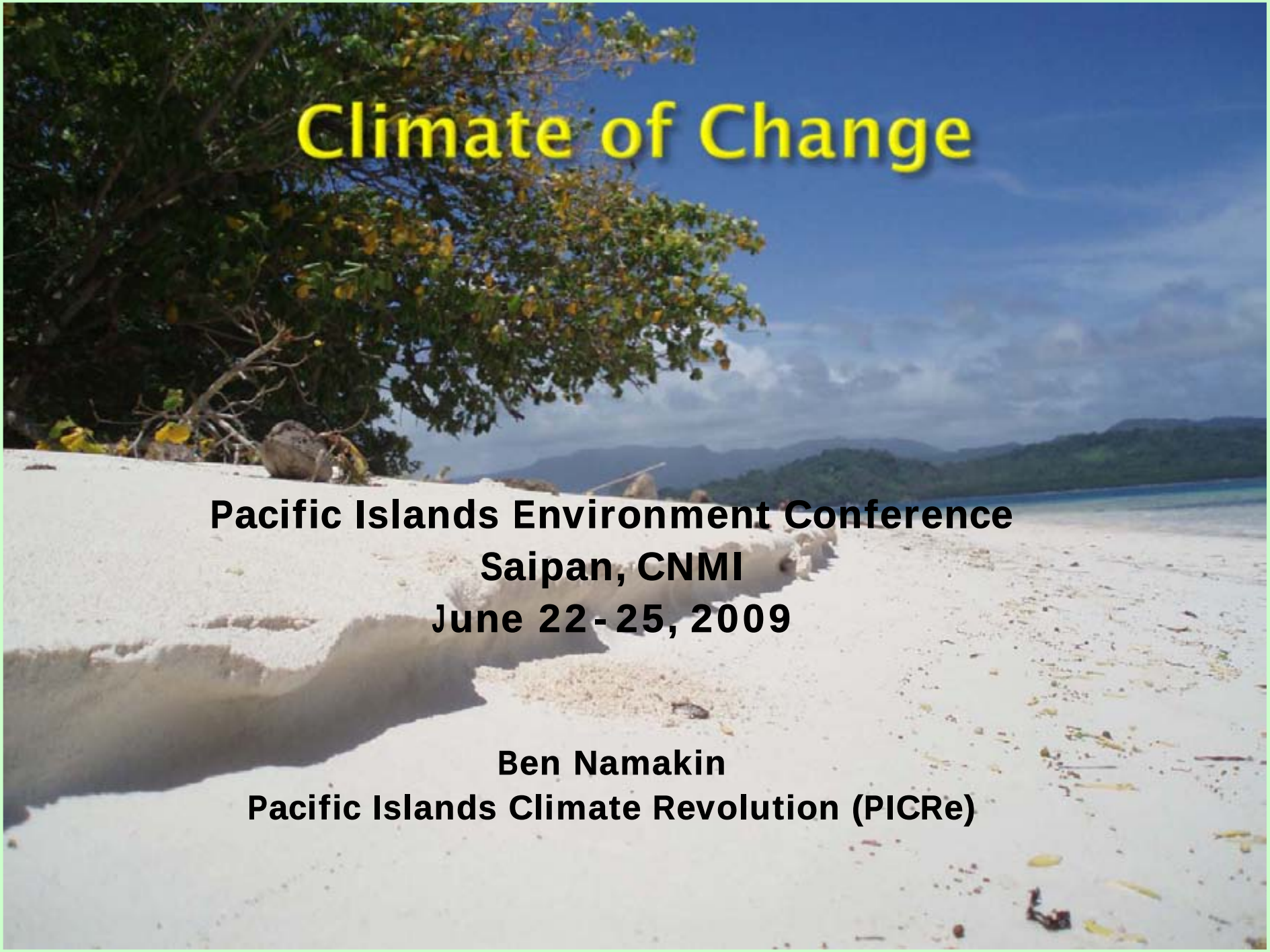

Climate of Change

Pacific Islands Environment Conference
Saipan, CNMI
June 22-25, 2009

Ben Namakin
Pacific Islands Climate Revolution (PICRe)

Effects of Climate Change:

- Sea Level Rise
- Sinking Islands
- Relocation of indigenous and local communities
- Increased Storm Intensity
- Coral Bleaching
- Ocean Acidification
- Loss of food and Marine Resources
- Salt Water Intrusion on Agriculture and groundwater
- Loss of Traditional Knowledge
- Changes in Biodiversity

Extra high tide floods road, funafuti, Tuvalu (Pacific Ocean) © 2005 Gary Braasch
Rising sea level documented by World View of Global Warming

Tuvaluan kids hang out as extra high tide floods neighborhood.
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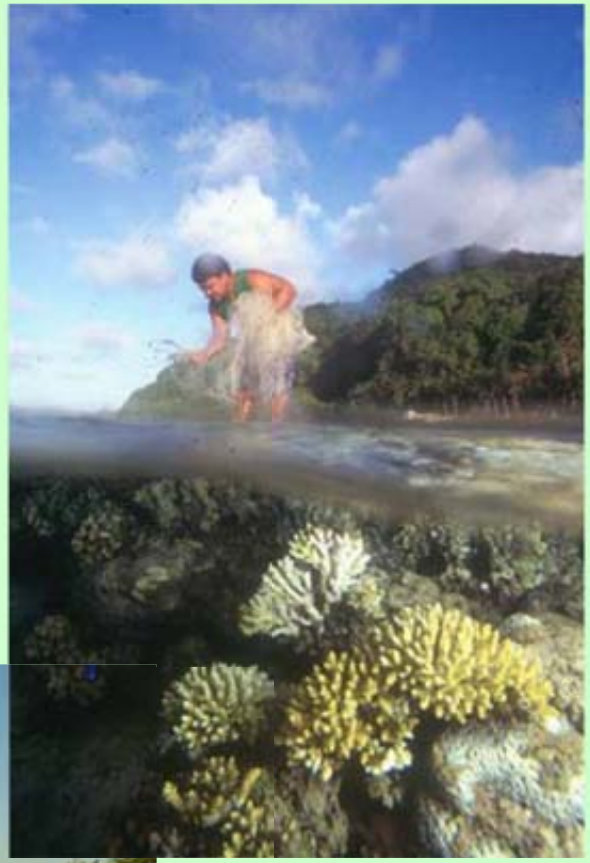

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Why should Pacific Islanders be very concerned??

- Limited land space
- Limited financial and human resources
- Our very existence lies upon sea and land resources – these natural resources are in the front of

We contribute less than 1% of greenhouse gas emissions, yet we are paying the price

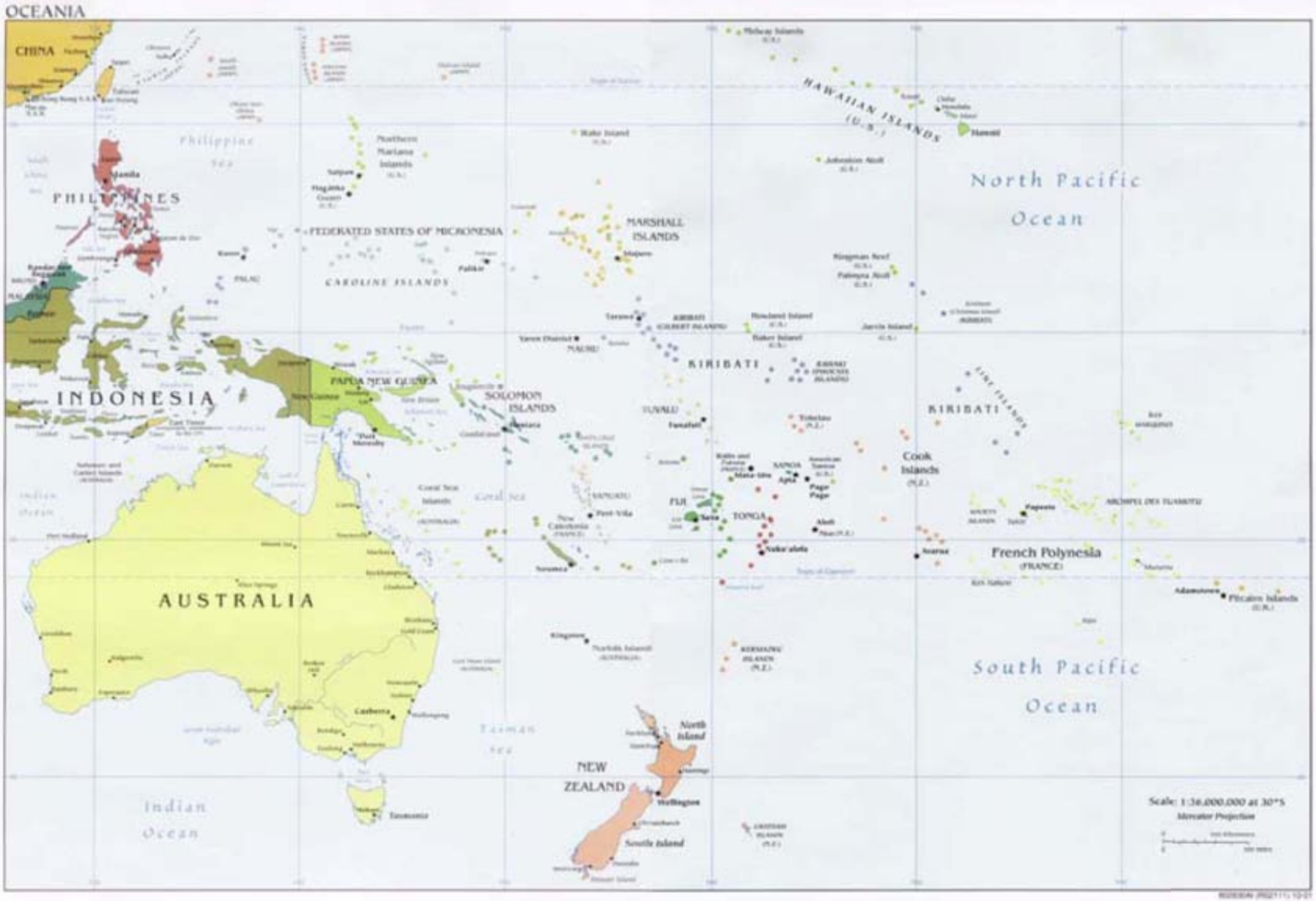
Pacific Island monthly
April/May 1989

The word 'goodbye' was already said to our one and only Pacific

What has been done?

Where will we go? What about the work we do in preserving our natural heritage?

Not only environmental, social and economical issue, it is also human rights issue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Advocating on the Issue?

Next steps

- Power-shift
- Pacific Youth Festival
- Hawaii Conservation Conference
- Pacific Islands Leaders Forum
- Pre-negotiations
- Copenhagen – push for Pacific positions and Anchorage declaration
- PICRe will continue to look for funding to help youth's climate change project

- This is about PICRe – need support
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