



*In the very beginning  
A very long time ago  
You emerged Oh spiritual land of my ancestors  
The chosen passage in a land above  
The chosen passage of a land below  
My precious homeland (Cook Islands)  
The chosen passage dangling (Aotearoa)  
The chosen passage of the dolphin (Hawaii)  
And ancestral homes far away  
Breath of Life*



# Collaboration across the Pacific

National waste audits: Cook Islands + Fiji

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*Kei ō tātou ringaringa te anamata - The future is in our hands.*



# What will we cover?

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What are the national waste audits?



SWOT analysis



Learnings



National waste audit outcomes & key takeaways



# Pacific snapshot | Te Moana Nui o Kiwa

Micronesia, Polynesia,  
Melanesia

21 nations

5,000 volcanic islands + atolls

33 million km<sup>2</sup> ocean



# What are the national waste audits?

*In-country supervision in the Cook Islands*



2 Islands

146 Household samples and interviews

53 Business samples and interviews

100 Stockpile assessments

95 Landfill audits



# What are the national waste audits?

## *In-country supervision in the Cook Islands*

Household and Business Waste Sample Collection

**Pacific Waste Survey**

**Household and Business Waste Sample Collection**

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This form is to be used for both the household and business plastic bag collections. Pacific Waste Audit survey v1.5 - Project 1013726.

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Rarotonga & Aitutaki, Cook Islands  
Source: TKHE, Aug 2020



# What are the national waste audits?

*Remote supervision in Fiji*



2 Locations

104 Household samples and interviews

14 Business samples and interviews

6 Stockpile assessments

263 Landfill audits

# SWOT Analysis

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Mārohirohi

Strengths



Māuiui

Weaknesses



Kōwhiringa

Opportunities



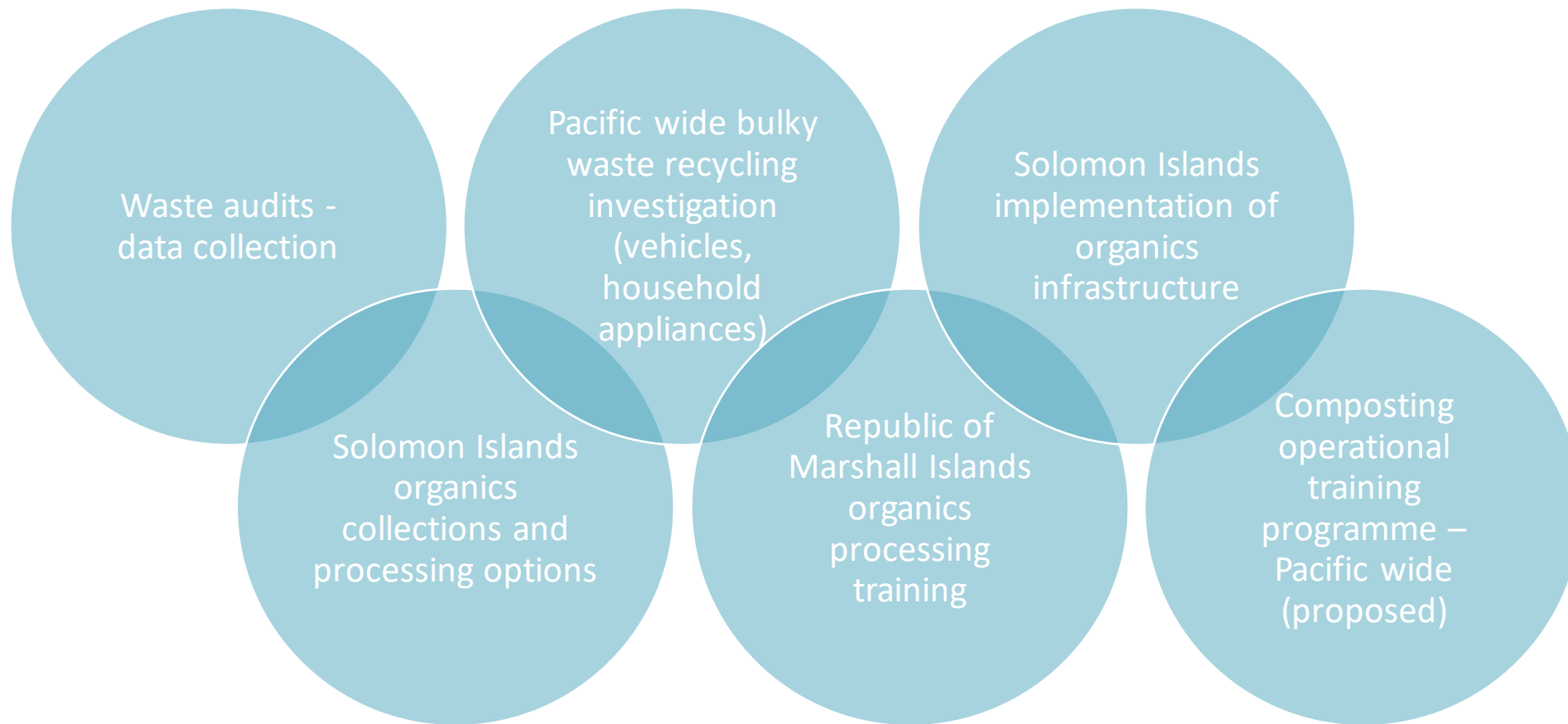
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Threats



# From audits to implementation

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## Key takeaways

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### Strengthen collaboration

- Establish formal partnerships
- Create platforms for regular dialogue + information exchange
- Encourage joint decision-making

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### Scale up successful initiatives

- Replicate best practices in other Pacific island countries, including NZ/Aus
- Utilise technology for data sharing

3

### Mobilise financial resources

- Actively seek financial support - international organisations, donors, private sector entities
- Explore financing mechanisms (PPPs)

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### Value in resources

- Draw on traditional practices + resourcefulness passed down through generations
- Encourage knowledge exchange + capacity building



# Questions



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