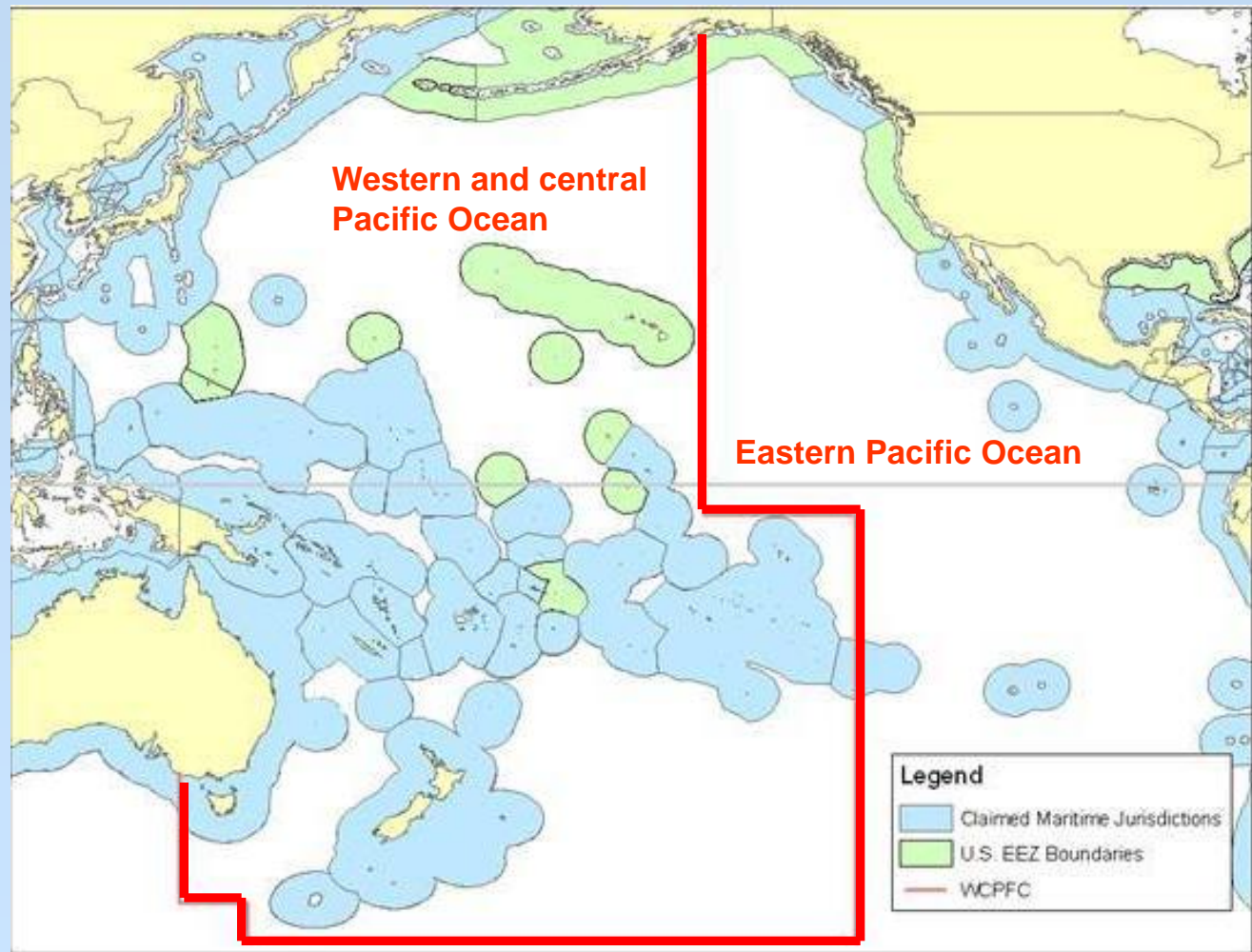


Maritime surveillance

**Cooperation between Australia, France
and New Zealand to protect and
oversee activities in the Pacific Ocean**



Regional environment



Regional environment : geo-strategic elements

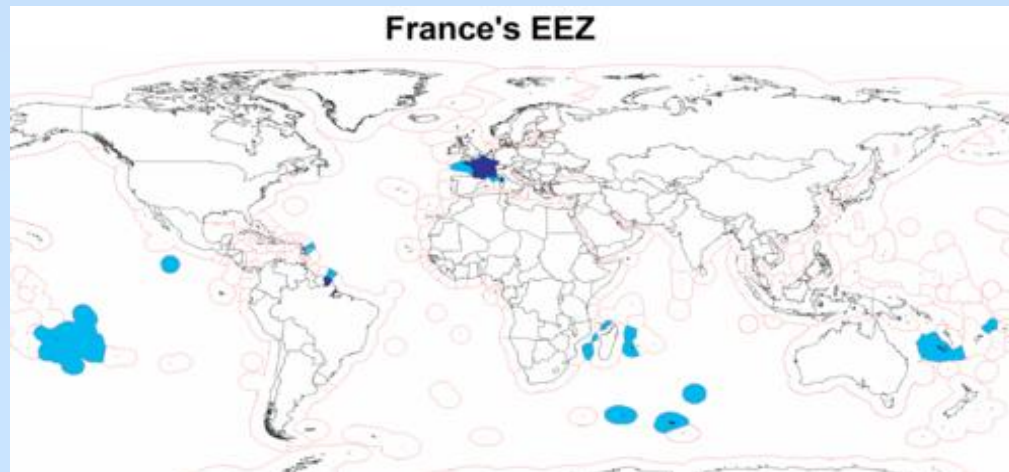
- USA-CHINA rivalry will prevail / intensify but economic and trade leadership will come from China / no precedent
- Liberalization of exchanges (FTA) will prove powerful for coastal states / attractiveness = clashes (illegals, fishing)
- Control of the Ocean is a matter for a small number of countries (4) peripheral except one (France), huge EEZs implied

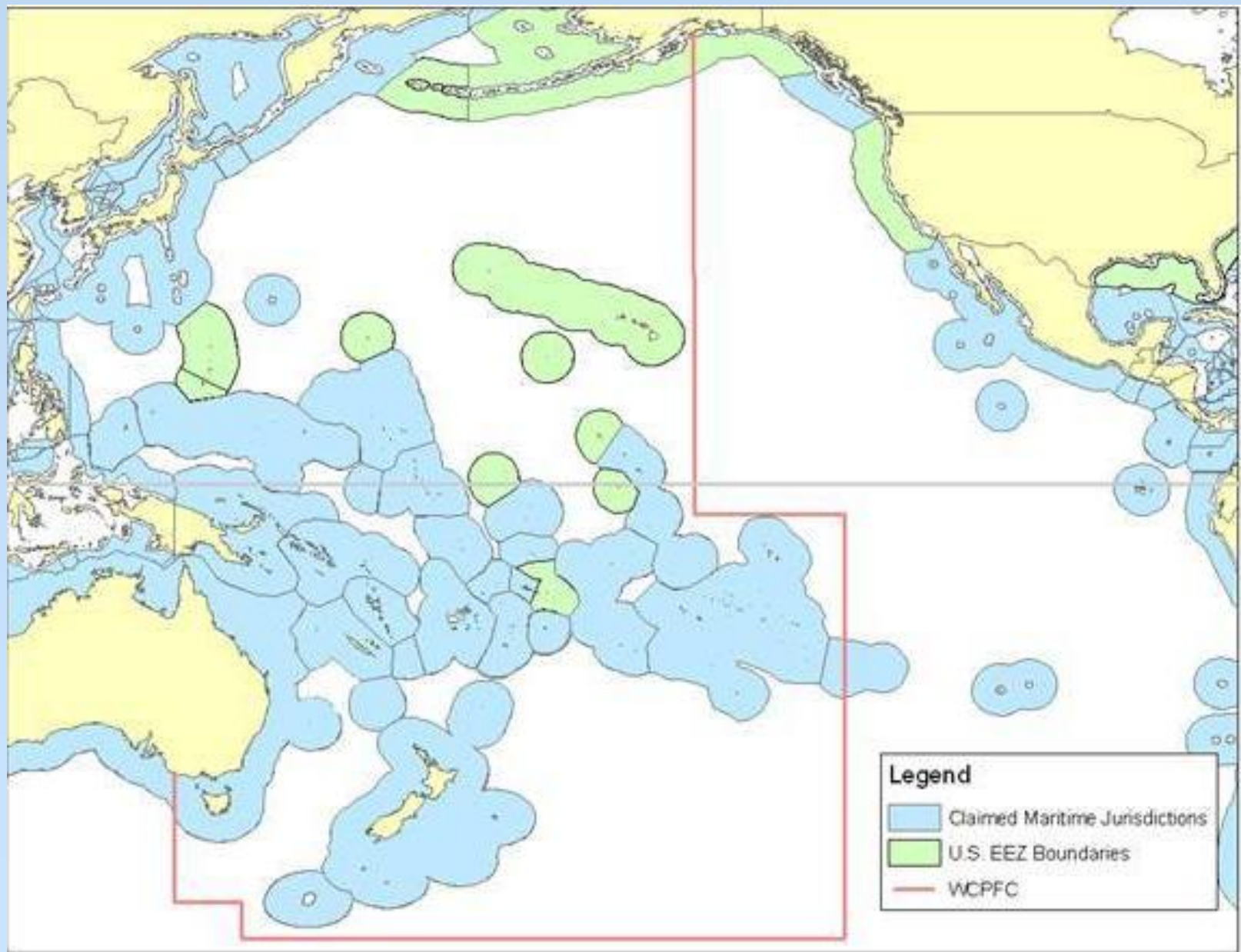
Why is cooperation important for France in the Pacific ?

Second largest EEZ in the Pacific (after New-Zealand), i.e. 6 863 000km² = 67% French EEZ.

3rd Océania Summit 2009 Nouméa : political commitment to protection and surveillance (PACPOL, SRIMP-PAC, PACPLAN with SPREP)

Competences shared (TOM-NC / UE)





At stake : people and fish

12 million people 15 states + US and French Territories

48 million tons of catch in the Pacific Ocean region (all species combined), i.e.: **60%** total world catch

Tuna fishing = **72% of global tuna fishing**: a vast majority in waters under the sovereignty of a coastal state.



Legal framework



Cooperation obligations among coastal and fishing States under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982), and the UN Straddling Fish Stocks Agreement (1995)

Cooperation choices among States and/or regional organisations :

- political : SPC (1947), FORUM (France in a special position)
- specialised : SPREP (1993) France through EU and 4 regional

4 Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO) monitor fisheries resources and activities:

- 2 tuna RFMOs: **WCPFC** (Western and Central Pacific) and **IATTC** (Eastern Pacific)
- 2 non tuna RFMOs: **NPRFMO** (Northern Pacific) and **SPRFMO** (Southern Pacific)

France is part of all, Northern excepted



Commitments in fisheries governance

Strengthening fisheries surveillance:

- An effective deterrence at international level
- A big effect with small numbers (New Cal)

Improving efficiency within WCPFC

- *Regional VMS,*
- *High Seas Boarding and Inspection International Scheme,*
- *Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area*

MAIN ISSUES

- **Results** : frameworks, practices, networks
- **Cost effectiveness ?**
- **What for a better coherence ?**
 - develop coordination through training operations (DEVFISH II with EU funding, KUKURU 2012, Croix du Sud 2012, Southern Katipo 2013,
 - adopt common objectives (declaration FIP August 2012)
 - include new partners ?

MORE QUESTIONS ?



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