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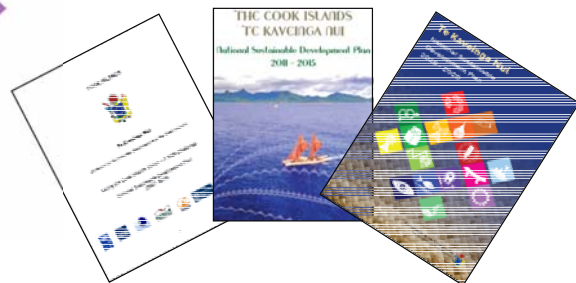
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# 2020 National vision



To enjoy the highest quality of life  
consistent with the aspirations  
of our people, and in harmony  
with our culture and  
environment



# Sustainable Development Policy Priorities

16 Sustainable development goals, 8 of these are concentrated on compacting and improving environmental issues in the Cook Islands.

- 1 Improve welfare, reduce inequity and economic hardship
- 2 Expand economic opportunities, improve economic resilience and productive employment to ensure decent work for all
- 3 Promote sustainable practices and effectively manage solid and hazardous waste
- 4 Sustainable management of water and sanitation
- 5 Build resilient infrastructure and Information Communication Technologies to improve our standard of living
- 6 Improve access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, modern energy and transport
- 7 Improve health and promote healthy lifestyles
- 8 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities
- 9 Accelerate gender equality, empower all women and girls, and advance the rights of youth, the elderly and disabled
- 10 Achieve food security and improved nutrition, and increase sustainable agriculture
- 11 Promote sustainable land use, management of terrestrial ecosystems, and protect biodiversity
- 12 Sustainable management of oceans, lagoons and marine resources
- 13 Strengthen resilience to combat the impacts of climate change and natural disasters
- 14 Preserve our heritage and history, protect our traditional knowledge, and develop our language, creative and cultural endeavours
- 15 Ensure a sustainable population engaged in development by Cook Islanders for Cook Islanders
- 16 Promote a peaceful and just society and practice good governance with transparency and accountability

# Policy Tools

There are currently NO specific policy tools set in place, in the Cook Islands and there is no clear indication that environmental-economic accounts had been identified as a statistical priority in the Cook Islands Strategy for the development of Statistics (CSDS) ten year plan.






# Institutions

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- Stakeholders in environment sustainable development and green economy policy:

- Ministry of Marine Resources
- Office of the Prime Minister (REDD and CCCI)
- Meteorological Office
- Ministry of Transport
- Cook Islands Seabed Minerals and Authority
- National Environment Service
- National Statistics Office
- Others




## The role of the National Statistics Office



The Cook Islands National Statistics Office, is responsible for collecting, analysing, evaluating and disseminating data. Although, developing an environmental-economics account for the Cook Islands is critical, “there is no real time data and information that recognises the value of the environment and its resources for our economy as well as effective risk management tools to support appropriate management systems.”




## Priorities

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- Current sources for energy:
    - ❖ Electricity, Gas and Water
      - Gas and water are NOT recorded in the compilation of GDP because it is not produced at any cost.
        - Example; Water is free and gas is bought from shop/stations which is then captured as Retailers
  - Possible sources:
    - ❖ Waste Management
    - ❖ Seabed Mining
    - ❖ Sanitation Data
    - ❖ Carbon Emissions

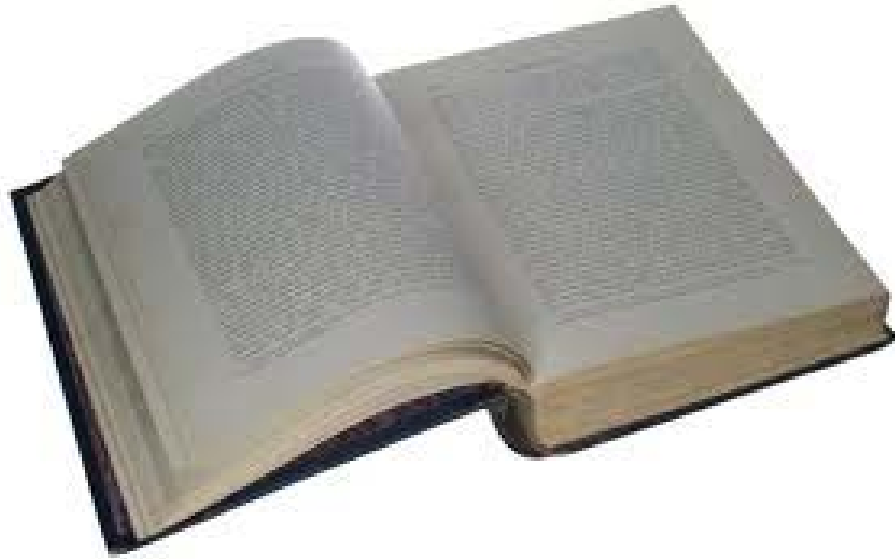


## Role Of the National Environment Service

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- Waste Stream
  - Compliance and Advisory
  - MOU
  - Existing data (fragmented) needs to be compiled
  - Policy, legislation
  - Etc



# Case Study: National Ozone Unit Physical Flow



## CHALLENGES





How do we overcome this...?





# EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER COUNTRY DRIVEN



Need One Direction





**Lessons Learned**  
recognize mistakes  
observe what works  
document them  
share them

**KIA ORANA, E KIA MANUIA**

