



Control and prevention of invasive alien species have been identified as one of the major environmental issues facing Pacific Island Countries, with strong links to sustainable development in the region, as recognised in the Action Strategy for Nature Conservation in the Pacific Islands Region 2003 – 2007 and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans throughout the Pacific region. However most of the action undertaken in the Pacific Islands relate to the terrestrial realm of invasive species.

The Pacific Islands and territories occupy more than 38 million square kilometres of the Pacific Ocean in their national waters and Exclusive Economic Zones. Less than 2% of the Pacific region is land and a significant part of the islands' economy relies on the use of the marine environment.

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