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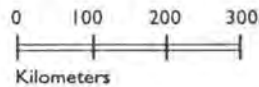
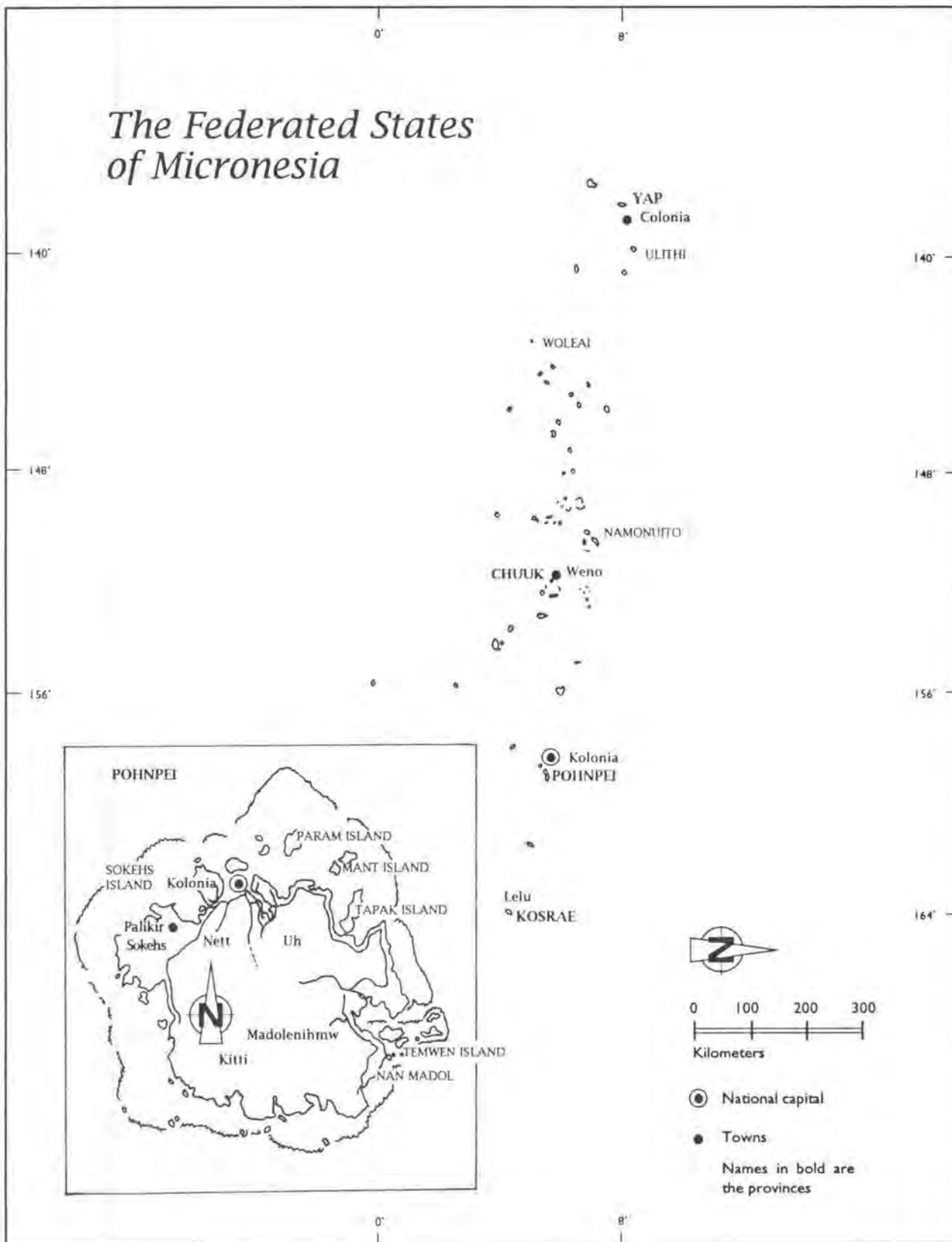
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● National capital

● Towns

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Foreword

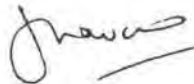
This document represents a concise report on the State of the Environment for the Federated States of Micronesia. It was prepared as a major element of the Regional Environment Technical Assistance (RETA) Project, one of the largest environmental projects implemented in the Pacific. The RETA Project has been made possible through the generous financial and technical assistance of the Asian Development Bank and the World Conservation Union. This assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

The main aim of the RETA Project is to develop Nationwide Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS) in a number of Pacific countries. The NEMS is a practical document which aims to identify the major environmental issues in the Federated States of Micronesia and the priority environmental programmes required to address them. The emphasis has been on ownership of the document by the Government and people of the FSM. The process which resulted in the preparation of the NEMS has involved many people and has been directed by a Presidential Task Force on Environmental Management and Sustainable Development, comprising relevant government and non government organizations.

The State of the Environment Report for the Federated States of Micronesia was a major background document for the preparation of the NEMS. It summarises the current state of knowledge about the environment in areas such as geology, vegetation, fauna and marine resources. It represents a comprehensive reference document which formed the major background paper to the Nationwide Environmental Seminar, held in Palikir in February, 1992. The preparation of this report has also provided an important vehicle for raising awareness at the state and national level of the importance of environmental issues and how they could be integrated into decision making processes.

I would like to play particular tribute to the work of Mike Gavel, the RETA Local Consultant for the Federated States of Micronesia, who prepared its State of the Environment Report. Its comprehensive nature is a tribute to his efforts.

SPREP looks forward to working with the Federated States of Micronesia and with other regional and international organisations in tackling the environmental issues identified in this State of the Environment Report.



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Preface

The need to protect the environment while ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources has been clearly recognized in the South Pacific. In response to this need, the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme established a Regional Environmental Technical Assistance (RETA) Project in 1990.

Using multi-year funding from the Asian Development Bank and the World Conservation Union, this RETA Project is assisting the FSM to develop its Nationwide Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS). The FSM Presidential Task Force on Environmental Management and Sustainable Development oversees production of this strategy. Under the direction of the Task Force and administration of the Department of Human Resources, this first State of the Environment Report for the Federated States of Micronesia has been produced to provide a basis for the preparation and approval of the Nationwide Environmental Management Strategy.

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