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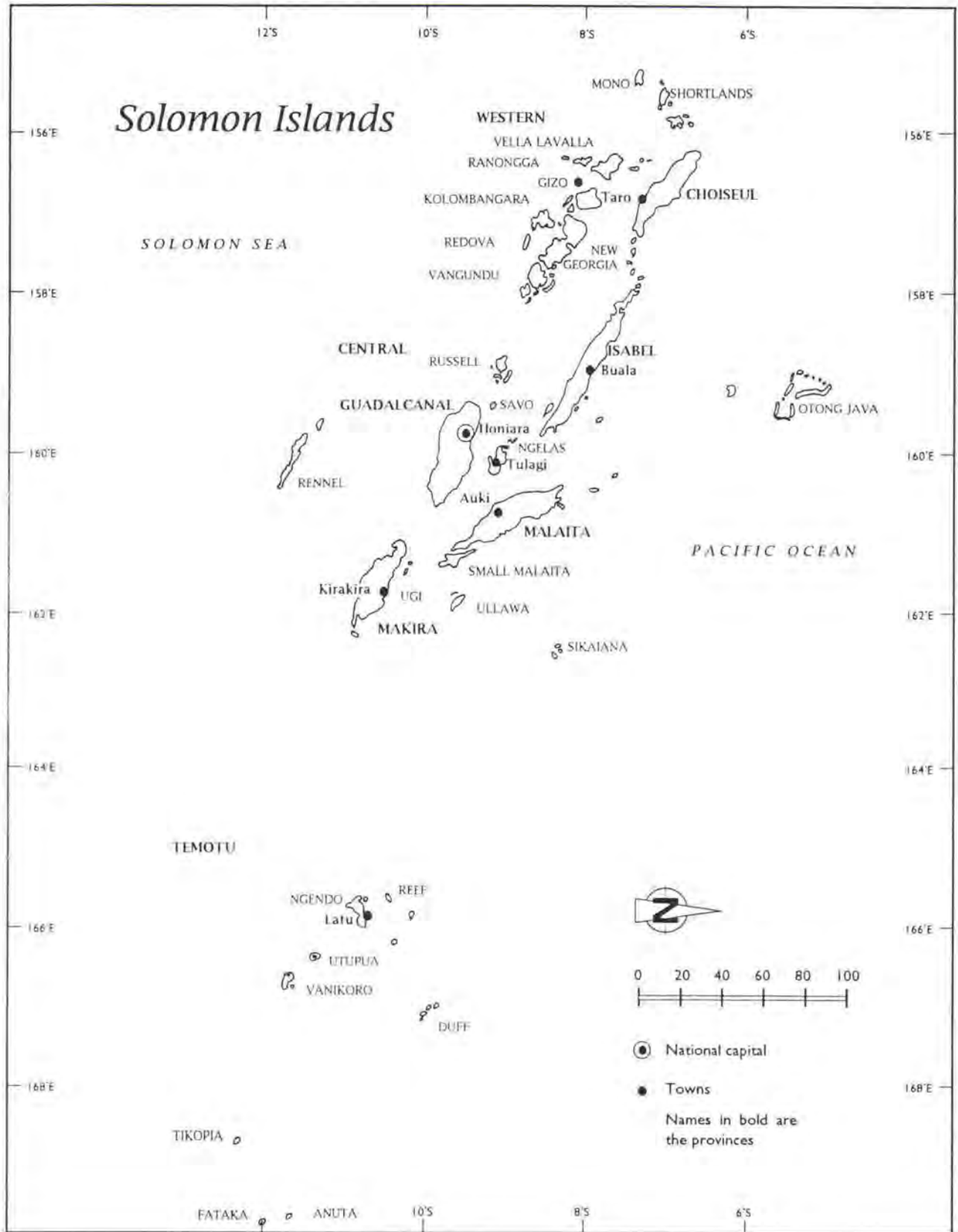
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## Foreword

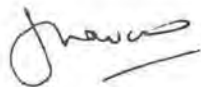
This document represents a concise report on the State of the Environment for Solomon Islands. It was prepared as a major element of the Regional Environment Technical Assistance (RETA) Project, one of the largest environmental projects implemented in the Pacific. The RETA Project has been made possible 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 National 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 Solomon Islands and the priority environmental programmes required to address them. The emphasis has been on ownership of the document by the Government and people of Solomon Islands. The process which has resulted in the preparation of the NEMS has involved many people and has been directed by a Task Force on Environmental Management and Sustainable Development, comprising relevant government and non-governmental organisations in Solomon Islands.

The State of the Environment Report for Solomon Islands was a major background document for the preparation of the NEMS. This report summarises the current state of knowledge about the environment of Solomon Islands in areas such as geology, vegetation, fauna and marine resources. It represents a comprehensive reference document which formed the major background paper to the National Environmental Seminar, held in Honiara in November 1991. 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 pay particular tribute to the work of Tanya Leary, the RETA Local Consultant for Solomon Islands, who prepared its State of the Environment Report. Its comprehensive nature is a tribute to her efforts.

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



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