

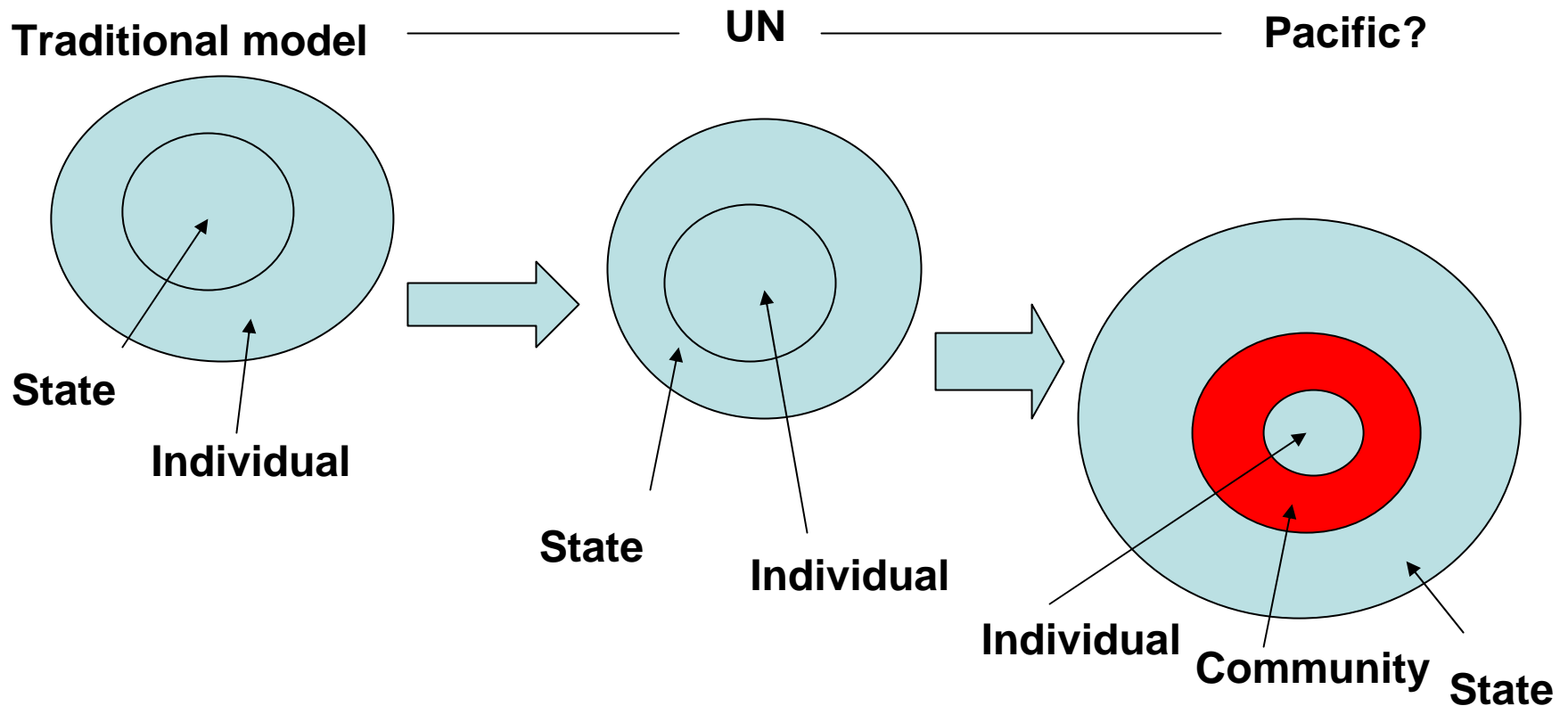
A tropical beach scene with palm trees and turquoise water. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

Human security in the Pacific: An overview

Human security

- Protection from threats to people's lives
- Threats: Political, physical, social, economic, cultural, psychological
- Common sources of threats: Conflict, poverty, inequality, bad governance, illiteracy, ill health, marginalization
- Different conceptualization of what is "threat" to their lives

Shifting models of human security



Narrow and broad perceptions

Narrow

- Civil war, genocide and displacement of populations

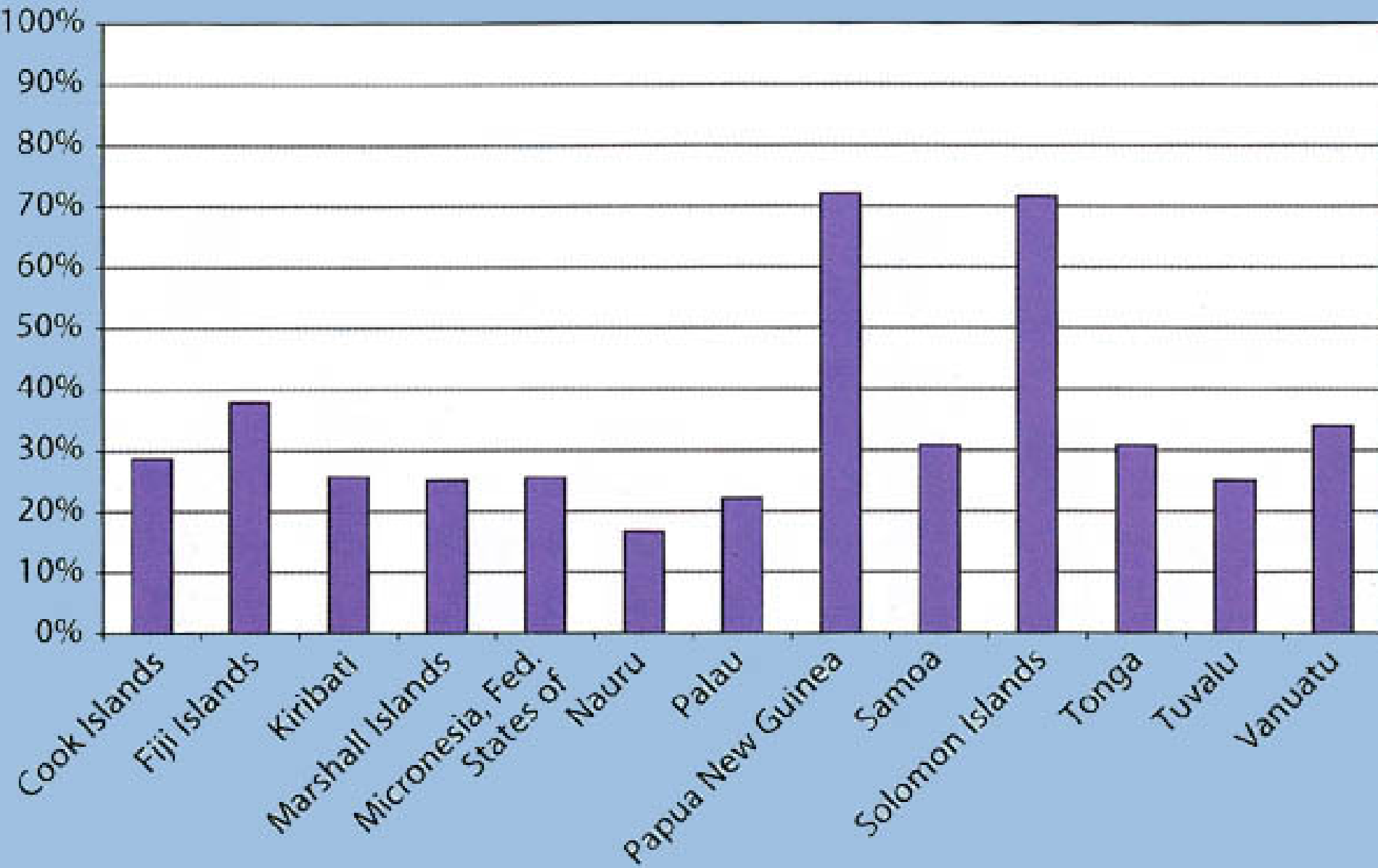
Broad (UN Commission on Human Security)

- Conflict, development, financial crisis, social protection, gender, environment, etc.
- Pacific Plan, PIF

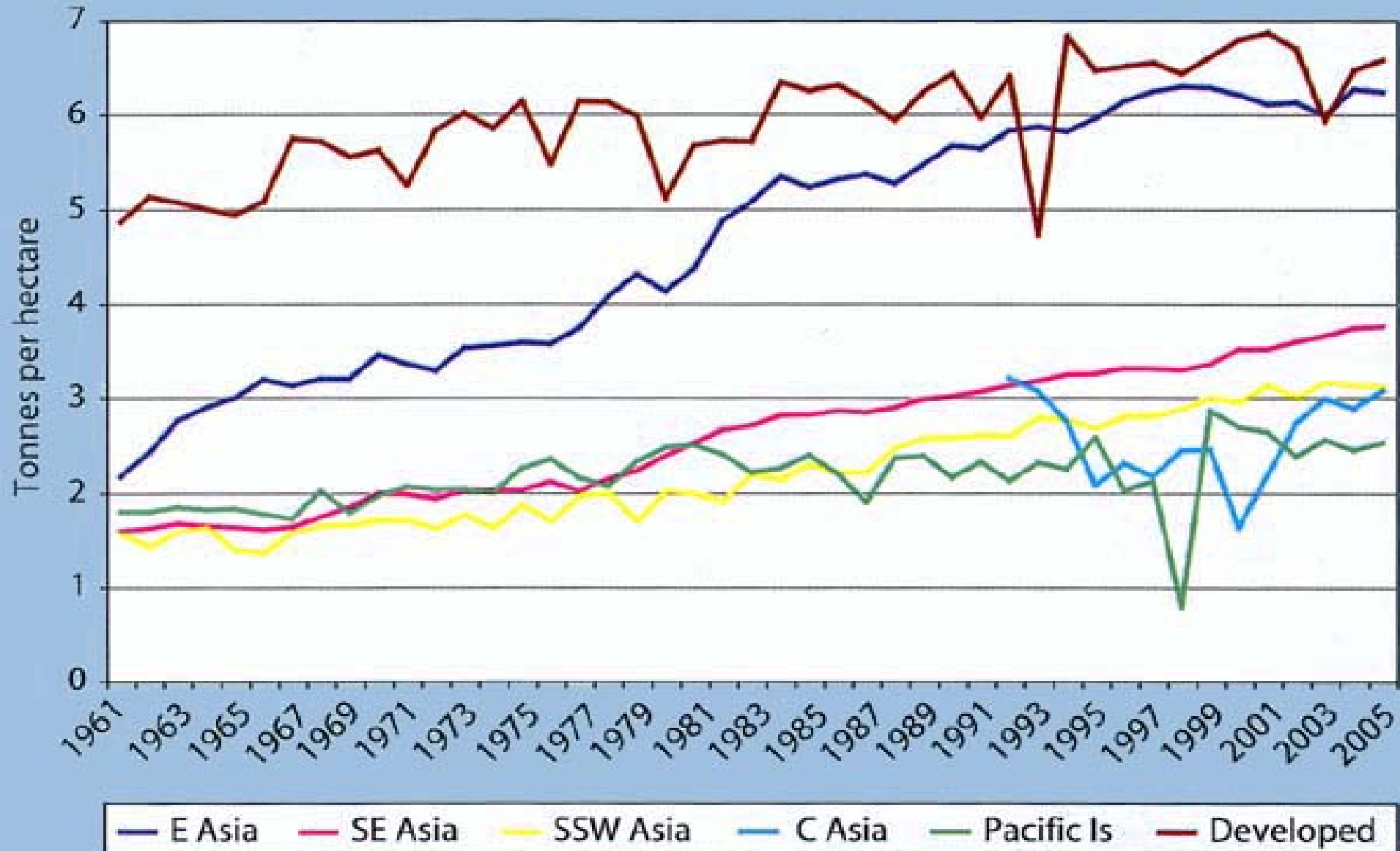
Human security policies in Pacific

- Lack of social security profile
- Disjointed, scattered
- Policy-making based on technical expertise and neo-liberal policies not on human security assessment

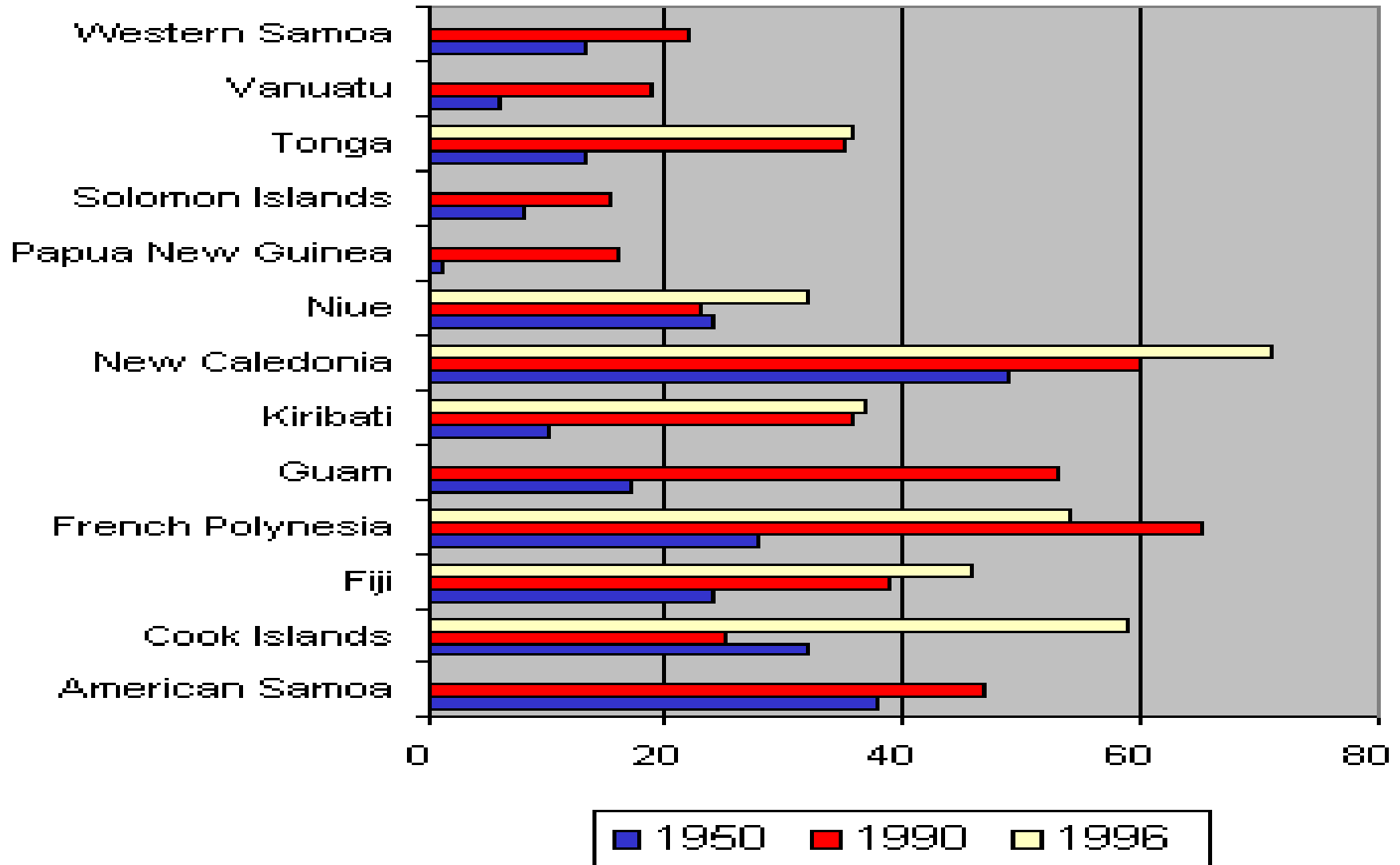
Food security:% of labour force in : agriculture



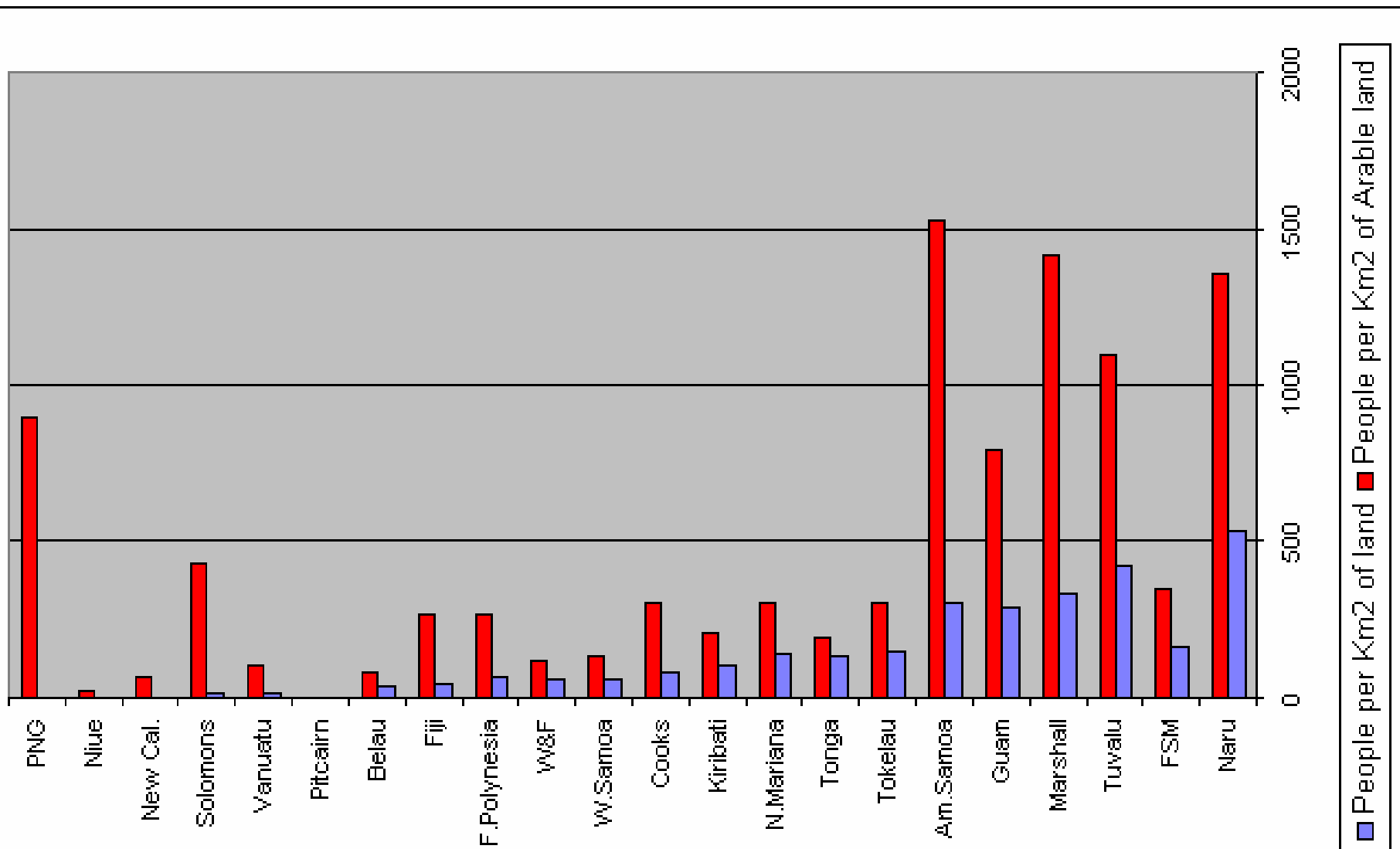
Rice yields per sub-region(1961-2005)



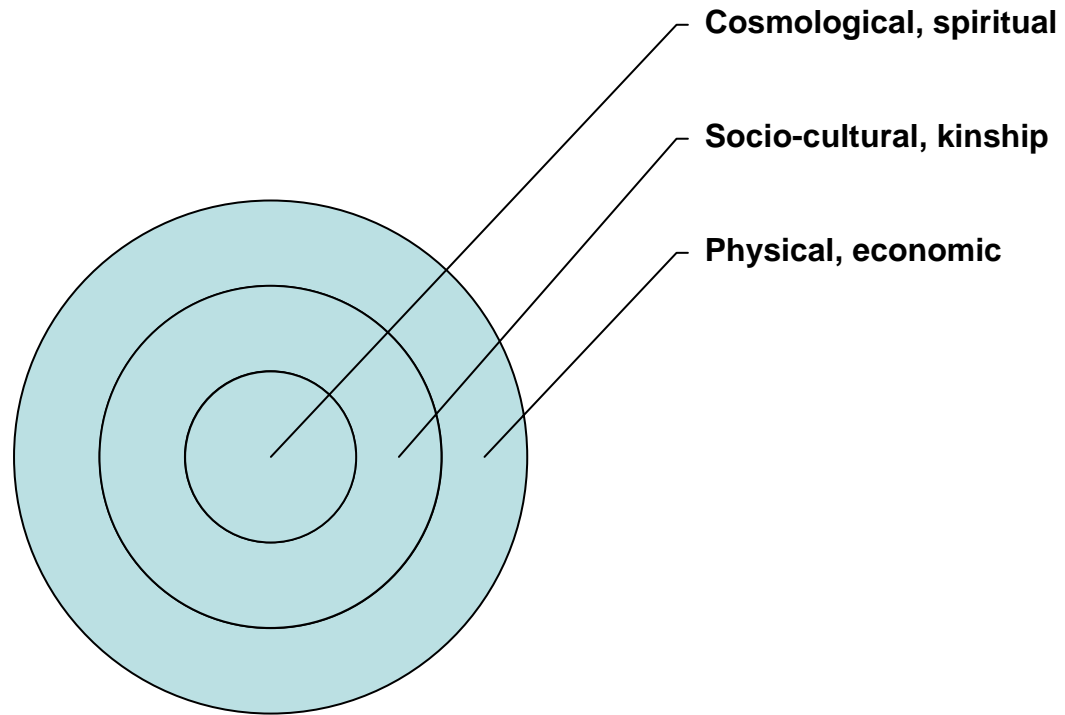
Social security: Urbanization trend- % of total population



Land security: People per km² of land



Dimensions of land security



Socio-economic security: Neo-liberal development policies

Process

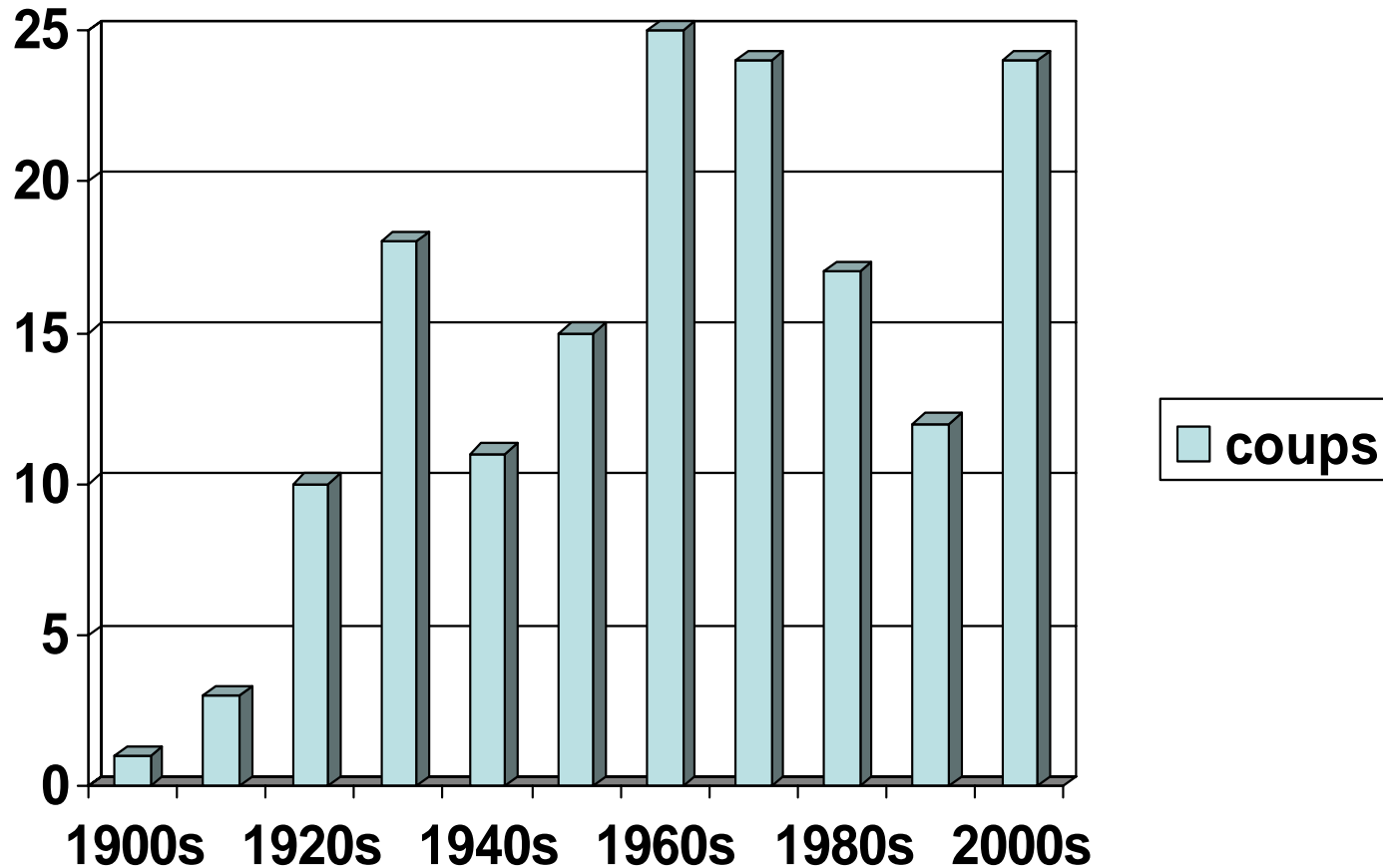
- Growth
- Free trade
- Competition
- Globalization
- Cultural hegemony
- “Good” governance

Some negative impact on Pacific human security

- Decrease in self-sufficiency
- Reduced job security
- Marginalization
- Conflict

Neo-liberalism and political security

1900s-1
1910s-3
1920s-10
1930s-18
1940s-11
1950s-15
1960s-25
1970s-24
1980s-17
1990s-12
2000s-24
Total 159



Environmental, health, military security

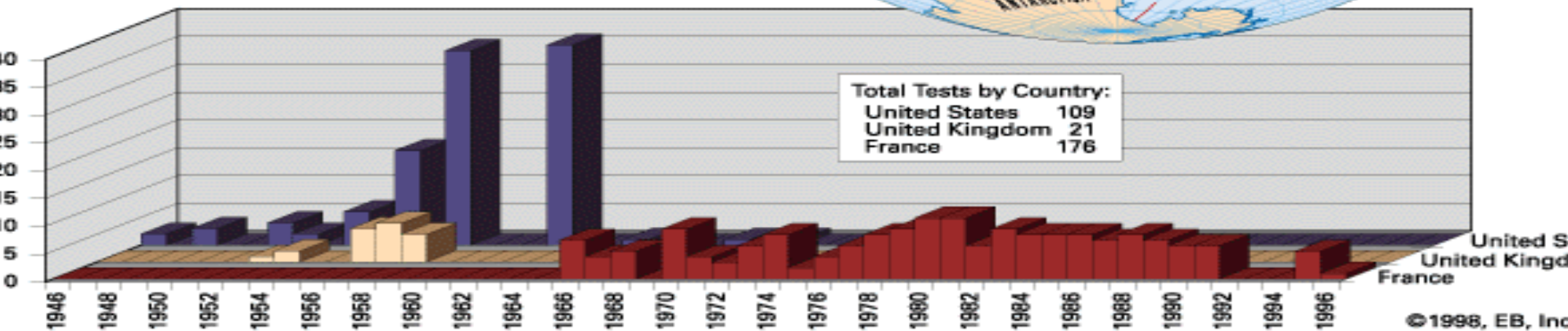
Pacific Nuclear Testing

Pacific Area Test Sites (Testing Party)

Pacific Area Test Sites (Testing Party)	Nuclear Tests Conducted at Site
Bikini Atoll, Marshall Is. (U.S.)	23
Enewetak Atoll, Marshall Is. (U.S.)	43
Christmas Island, Kiribati (U.S. and U.K.)	30
Johnston Island (U.S.)	12
Amchitka Island, Alaska (U.S.)	3
Monte Bello Islands, Australia (U.K.)	3
U Field, Australia (U.K.)	2
Mauldinga Test Range, Australia (U.K.)	7
Malden Island, Kiribati (U.K.)	3
Moruroa Atoll, French Polynesia (France)	114
Fangataufa Island, French Polynesia (France)	10
Other French Polynesia (France)	52
Other Pacific (U.S.)	4
TOTAL	306



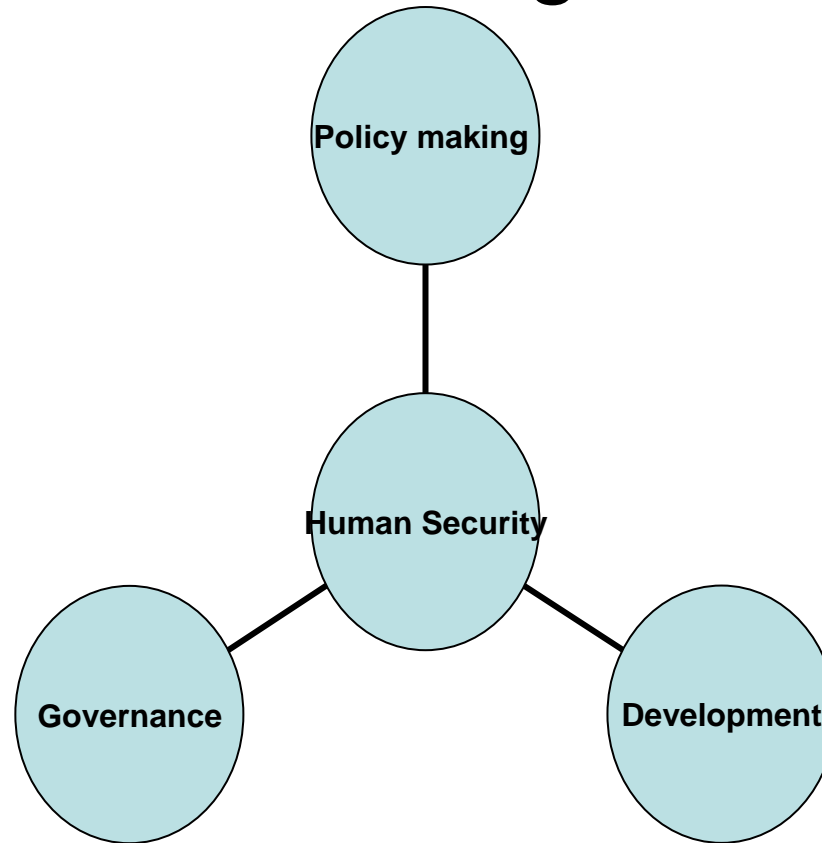
Pacific Nuclear Tests 1946 to 1996



The way forward

1. More consciousness raising and education about human security issues and how they affect Pacific people

2. Human security at the heart of governance and development policy making



4. PIF, national governments, CSOs and community groups to work together in identifying areas of priority and devise practical strategies for human security issues

5. Link human security to human rights, gender, peace-building, environment, indigenous knowledge systems and customary intellectual property rights



6. Encourage alternative and local initiatives, innovations and resources for self sufficiency, self-determination and community empowerment



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