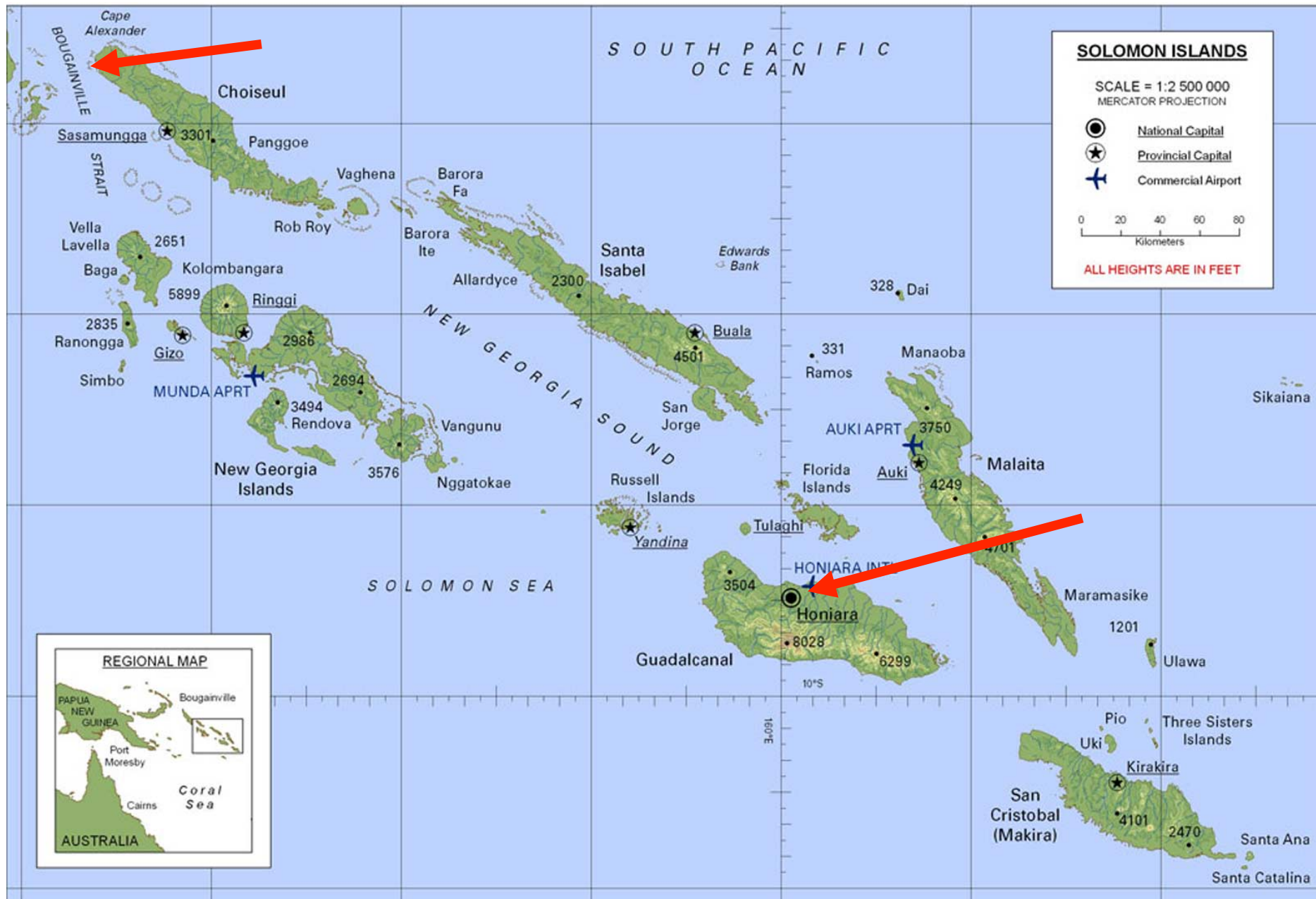


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Emerging Themes

- Cultural Deficit Thinking

- Marama Fox (former Maori Party MP)

- Maori viewed in deficit terms

- Cultural Deficit Thinking - two main forms

- As expressed in daily life - *Wantok* culture, Jealousy, dependency, 'Solomon style'
 - As expressed in CCA (Climate Change Adaptation) resilience discourse –

“The high dependence on subsistence gardens for food, and firewood for energy, and the lack of proper toilet facilities, make rural communities highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change...” (SPC/GIZ March 2015).



Audit and Contract Culture

Audit Culture

- *Rankings are a part of global movement that is redefining accountability, transparency, good governance and in term of quantitative measures....they diminish the salience of local knowledge and professional autonomy, they absorb vast resources and they insinuate and extend market logic (Sauder and Espeland 2009:80)*
- A focus on 'products' and 'processes'
- Proof of activity often more important than the outcomes



Contract culture

- Short Term Contracts
 - CCA Program staff/consultants creating an ongoing stream of work
 - Reluctance to speak out and deference to others, i.e National Government
- Trust and relationship
 - The Nature Conservancy in Choiseul Province

Perceptions of abundance

- Abundant resources can be commodified, leading to economic growth which creates resilience
 - Resources abundant beyond that of other countries.
 - “laziness” perceived barrier - links to previously mentioned cultural deficit
 - Logging diminishes abundance for future generations, yet largely not mentioned.
- “Water is massive so just put a bucket somewhere and you have everyday fresh water, more or less, or you have a river. Food is always growing. You even don’t have to take care of it, if you don’t want. You go to the forest or so and pick fruits, cassava is growing wild so you could survive for sure” - Max.

Framing the results

- What the research shows is there is an ongoing battle to accumulate what Bourdieu considers 'capital', particularly symbolic and economic capital. (i.e. signage and workshops)
- Foucault's concept of Governmentality is relevant with the assumption that expansion of bureaucratic processes will produce better outcomes.
- If transformative change is required to address climate change as suggested by Naomi Klein then are current approaches by climate change adaptation programs adequate.

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