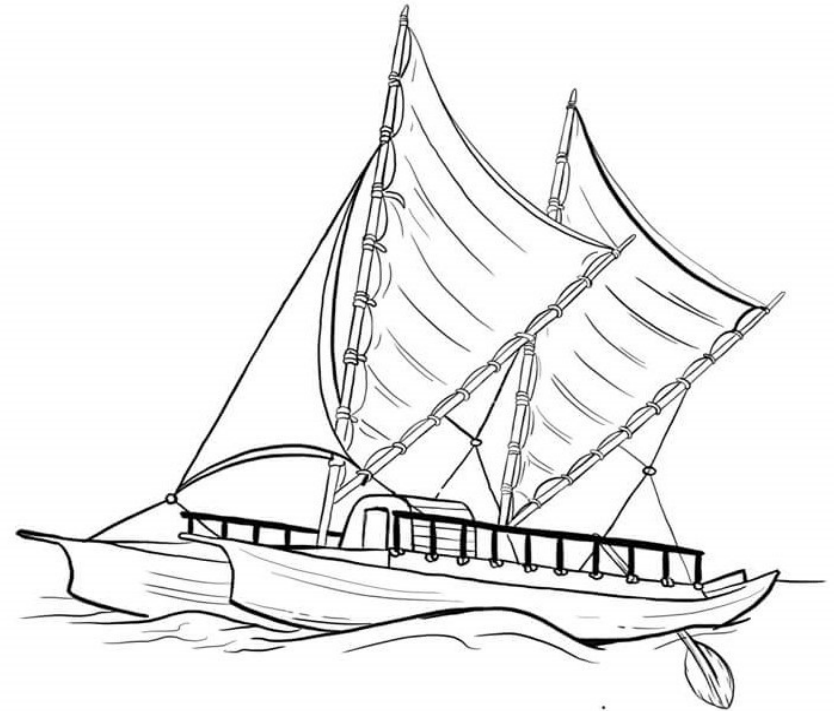


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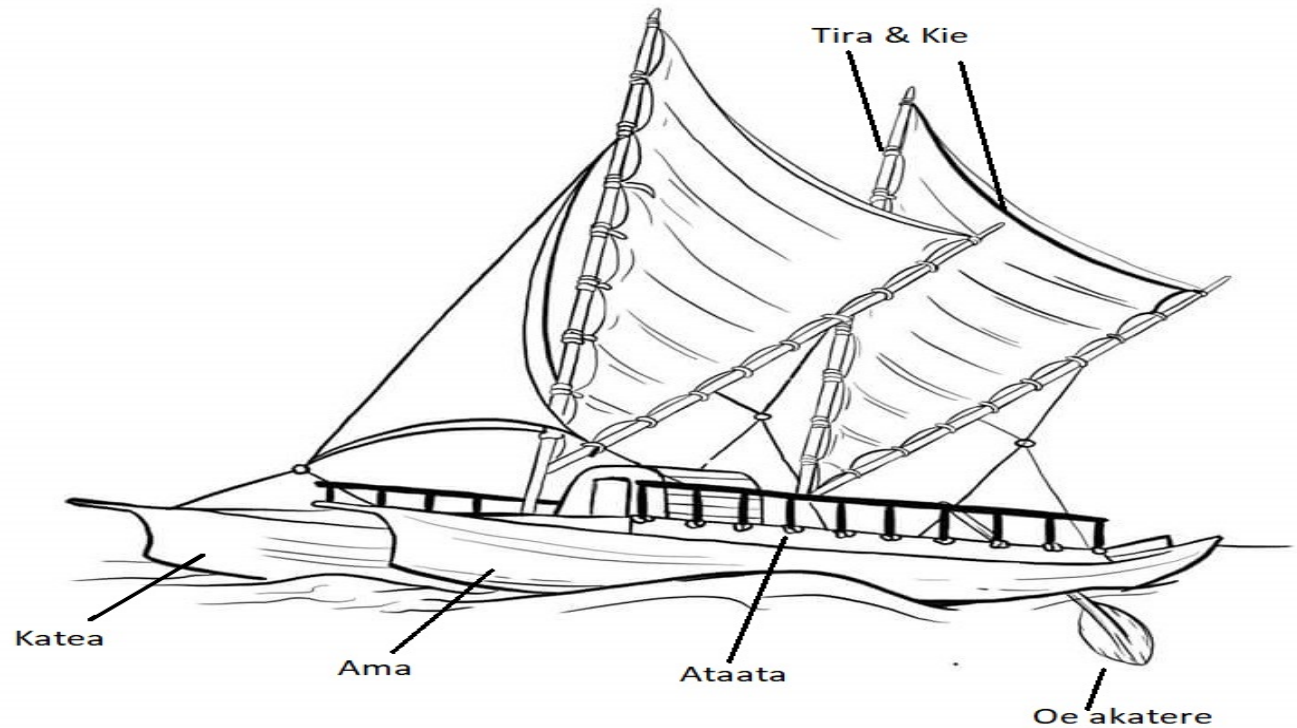
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- How is the Cook Islands, with a particular sovereign arrangement with New Zealand, able to address cross-border issues like climate change mobility.
- 43 Interviews
- Observations and participation at events in Rarotonga, Apia, Paris and Wellington
- Document analysis

Vaka Moana Metaphor Framework of Relationality



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- Prevailing winds – SIDS
 - Smallness, isolation, vulnerability and questionable viability
 - Depopulation narrative
- Navigation – process of approximation, world comes to us
- Finding the dominant swell
 - Large ocean islands states
 - Pirianga and Tere based on kinship networks

Meitaki maata e Kia manuia