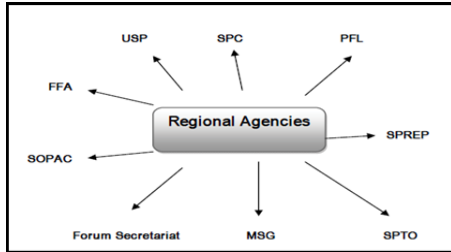


Strand	Social Organization and Processes
Sub strand	Regional Organization
Content Learning Outcome	Discuss the Aims, Roles and Functions, Importance and Contribution to People’s Welfare of the Organization.



Regional Agencies were established to focus on issues in the Pacific Region.

Objectives of the Regional Agencies are:

1. To further economic development and regeneration;
2. To promote business efficiency and competitiveness;
3. To promote employment & sustainable development.

Some examples of Regional Agencies:

1. THE PACIFIC FORUM LINE (SHIPPING) - (PFL)- located in Auckland [NZ].

The PFL was established in 1977 and started operations to provide modern shipping services in 1978.

Role:

- To offer efficient and modern shipping services and trade among the Pacific Islands.

Function:

- To ensure regular, modern shipping services and economic development of the region

Agencies are located in **Suva – Fiji, Apia – Samoa and Christchurch in NZ.**

2. FORUM FISHERIES AGENCIES (FFA)

The Headquarters is in **Honiara, Solomon Islands**, **established in 1979** under a Convention signed by 12 forum countries.

- ✓ A **Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries** with the USA was signed on **April 2nd 1987** and was renewed in 1993.

Aim- To enable member countries to manage, conserve and use the tuna resources in their exclusive economic zones and beyond, through enhancing national capacity and strengthening regional solidarity

Function - It protects and conserves the marine resources of the member nations the right to enforce the 200 mile Exclusive Economic Policy.

3. SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM [PACIFIC ISLAND FORUM]

- ✓ Body formed by the Pacific leaders to enhance and support the social wellbeing of the people of the Pacific .One of the **major agreement** signed by the forum as a way to help the Pacific Island countries was **SPARTECA**

4. SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT (SPARTECA)

- ✓ Was signed by the **Forum Heads of Government** at their meeting on the **15th of July, 1980** in **Tarawa, Kiribati**.
- ✓ The **aim** is to **enhance the export capabilities of the Forum Island Countries. (FIC).**

Functions

- ✓ To promote investments planning in the South Pacific Region, provide island countries markets for their export care for Regional Economic Issues.

5. SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY- Head Quarters NOUMEA

- ✓ SPC work programs develop the technical, professional, scientific, research, planning and management capability of Pacific island people with the **three main divisions**: land, marine and social.

6. PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT Head Quarters: Suva, Fiji

The Secretariat is the administrative arm of the Pacific Islands Forum.

Its programs are **aimed** at **promoting regional cooperation among member states through trade, investment, economic development and political and international affairs.**

7. SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

The South Pacific Regional Environment Program's (SPREP) charter is **to strengthen the capacity of Pacific island members to plan and manage their own national environmental programs** and to **enhance regional cooperation to deal more effectively with issues that are transboundary in nature or which require interventions at the global level.**

8. South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission



Focuses on **providing assistance to its 20 member countries** in its three key program areas: Ocean and Islands Program, Community Lifelines Program and Community Risk Program.

9. The University of the South Pacific Head Quarters: Suva, Fiji



University of the South Pacific **provides tertiary and higher education** to the Pacific region.

- ✓ **USP was established** in **1968** by the Privy Council of the United Kingdom to meet the training and the development needs of the newly emerging island states of the Pacific.

10. South Pacific Tourism Organization (SPTO) -based in Suva, Fiji

- set up in the 1980s, provides social and economic development of the Pacific region, through its support of the tourism industry.

ACTIVITY

1. Explain why regional agencies were established and state two of its objectives.
2. State the contribution made by USP to the Pacific region and where is its main campus located?
3. Explain the major function of the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA).

Strand	Time Continuity and Change
Sub strand	History of Fiji
Content Learning Outcome	Explore the events that took place from pre – contact to cession and describe how the actions of individuals and groups during these events contributed to cession for Fiji’s political development.

HISTORY OF FIJI - [Pre-contact to Cession]

Pre- Contact Period

- ✓ Period before the arrival of Europeans to Fiji.

2.1: Early settlers

- ✓ There were **three** periods of early voyaging:

a.] 1st Period: 50,000 – 60, 000 years ago.

- ✓ Movements of people from South China and the first Aboriginal people moved to Continent Australia and New Guinea.

b.] 2nd Period: 30,000 – 40,000 years ago.

- ✓ People continued to move into South East Asia, Australia and mainland New Guinea islands and nearly Solomon Island.

c.] 3rd Period: 3500 – 3000 years

- ✓ People moved quickly through voyaging from Melanesia out into the South Pacific, and into the North Pacific from Philippines/Taiwan into the atolls of Micronesia.

The society of the early Fijians

Settlements

- ✓ **First settlements in Fiji** - started by voyaging **traders and settlers from Melanesia** about 3500 years ago.
- ✓ Lapita potteries have been found in Lakeba, Beqa, Natunuka, and Naigani.
- ✓ **Stone adzes** found in **Samoa** and **Fiji** suggested that Fijian culture has a link to Samoans culture.
- ✓ **Huge canoes** made from Fiji trees were found in Tonga and also some of the words used by the people of Lau were similar and this suggested that there was also a link between Fiji and Tonga.
- ✓ **Marriage** linked many Fijian and Tongan families.
- ✓ **Pots** made in Fiji have been found in the Marquesas Islands.

Review Questions:

1. Define the term “Pre-Contact Period”.
2. State two types of evidence that suggests Fiji shared similar cultures with other Pacific Islanders.
3. How long ago were the first settlements in Fiji established?

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Social Organisation

- ✓ The i-Taukei’s settled and worked the land.
- ✓ People cleared the bush and made gardens in different ways.
- ✓ New settlers introduced new patterns or designs in Lapita pottery.
- ✓ This sharing process created a unique Fijian culture.

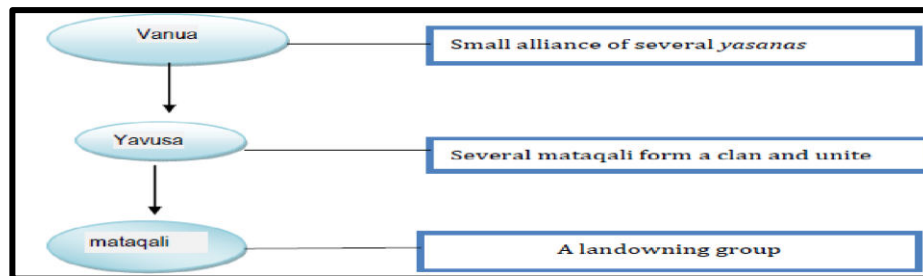
Effects of population growth on social structure:

- ✓ Population increased led to the formation of social organization known as the “**mataqali**” or **family unit**.
- ✓ Mataqali was headed by a “**Turaga**” or **chief**
- ✓ Land use was decided by the “mataqali.

Chiefs were responsible for:

- a.] Control of food production
- b.] Decision about village life
- c.] Protection of the people from attackers
- d.] Uphold village law

Social structure:



What was early fiji like?

- ✓ The i-Taukei lived a life regularly threatened by war.
- ✓ Agriculture was very important.
- ✓ They used wet-field methods to grow taro.
- ✓ Protected the soil by leaving fields **fallow**.

Review Questions:

1. State the role of the chiefs during pre-contact period.
2. Describe briefly the life of early i-Taukei’s.
3. In your own words, explain what you understand by the term “mataqali”.