

Pacific Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) Network Analysis of Climate Change Professionals in the Pacific



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Previous Research: Information Access

In 2010, the Pacific RISA conducted interviews, workshops, and surveys on the island of O'ahu in Hawai'i to:

- Improve adaptation activities
- Support partnerships between scientists and decision-makers
- Identify the climate information decision-makers need
- Identify when and why decision-makers use or fail to use available information

A post-hoc social network analysis was applied to interview and survey findings to explore climate information access by local decision-makers.

USGS, NWS, and NOAA were popular sources of water and climate information among study participants, but they were not uniformly accessed across sectors (Figures 1 and 2).

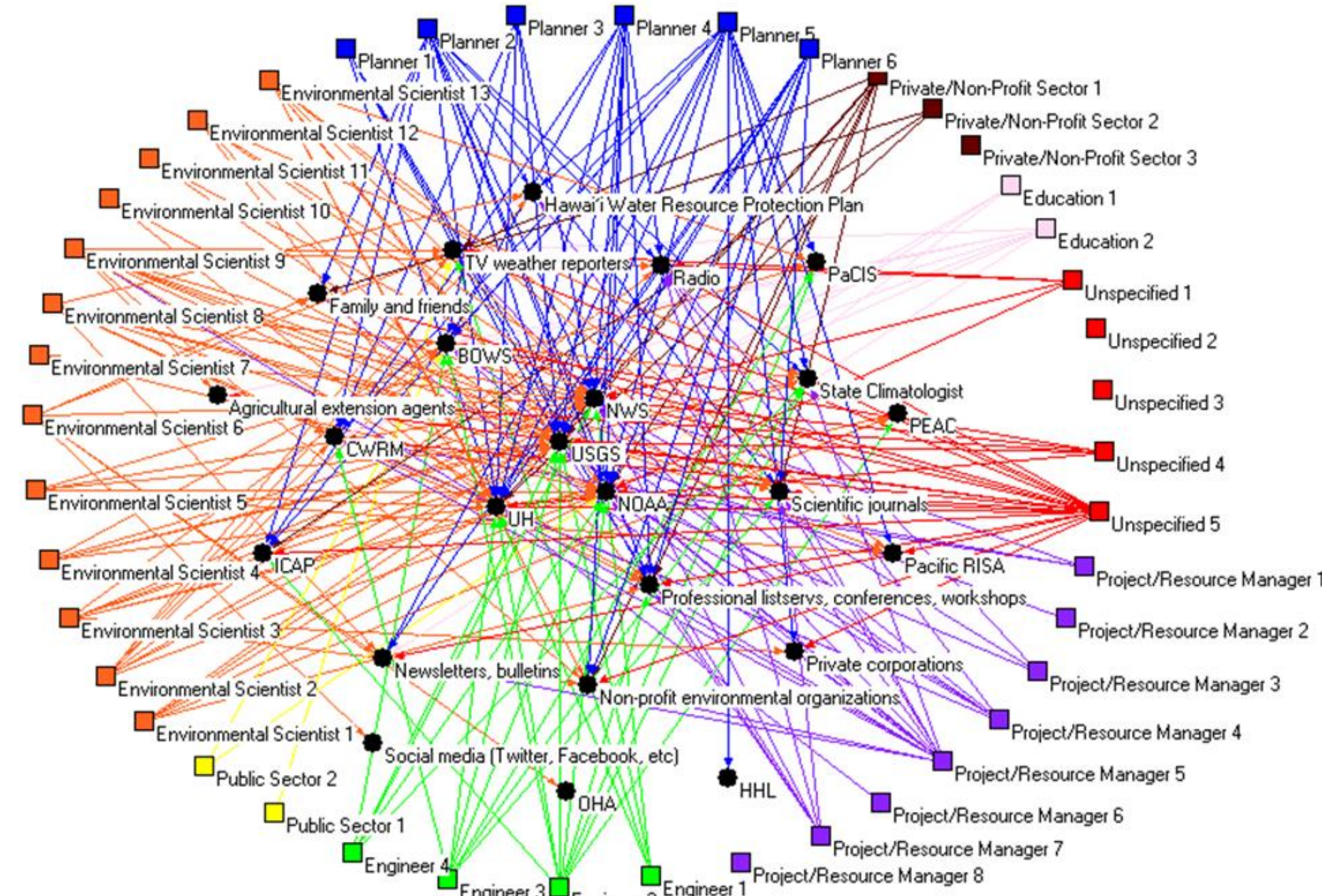


Figure 1. Two-mode social network graph portraying the extent to which information sources (black circles, center) are often or very often relied upon by survey participants (squares, perimeter).

Information sources most often selected as being relied upon often or very often by survey participants:

- USGS 29 (67.4%)
- NWS 27 (62.8%)
- NOAA 26 (60.5%)
- University of Hawai'i 24 (55.8%)
- Board of Water Supply 15 (34.9%)

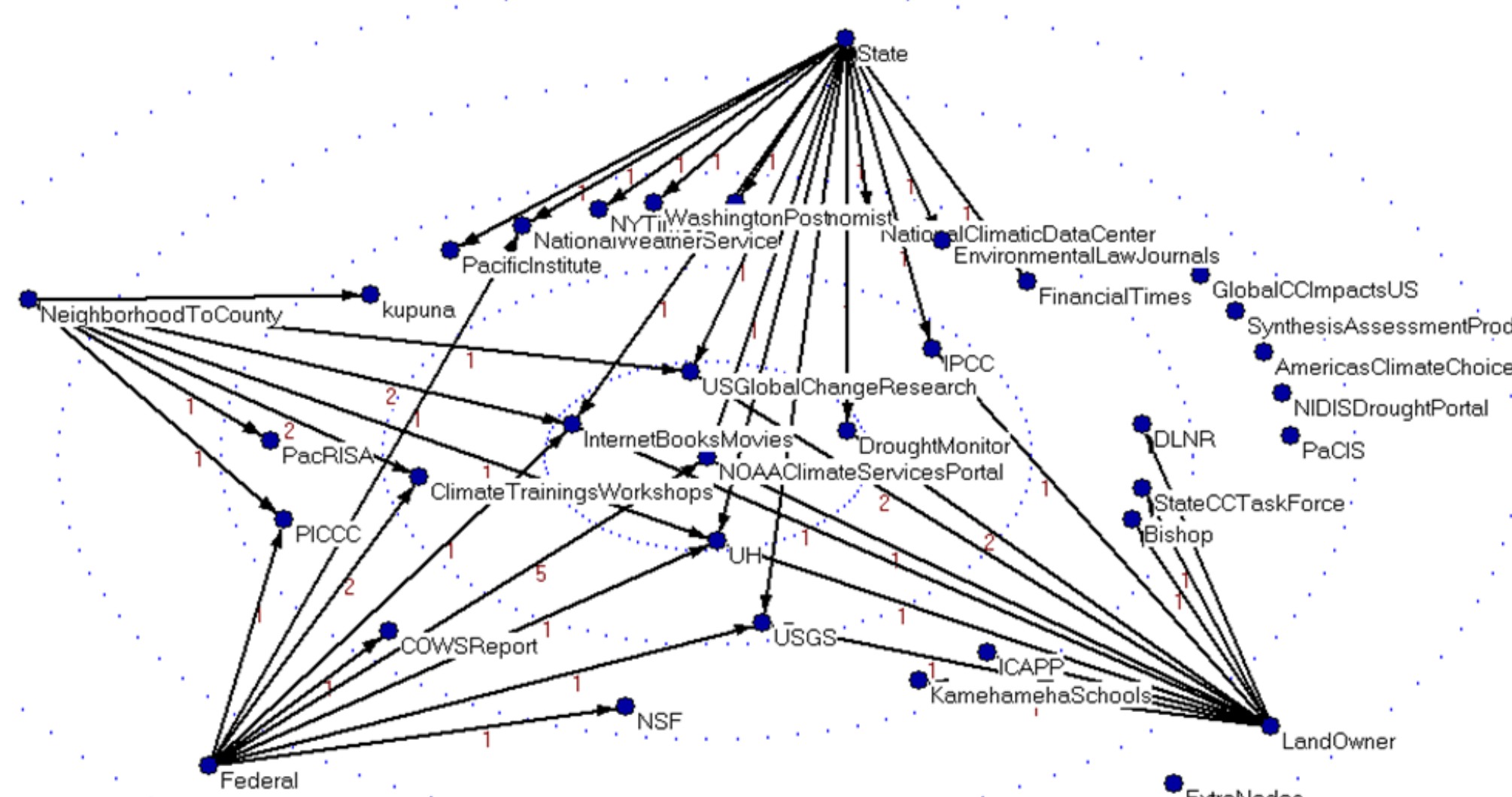


Figure 2. Two-mode social network graph portraying the extent to which information sources (center) are often or very often relied upon by interview participants (perimeter). In this network graph, participant responses are categorized by sector.

Network Survey Paper Version

Definitions:
Climate change professional: All professionals or community members who actively participate in research, planning, management, policy, or other activities related to weather and climate, or ocean, environment, and natural systems affected by weather and climate events.
Communication: Emails, phone calls, face-to-face conversations, meetings, and all other forms of dialogues.

Network Survey Instructions
Please explore the following list of climate change professionals. For the people whom you know, please check whether you generally communicate with them weekly or more, monthly or more, seasonally or more, yearly or more, or have communicated with them at least once.

If you have never communicated with a person, please leave that field blank.

1. American Samoa: How frequently do you communicate with the following people?

	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Yearly	Ever
Taftio Aitaoto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Akapo Akapo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kelley Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Baqui	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristine Bucchianeri	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tim Clark	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wendy Cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Eagan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Douglas Fenner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Kostelnik	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hans Malala	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria Manga-Vaofanua	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domingo Ochavillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitney Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fatima Saufae-Le'au	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apele Soosomalelagi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alden Taggino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alofa Teanumu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI): How frequently do you communicate with the following people?

	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Yearly	Ever
Fran Castro	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeridens Crisostomo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gerald Guerrero	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Honk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raymond Masega	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steven McKagan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greg Moretti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) continued:

Network Survey Online Version

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Previous Research: Partnerships

To extend the initial analysis across the region, another exploratory study was done using the Pacific Islands Climate Information System (PaCIS) projects database that is led by NOAA RCSD Dr. John Marra (found at <http://www.pacificislandsclimate.org>). Project collaborations were analyzed by sub-region, technical focus area, and by lead agency. From this initial exercise, it is apparent that region-wide stakeholder connection may vary by physical location (Figure 3).

Overview of Current Research

Why: Agencies across the Pacific have identified a pressing need to actively engage professionals from all sectors across Hawai'i and the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands, and the larger Pacific Islands region, to understand and address climate change impacts.

What: The Pacific RISA organization (www.PacificRISA.org) is responding to these needs with a network analysis survey. This survey will map communications among scientists, policy-makers, educators, outreach specialists, private sector stakeholders, community and environmental groups, and others who are invested in and affected by climate variability and change impacts on natural and built environments.

Benefits: The resulting network map will show communication strengths across sectors and regions that can be leveraged for future activities in the Pacific, as well as areas for growth. The network map will be publicly available and can be used by all interested agencies across the Pacific to facilitate planning, identify partners, and justify funding requests for future collaborations.

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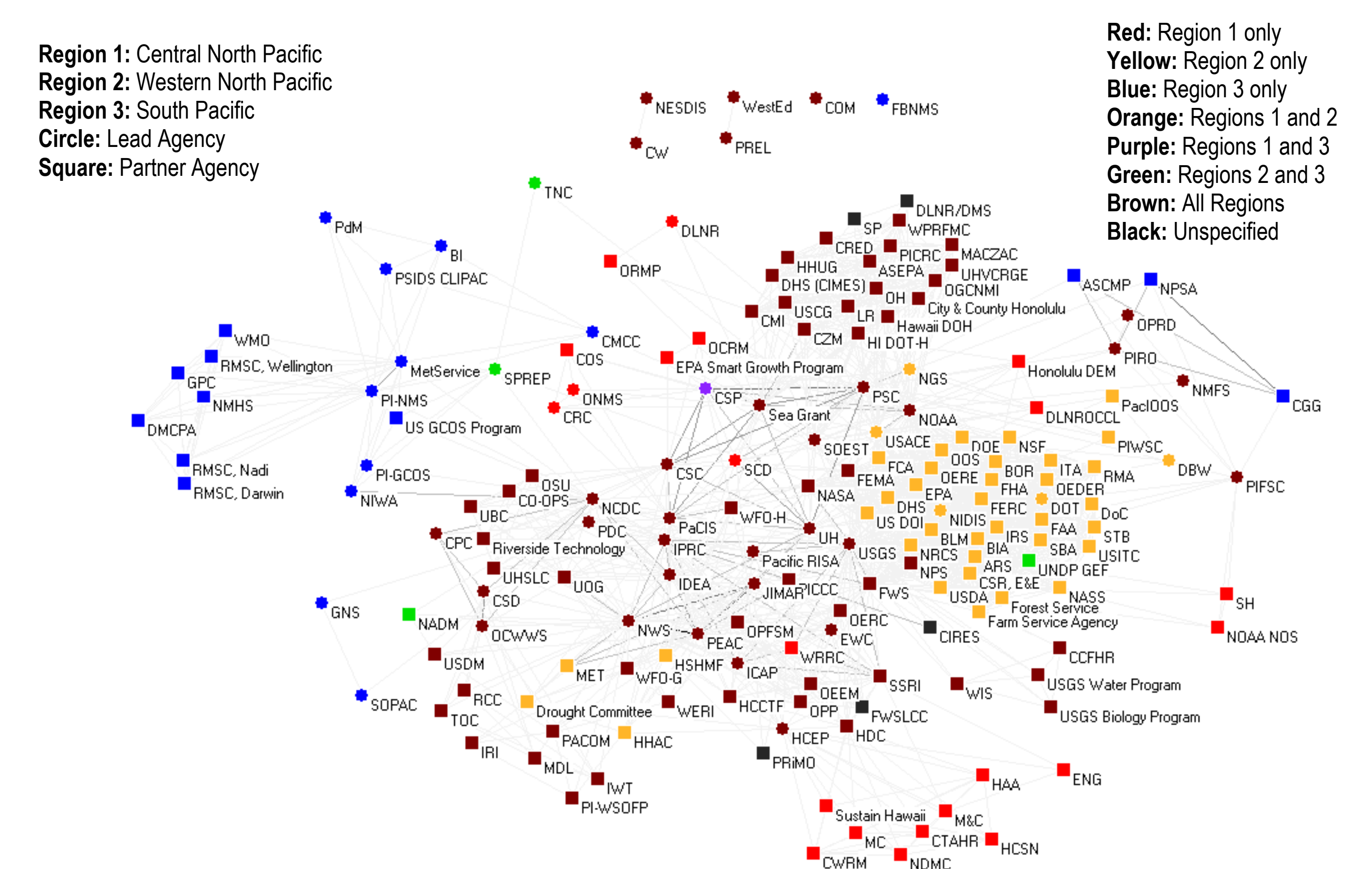


Figure 3. Project partnerships recorded in the PaCIS projects and activities database in Spring 2011. Agency partnerships across all regions (brown) are common, followed by agency partnerships between the Central North Pacific and Western North Pacific (orange). Clusters of South Pacific (blue) and Central North Pacific (red) agencies that do not partner across regions are also apparent.