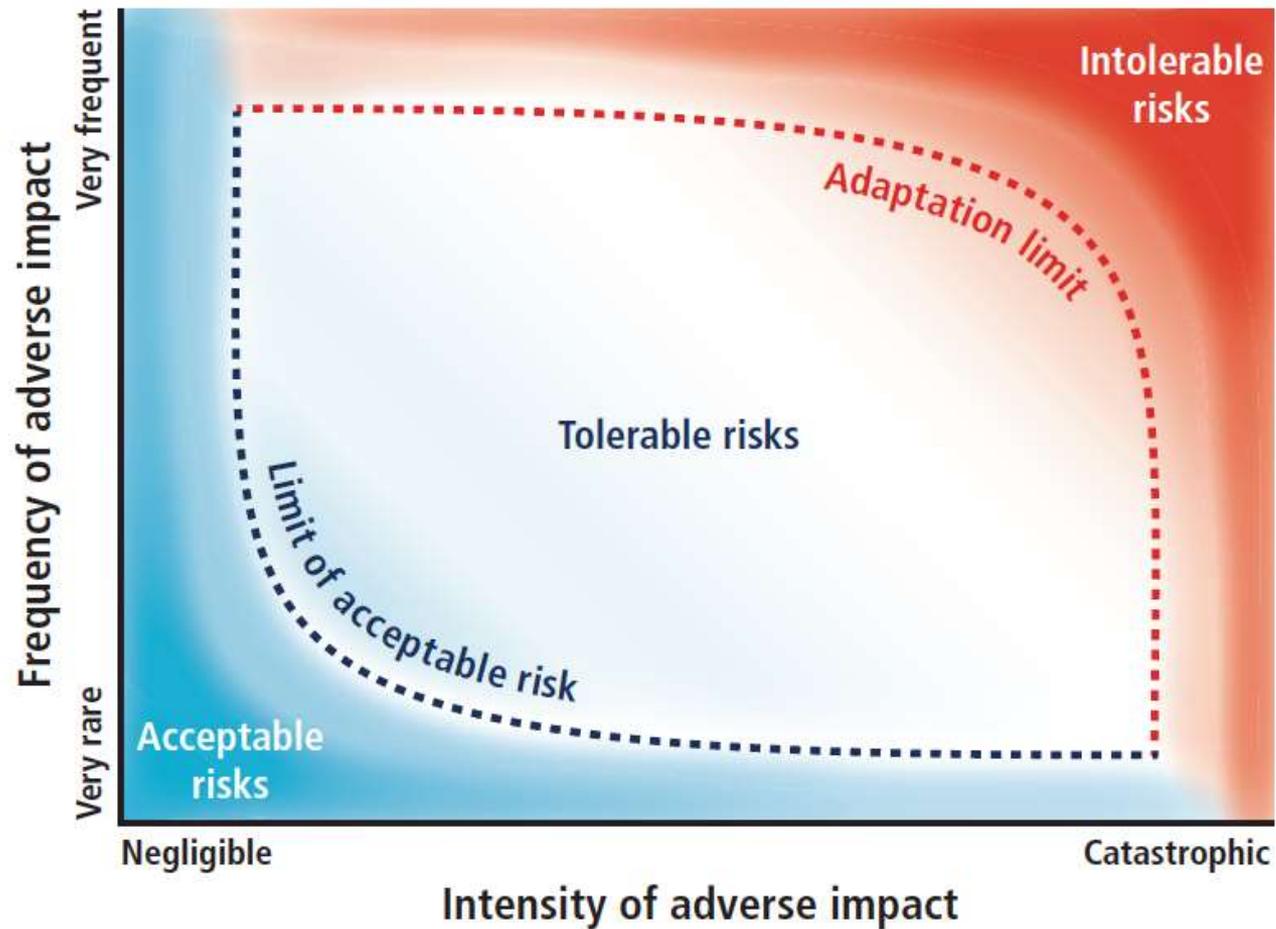


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Adaptation Limit

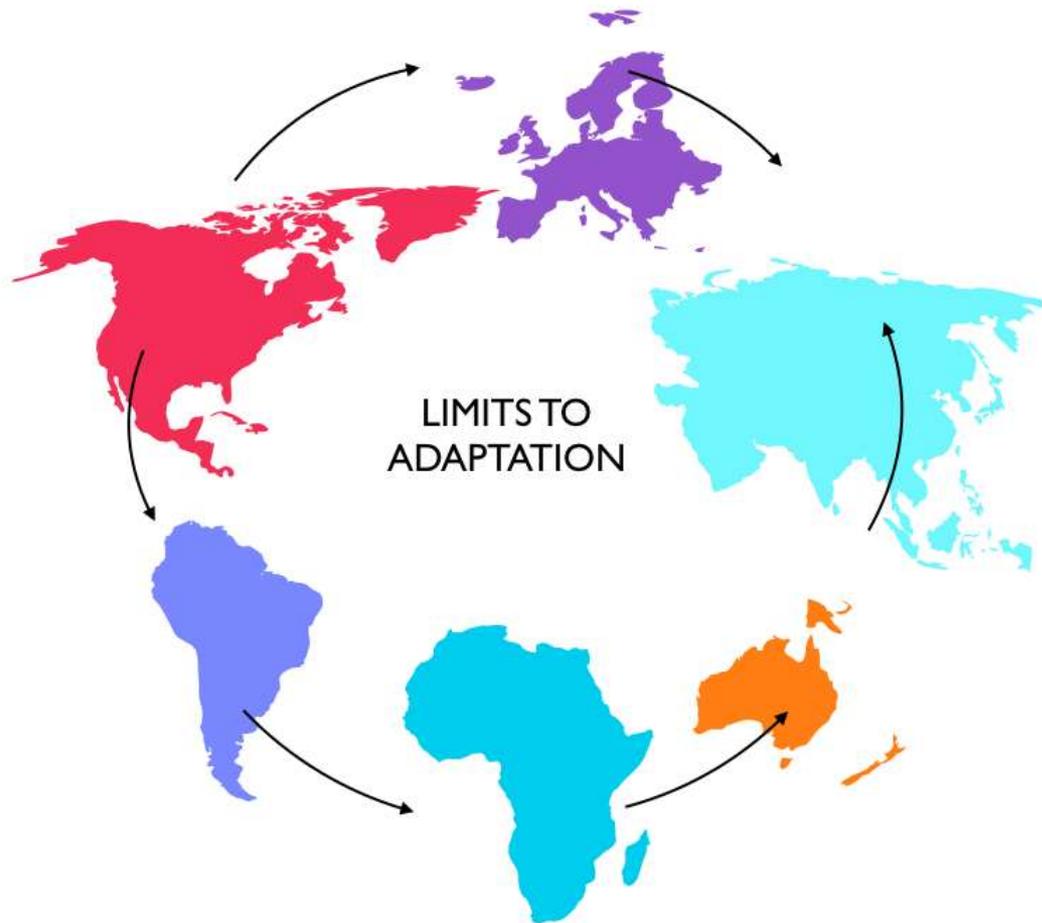
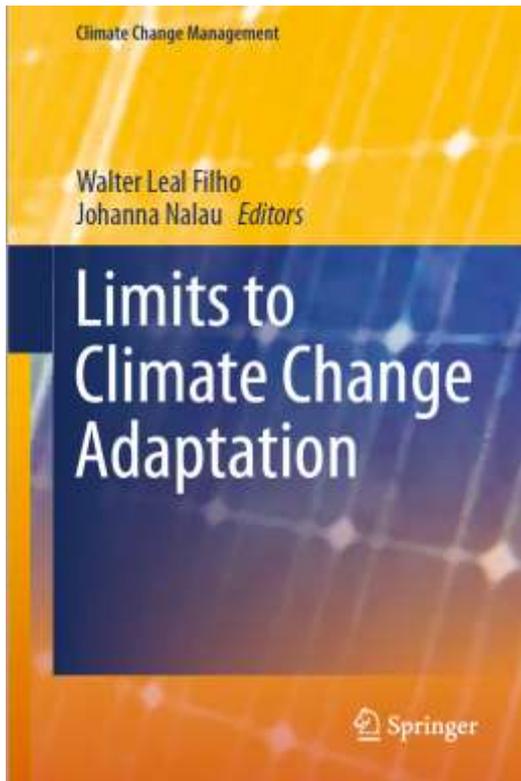
“a limit is a point when an intolerable risk must be accepted; the objective itself must be relinquished; or some adaptive transformation must take place to avoid intolerable risk” (Klein et al., 2014, p. 906)



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Sectors (chapter)	Opportunities	Constraints	Limits
Freshwater (3)			
Terrestrial (4)			
Coastal (5)			
Ocean systems (6)			
Food systems (7)			
Urban areas (8)			
Rural areas (9)			
Human health (11)			
Human security (12)			

Regions			
Regions (chapter)	Opportunities	Constraints	Limits
Africa (22)			
Europe (23)			
Asia (24)			
Australasia (25)			
North America (26)			
Central & South America (27)			
Polar regions (28)			
Small islands (29)			
Open oceans (30)			

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adaptation limits



- Economic limits: hard infrastructure
- Ecological Limits: species tolerance to salt water on the islands
- Social and cultural limits: identity tied to land (Pacific) or livelihood activity (pastoralism in Niger)
- Relocation: lack of access to resources
- Political limits: administrative boundaries
- Imagination: perception-based limits

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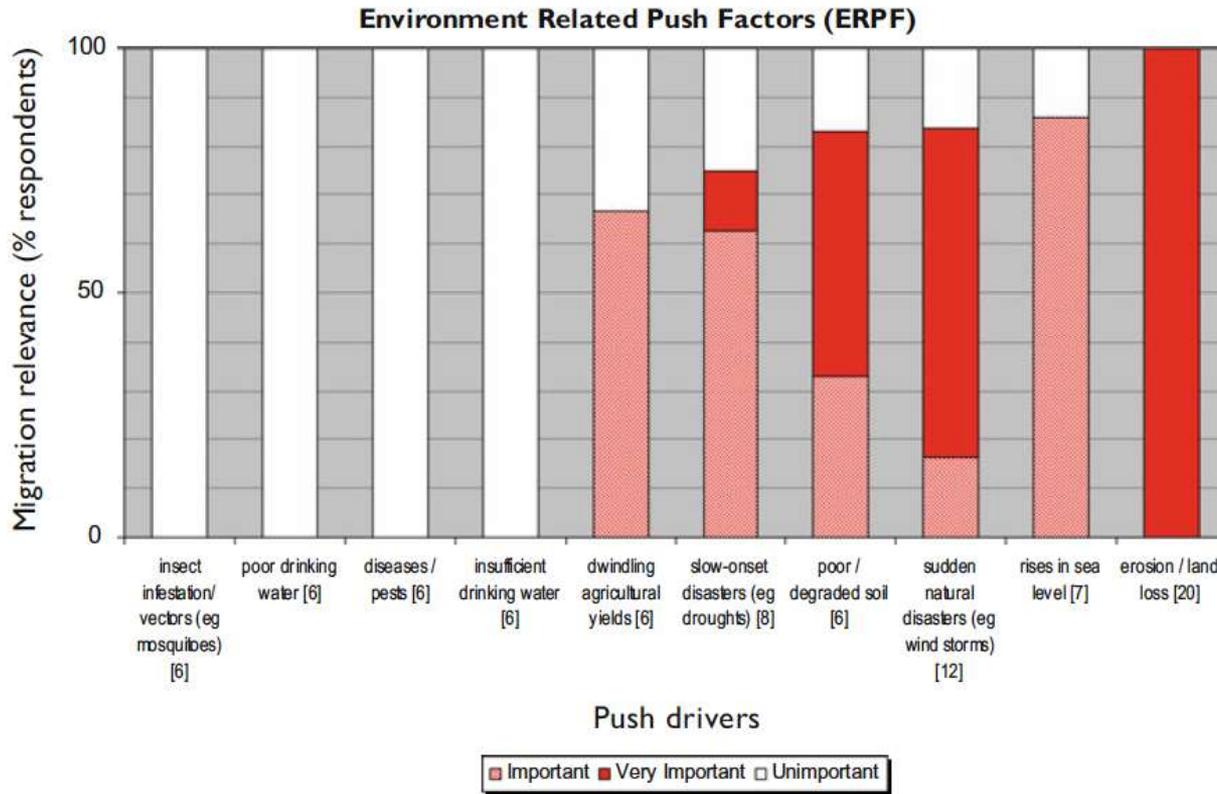


Fig. 5.4 Environment Related Push Factors (ERPF). Important and very important environment related pressures to migrate; Q = 49 FG = 289 N = []

Biophysical limits → Sociocultural limits



Biophysical limits

Forced to change livelihoods

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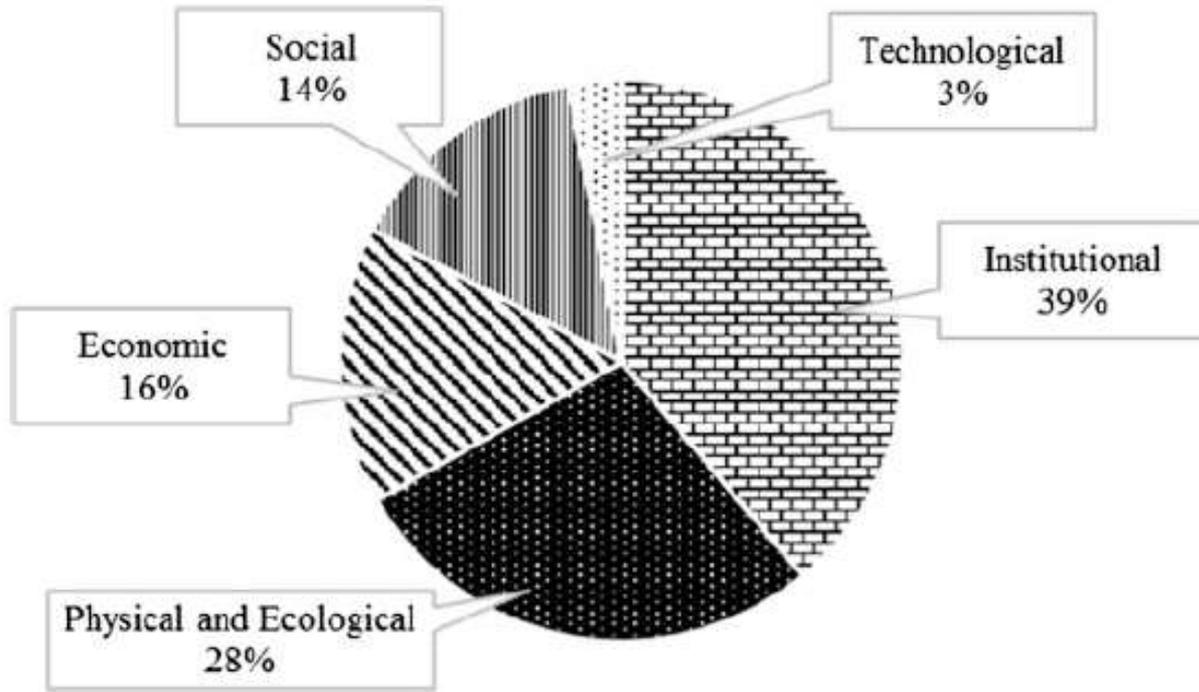


Fig. 15.1 Adaptation limits in SIDS by typology (%) (based on NCs analysed in this chapter)

Fig. 20.3 A home in the Potsdam Care Centre in, Madang Province, PNG. Most of the houses in the care centres for the Manam communities were built with the help of NGOs, as the Manam people have been largely forbidden by the mainland community from felling timber. (Photo © Julia Blocher 2015)



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adaptation limits

loss and damage

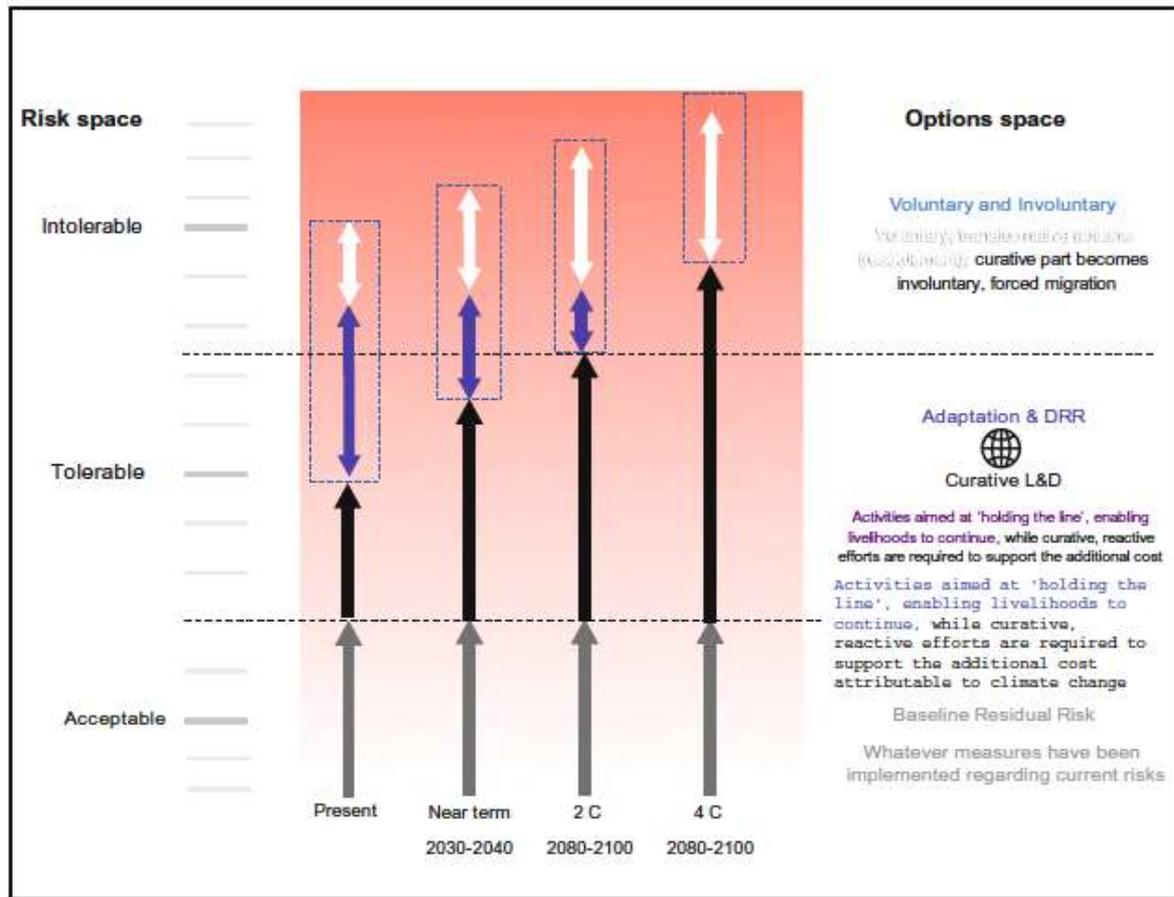


Fig. 15.2 Visualisation of risk and options spaces for the SW Pacific. Drawing on Mechler and Schinko (2016)