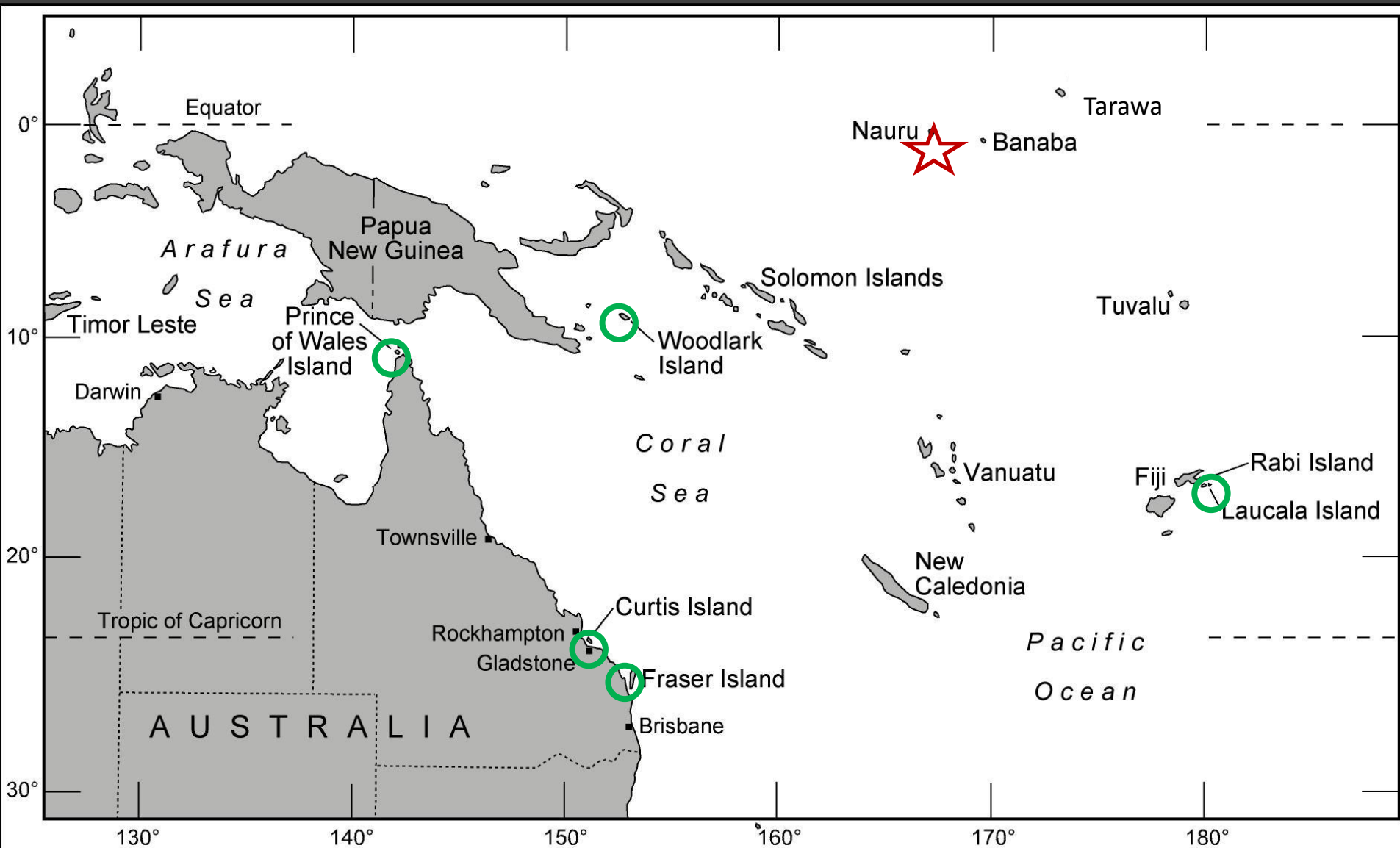


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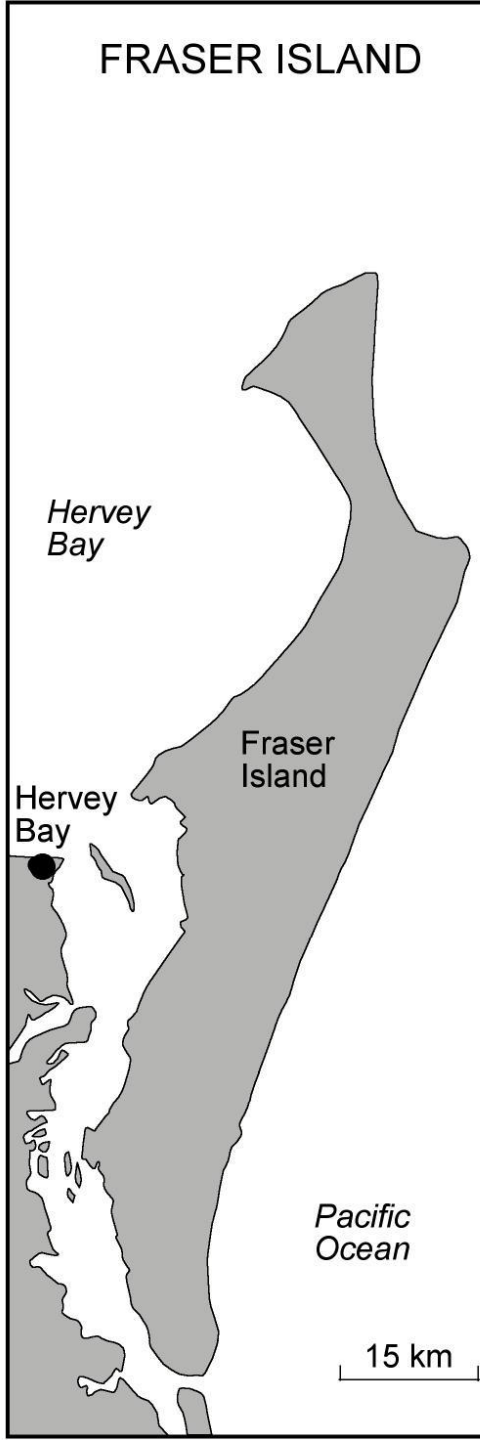
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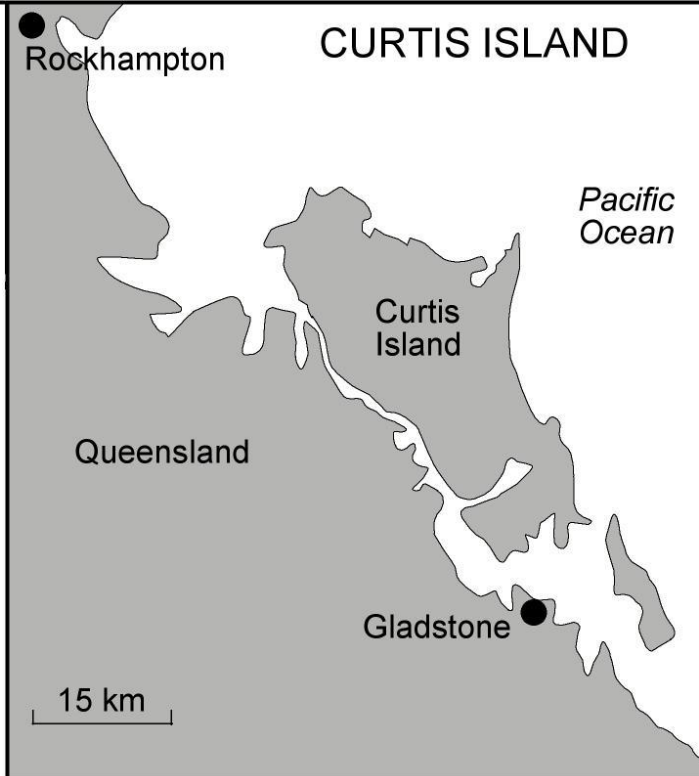
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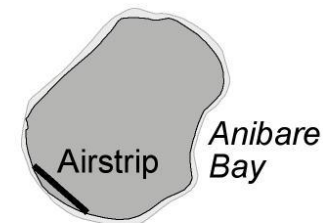


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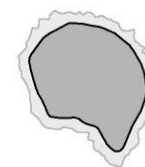
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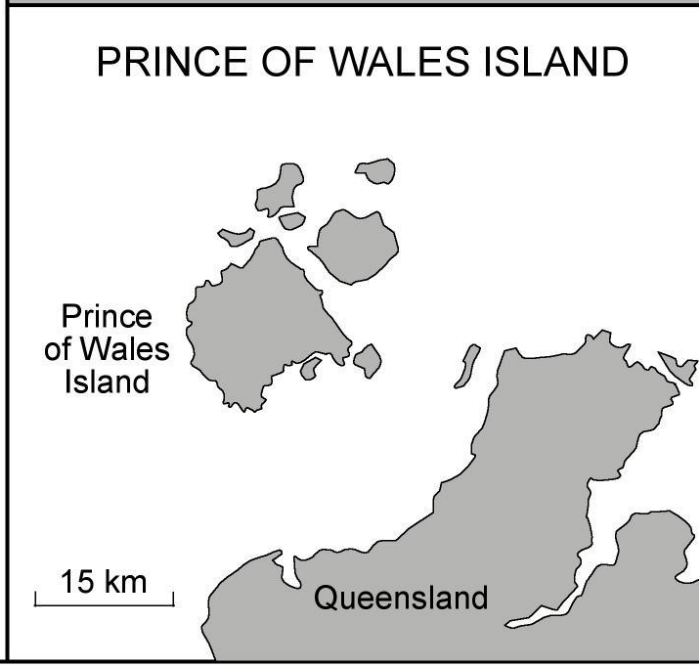
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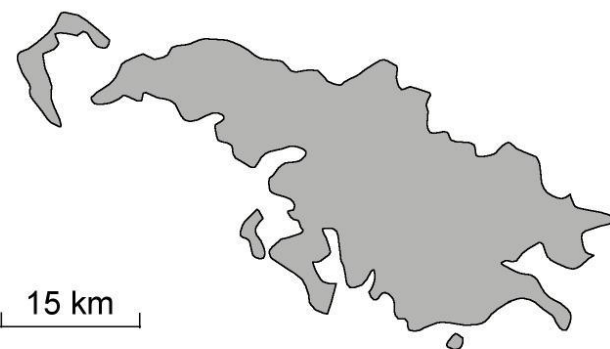
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PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

27 MAR 1965

Dear Mr. Nicklin,

I refer to your letter of 28th September, 1964, in which you informed me that, unless and until the Nauruans made a definite decision to settle in Curtis Island your Government felt it should not proceed further with any plans for acquisition of the Island, and that acquisition action had ceased.

The Commonwealth Government has decided not to proceed with the proposal for settling Nauruans on Curtis Island and has so informed its partner Governments under the Trusteeship Agreement for Nauru.

I have appreciated greatly the way in which your Government has co-operated and its readiness to help the Commonwealth Government in its endeavours to meet what is a national problem.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Menzies

(R. G. MENZIES)

The Hon. G.F.R. Nicklin, M.M., M.L.A.,
Premier of Queensland,
BRISBANE. Qld.

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US bombing of Nauru, 1943

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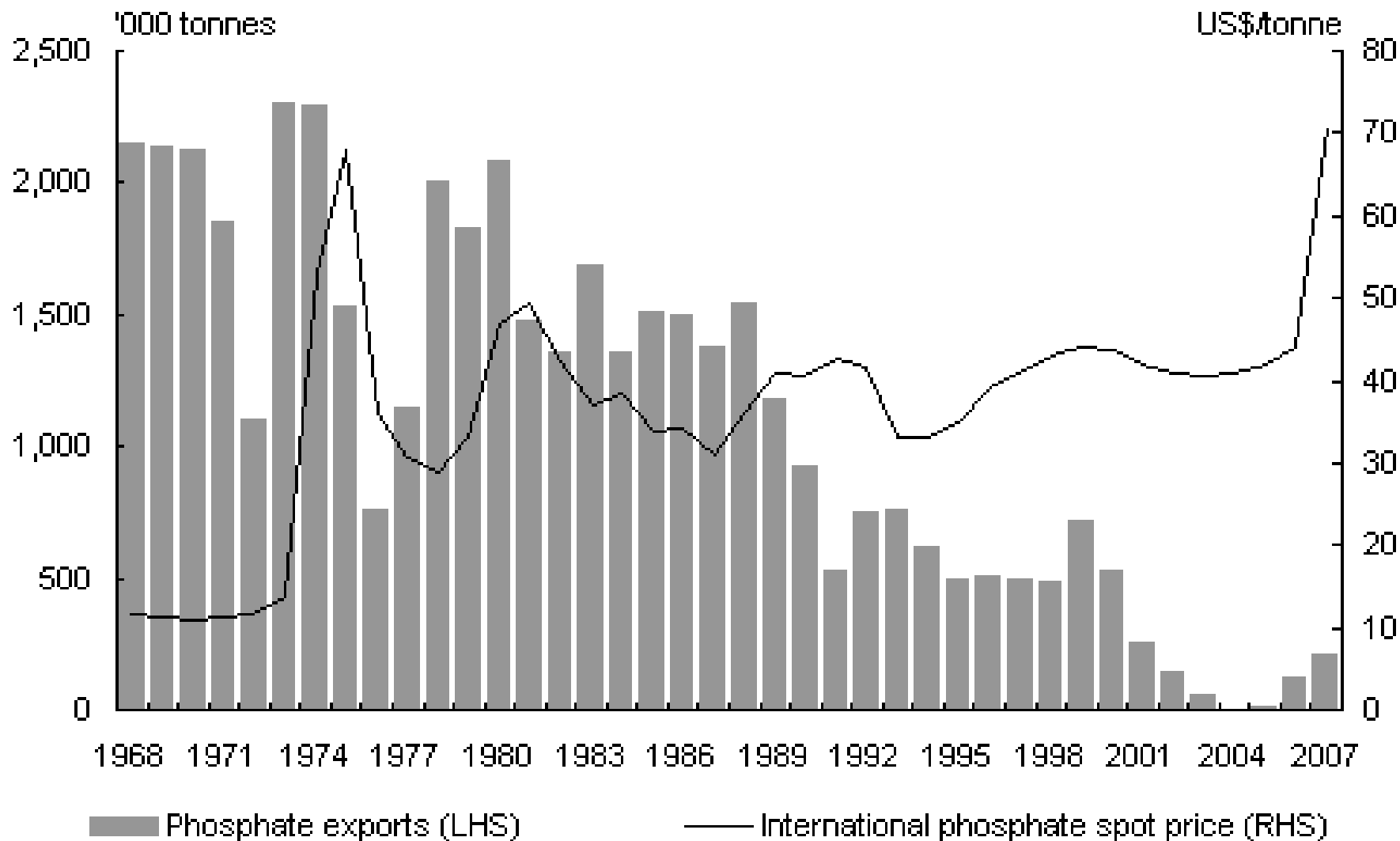
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Kanakas loading cane, Townsville, 1868

Nauru phosphate exports & world phosphate price



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Lessons for environmental migration

1. Nature of environmental trigger
2. Territorial scope
3. Gradual or sudden need
4. Who bears responsibility
5. Retaining identity in resettled population
6. Land and people left behind

Nauru National Anthem

Nauru our homeland

The land we dearly love

*We all pray for you and we also praise your
name.*

Since long ago you have been the home

Of our great forefathers

And will be for generations yet to come.

