We all inhabit landscapes that are fundamental in our experience as human beings and in our ability to know our place in the world, yet our landscapes have changed considerably through time in their physical forms, supporting habitats, and interface with societies. In order to understand how we relate with our ever-changing landscapes, interlinked natural and cultural histories constitute essential sources of information, based primarily in archaeology but drawing on multiple lines of evidence bridging the natural and humanistic sciences. The diverse areas of Pacific Oceania have been particularly instructive about how natural-cultural landscapes have evolved through varied circumstances, often in unique ways but with some revealing consistencies. This research builds new ways of learning about how we have shaped our landscapes and have been shaped by them, while these processes continue to affect our lives today and into the future.

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