



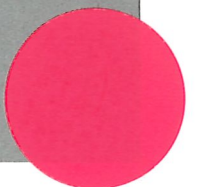
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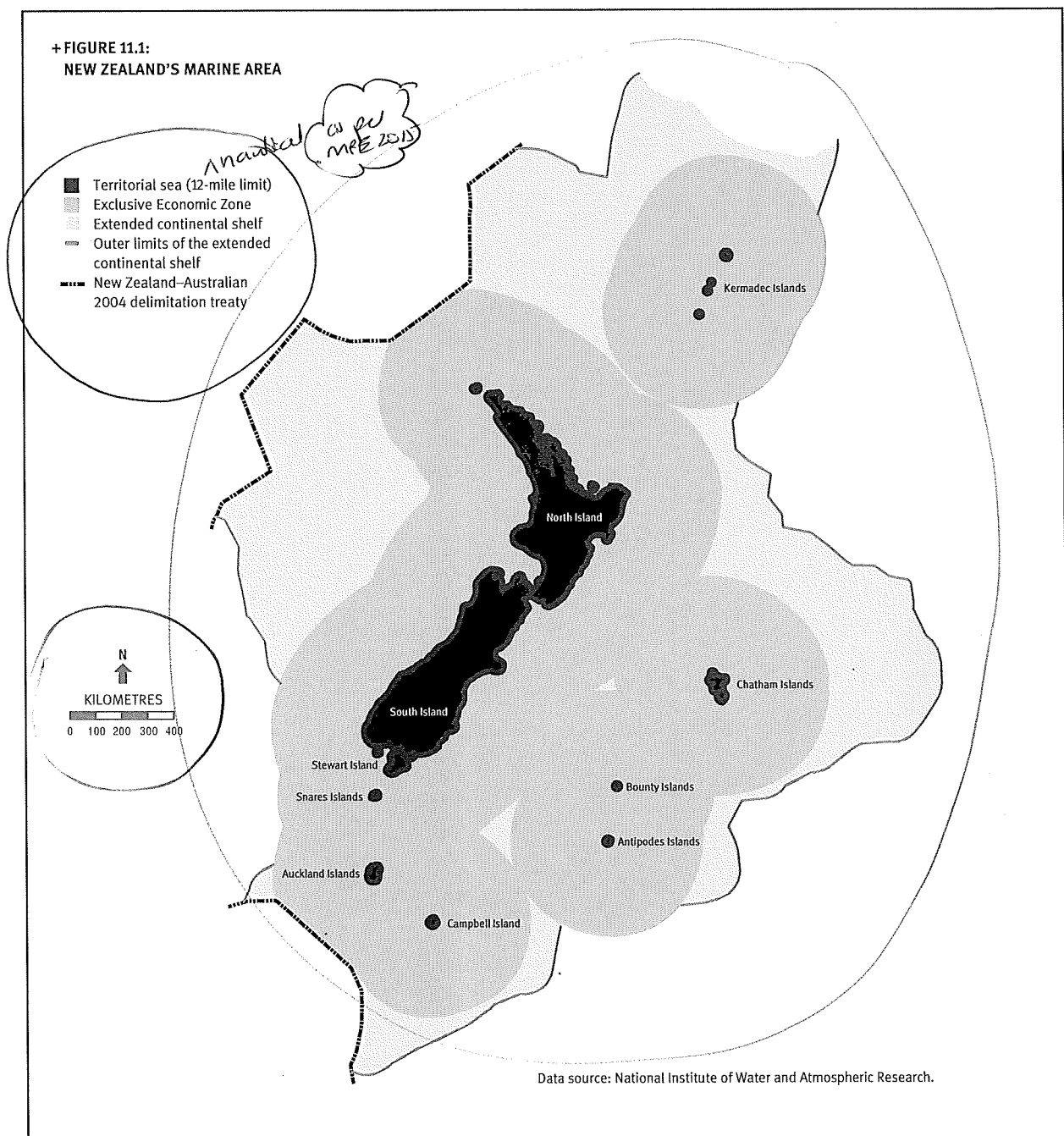
Introduction

New Zealand's marine area

New Zealand administers the sixth largest marine area in the world. At more than 4.4 million square kilometres, it is about 14 times larger than our land area (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2007).

New Zealand contains an archipelago of more than 330 islands with 18,218 kilometres of coastline (Department of Conservation, 2007) extending from subtropical to subantarctic waters⁷ over 30 degrees of latitude (see Figure 11.1).

+ FIGURE 11.1:
NEW ZEALAND'S MARINE AREA



⁷ This chapter does not discuss marine areas in New Zealand's Antarctic territory.

