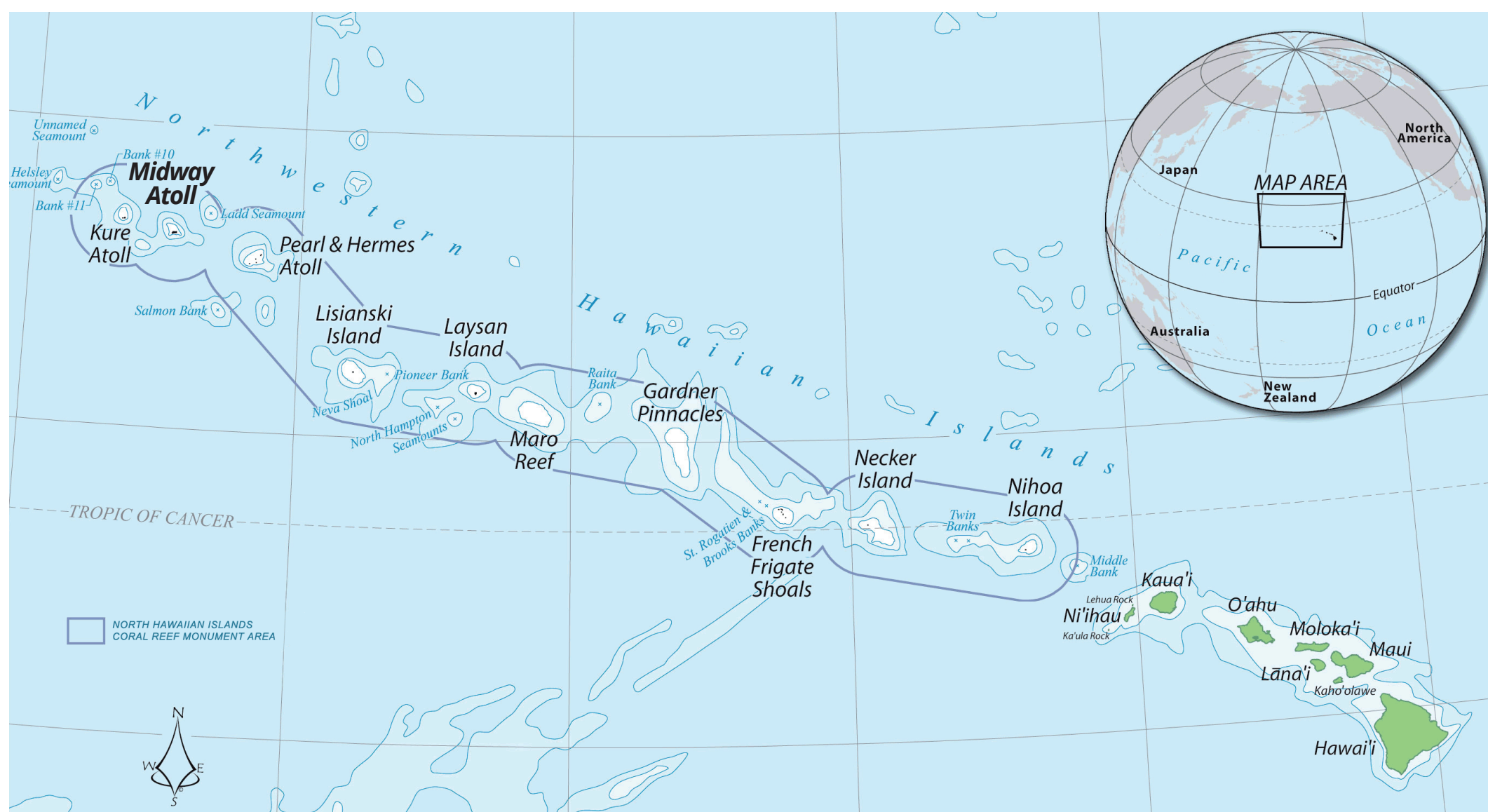


Midway Atoll

Albatrosses spend 95% of their lives over the open ocean. But, they have to return to land to nest. Midway Atoll is where over 70% of the world's Laysan Albatrosses – nearly a million birds – raise their young.

Midway Atoll is a set of three small, sandy coral islands in the Hawaiian Archipelago far away from most predators. Midway is about 3,200 miles from the coast of California and halfway to Japan. The Hawaiian name

for Midway is Pihemanu, which means “loud din of birds.”



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