The Contemporary Pacific
Style Guide and Manuscript Preparation

Abbreviations and Acronyms  Omit periods: eg, ie, Mr, Dr, PhD, MA, HMS Dolphin,
UNESCO, SPC, JFK, O H K Spate
Spell out Captain, Father, Reverend, and the like.
Use acronyms sparingly. Spell out noun forms, or use alternative nouns:
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Names of institutions, entities, and documents are capitalized when the full title is used:
    the Japanese Foreign Ministry, the Foreign Ministry, the ministry
    the United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Trust Territory, the trusteeship
    the Compact of Free Association, the compact
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    Huon Peninsula  Marakei Atoll  the Combined Fleet
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    the western Pacific  some Pacific islands  the West, Westerners

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- 10 percent
- 4,123
- about four thousand years
- two hundred canoes
- 7°N (latitude)
- nearly six million dollars
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