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SEVENTH PACIFIC REGIONAL SAR WORKSHOP

Theme: SAR governance, coordination, response & prevention

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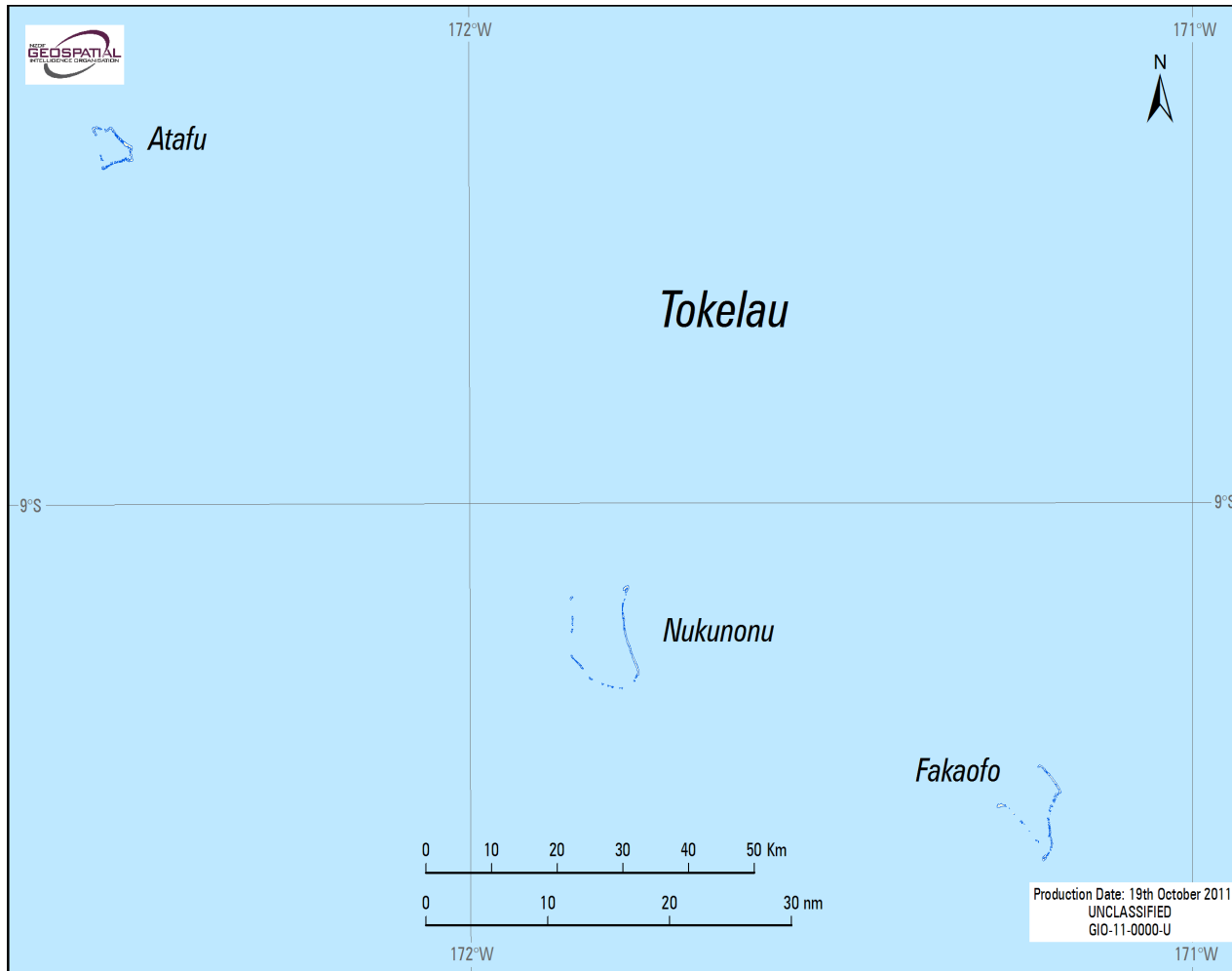
TOKELAU

COUNTRY REPORT

2017

Presented by;
CAPT Mapu Jr Tapuai
Operations Manager
Department Of Transport and
Support Services

General Information



Capital : n/a
Population : 1499 (2016)
Land Area : 10 km²
Sea Area EEZ: 300,000 km²



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SAR Governance

- Tokelau relies on its Emergency support partners for assistance as dictated by the National Emergency Committee (NEC) Chairman – Ulu of Tokelau
- Other key positions in the NEC are;
 - NEC Coordinator (General Manager)
 - Deputy NEC Coordinator (Director of Transport and Support Services)
 - Deputy NEC Coordinator (Director of Health)

Current Priorities – Small Boat Safety Educational and Awareness

Challenges – Delays in Reporting Missing Persons/Boats, lack of basic Safety gear such as pyrotechnics, lifejackets, handheld VHF radios etc



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SAR Coordination

- Emergencies such as lost boaties or fishermen activates the Village Emergency Committee (VEC)
- National Coordination is the responsibility of the NEC after notification from the Faipule/Pulenuku
- Liaison with support partners is then coordinated by the Apia Liaison Office who will engage the help of the Samoa Maritime Police, NZRCC, and any other resources available



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SAR Response

- The NEC via the Apia Liaison Office maintains coordination and the relay of information from all parties involved in the SAR
- Media releases and public announcements as required
- Communications – Telephone, Mobile, VHF, SSB, Internet



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SAR Prevention

- Educational programs
- Boat safety
- Basic Safety equipment
- First Aid
- Sea Survival
- Basic Navigation Skills
- Basic Boat and Outboard Engine Maintenance
- Drug and Alcohol effects



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Summary of SAR Cases : 2015 - 2017

Year	Total No. of Cases	No. of Persons involved	No. of cases found	No. of survivors	No. of cases lost	No. of lives lost	Remarks
2015	1	2	2	2	0	0	Mostly small open boats with outboard motors / overdue / low on fuel / technical engine failures
2016							None
2017 (to date)							None

Other Information of Interest

- The people of Tokelau have for many centuries lived with most of the identified hazards and vulnerabilities and have evolved arrangements to reduce or mitigate the associated risks. These include:
- governance arrangements for each village where there is always someone responsible – the eldest member of the Taupulega,
- tropical cyclone response arrangements that have fisherman returning to shore, the securing of boats and buildings against wind and storm surge, storing food, sheltering in “safe houses”, and
- telecommunications arrangements to receive warnings and send reports on the situation and on impact damage.



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Thank You