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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

SEVENTH PACIFIC REGIONAL SAR WORKSHOP



Theme: SAR governance, coordination, response & prevention

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FIJI SAR REPORT

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SCOPE:


- General Information**
- Capabilities**
- Sar Response**
- SAR Prevention**
- Gaps and Challenges**
- Way Forward**



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GENERAL INFORMATION



Republic of Fiji Islands


Capital - Suva

Population – 890,000


Land Area – 18,300 km sq

Sea Area – 1.3 km sq


More than 300 islands




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ANNIVERSAIRE



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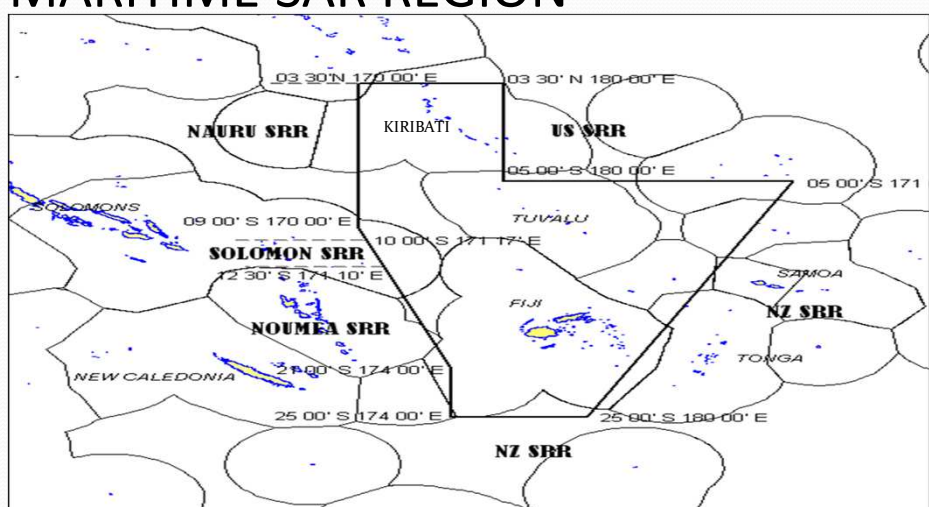


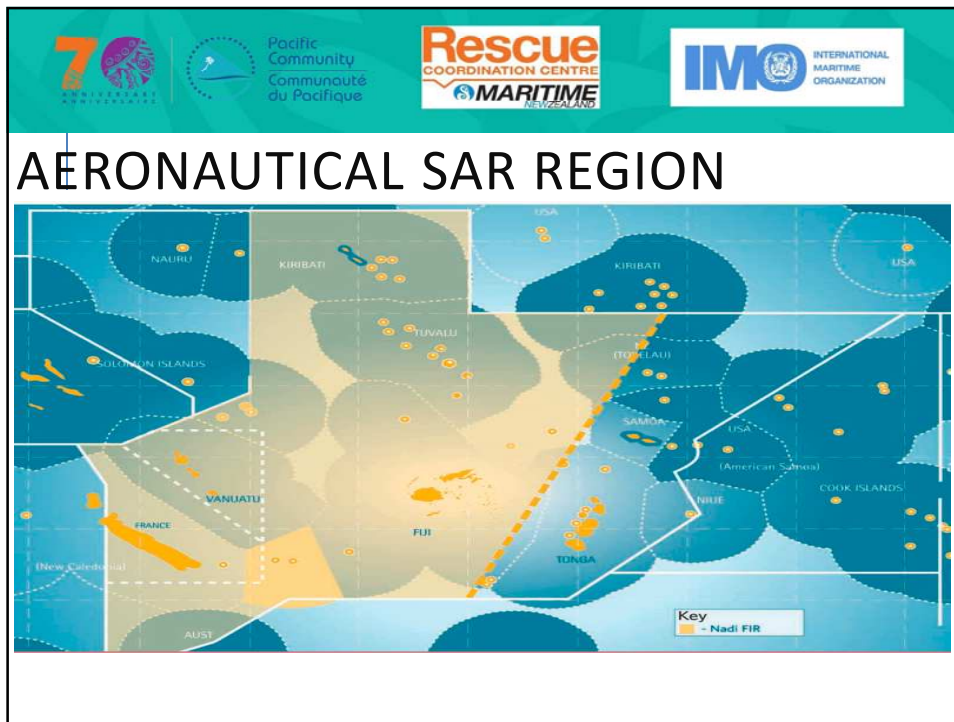
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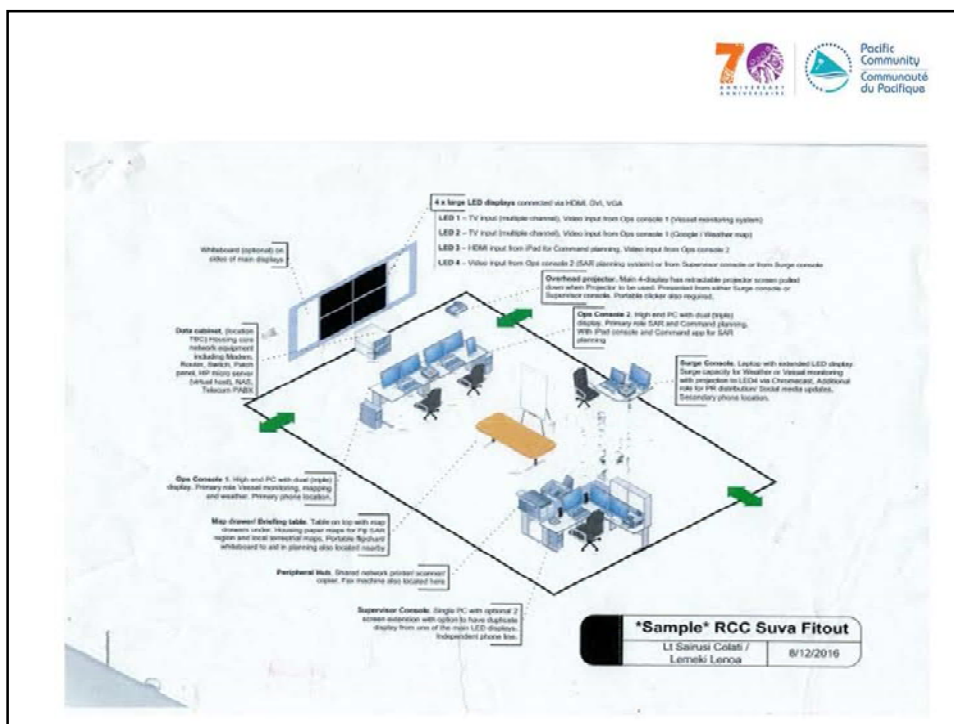
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MARITIME SAR REGION






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- CAPABILITY .**
- 3 X PATROL BOATS
 - AIR SUPPORT FROM LOCAL COMPANIES
 - MILITARY, POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES SAR CAPABILITY(MRCC, ARCC, LRCC)
 - MERCHANT/FISHING VESSELS
 - SARIS SOFTWARE
 - MRCC MANNED 24/7
 - MOU's AND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
 - COMMUNITY RESPONSE






SAR RESPONSE

- Maritime SAR usually the more dominant
- RSC respond initially to case prior to handing over
- Effective collaboration between sub-centres
- Navy Patrol Boats on 2 hrs notice for sea
- Police boats and punts in the 4 Divisions
- Community Support
- Air Support on standby with approval from MINDEF.




SAR Summary For The Last 5 Years

| YEAR | TOTAL CASES | EPIRBs | CASES RESCUED | NO RESCUE | COST |
|------|-------------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| 2012 | 26 | 04 | 20 | 02 | 113,000-00 |
| 2013 | 25 | 03 | 19 | 03 | 123,150-00 |
| 2014 | 23 | - | 18 | 05 | 178,056-00 |
| 2015 | 74 | 44 | 26 | 03 | 28,500-00 |
| 2016 | 17 | 08 | 07 | 02 | 30,000-00 |
| 2017 | 15 | 09 | 04 | 02 | |





SAR PREVENTION

- Awareness programs in schools
- Awareness at the district levels
- Safety broadcast on Coastal Station
- Workshops conducted by MINDEF
- Community Outreach during surveillance patrols
- Community Policing by Maritime Police





GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- JURISDICTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES
- CAPABILITY OF SEARCH PLATFORMS
- AGEING SOFTWARE
- LACK OF TRAINING ON SAR OPERATORS
- COMMUNICATIONS (HF)





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WAY FORWARD

- The adoption of the SAR Manual should streamline a lot of issues
- The NSS and the DWP has already identified avenues in capacity building in terms of search platforms.
- Procurement of upgraded SAR software
- SAR Training
- RCC Fiji



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Thank You