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## Pacific Maritime Search and Rescue Technical Arrangement for Cooperation

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## Outline

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Status Report – 28/02/2023

Recommendation

Maritime Search and Rescue  
Technical Arrangement for  
Cooperation Among Pacific Island  
Countries and Territories that  
Support International Lifesaving  
in the Pacific Ocean



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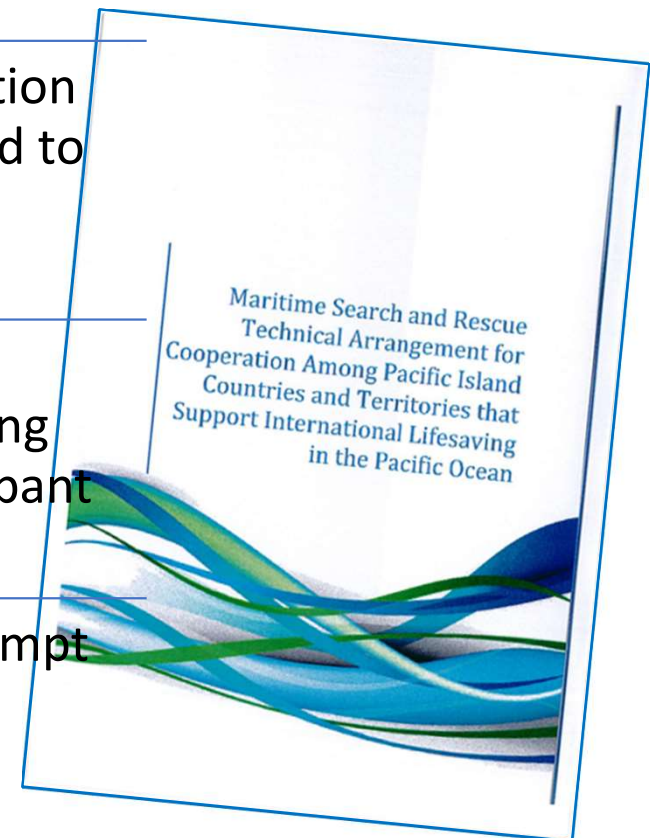


## Objectives and Scope

Establishes a framework for consultation and cooperation among the Participants in carrying out activities related to SAR.

Not intended to prejudice or affect in any way any understanding or other arrangement between or among the Participants, or the rights and duties of any Participant under international law.

Not intended to be construed as an obstruction to prompt and effective action by any Participant to respond to distress whenever and wherever found.



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## Purpose

***Agreement on delimitations of SRRs in the Pacific region***

***Common Ground for Signatory and Non-Signatory Countries to the SAR Convention***

***Support existing SAR Arrangements and provide a framework for SAR arrangements between regional partners***



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## Participants



Australia



Cook Islands



Federated States of Micronesia



Fiji



France (FP, NC, W&F)



Kiribati



Marshall Islands



Nauru



New Zealand



Niue



Northern Marianas



Palau



Papua New Guinea



Pitcairn Islands



Samoa



Solomon Islands



Tokelau



Tonga



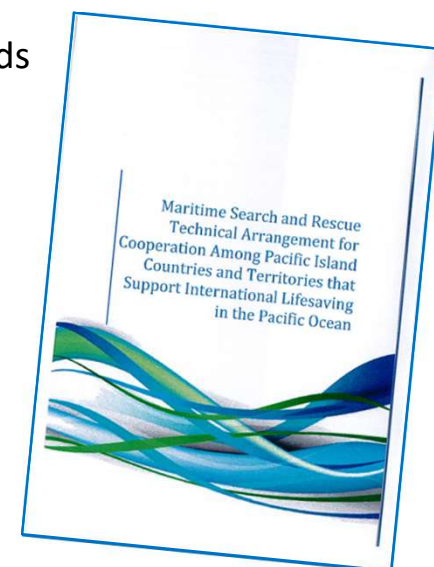
Tuvalu



Vanuatu



United States of America (AS, GM)



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## Progressive Development

1<sup>st</sup> SAR Workshop  
Suva, FIJI

2006

3<sup>rd</sup> SAR Workshop  
Honolulu, HAWAII

2009

5<sup>th</sup> SAR Workshop  
Suva, FIJI

2013



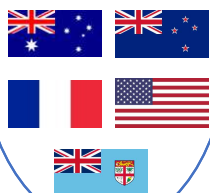
7<sup>th</sup> SAR Workshop  
Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

2017



June 2016

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2<sup>nd</sup> SAR Workshop  
Honolulu, HAWAII

2007

4<sup>th</sup> SAR Workshop  
Cairns, AUSTRALIA

2011

6<sup>th</sup> SAR Workshop  
Noumea, NEW CALEDONIA

2015

8<sup>th</sup> SAR Workshop  
Honolulu, HAWAII

2019



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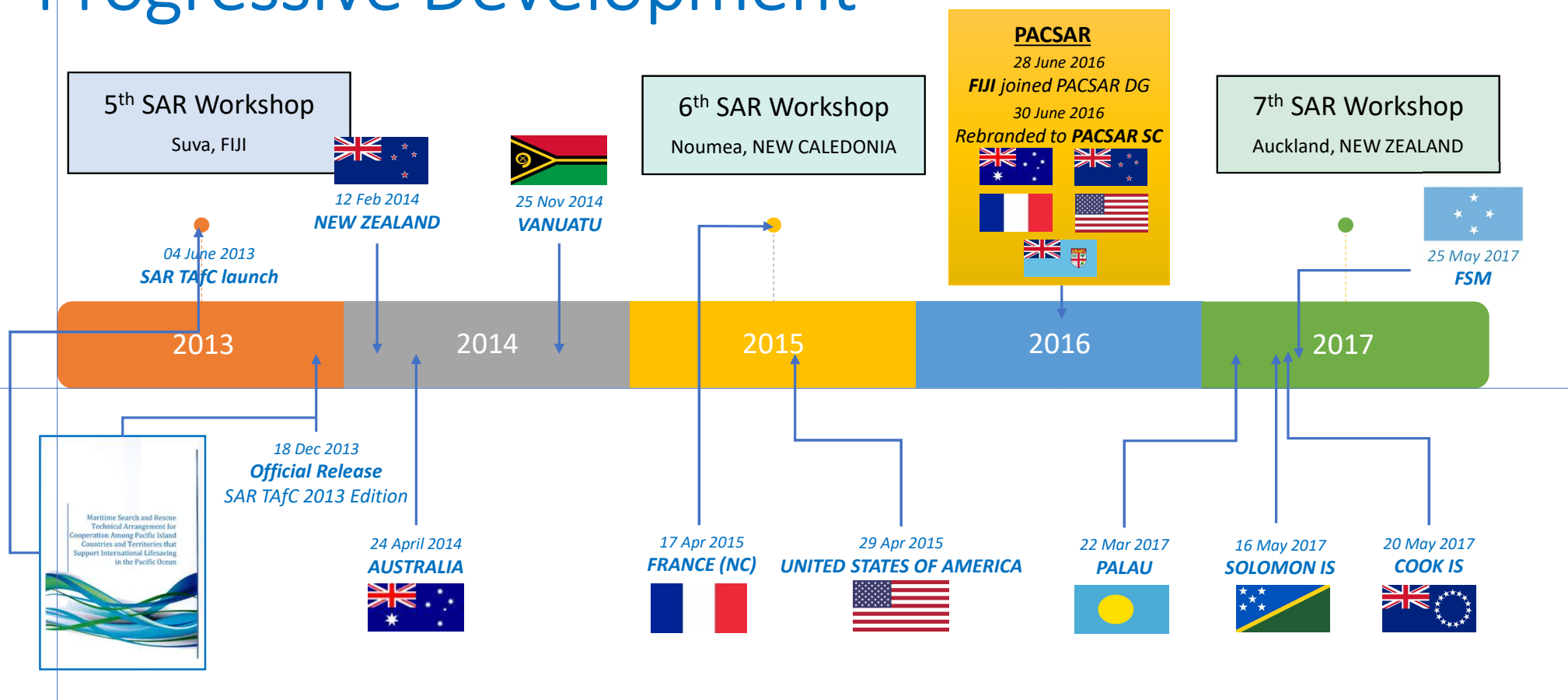


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## Progressive Development



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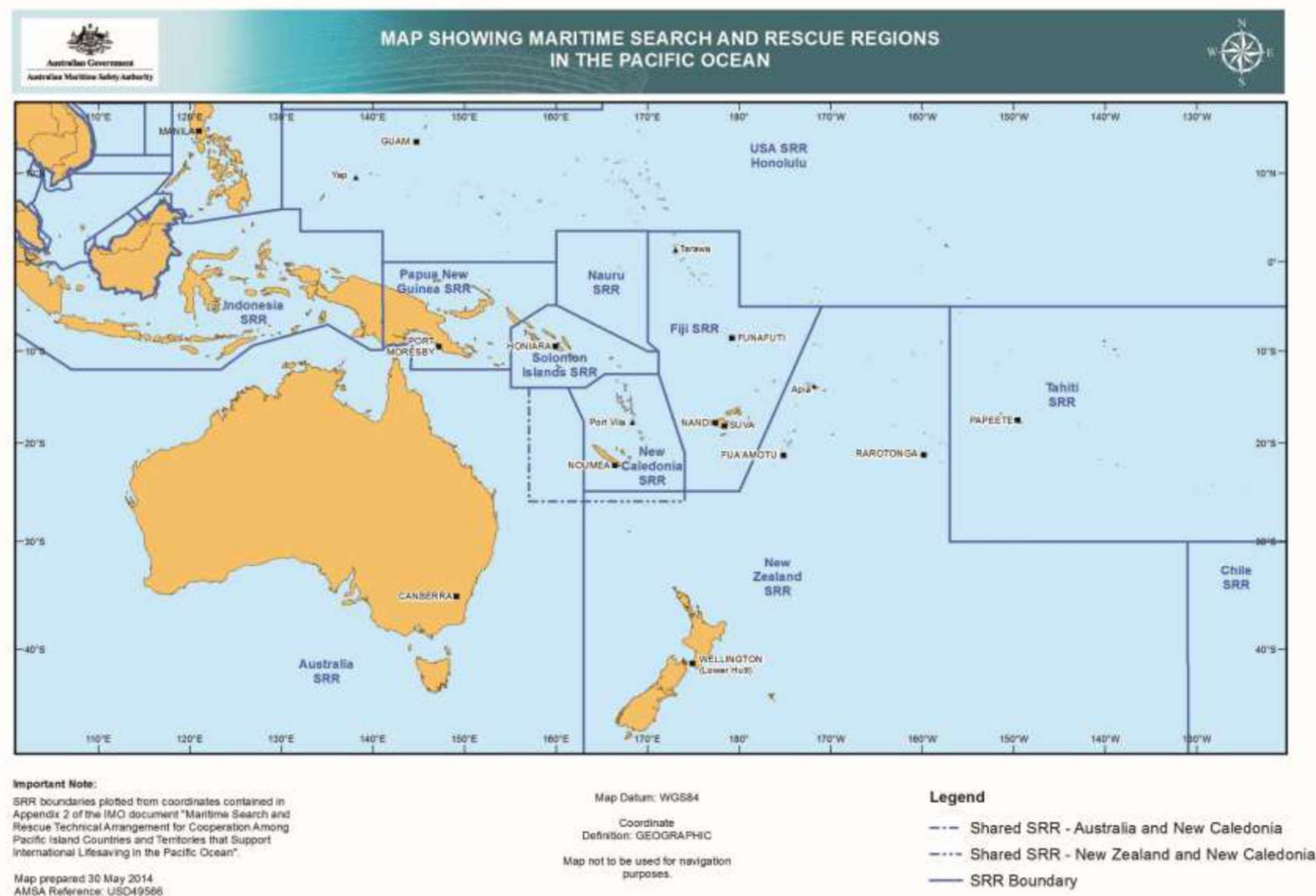
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## Appendix 2 (SAR TAfC) DELIMITATION OF MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE REGIONS AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

### 1. Pacific Region

#### Others

2. Pacific Ocean – Northwest Region
3. Pacific Ocean - Northeast Region
4. Pacific Ocean - Southeast Region
5. Pacific Ocean - Southwest Region





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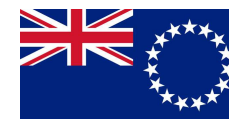
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16 May 2017



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### Statement of Acceptance

MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR COOPERATION AMONG PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES THAT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL LIFESAVING IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN

On behalf of New Zealand, Maritime New Zealand hereby agrees to the terms of the Maritime Search and Rescue Arrangement among Pacific Island Countries and Territories that Support International Lifesaving in the Pacific Ocean.

As per Article 2 of the Arrangement, we acknowledge that this is a non-binding arrangement, intended to promote cooperation in the Pacific region.

*[Signature]*  
Keith Marsh  
Director  
Maritime New Zealand  
New Zealand

12 February 2014

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On behalf of the Republic of Palau, the Ministry of Justice hereby agrees to the terms of the Maritime Search and Rescue Arrangement among Pacific Island Countries and Territories that Support International Lifesaving in the Pacific Ocean.

As per Article 2 of the Arrangement, we acknowledge that this is a non-binding arrangement, intended to promote cooperation in the Pacific region.

Raymond B. Olouach  
Vice President and Minister of Justice  
Ministry of Justice  
Republic of Palau

*[Signature]*  
3/23/17  
Date

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**  
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On behalf of Solomon Islands, Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration hereby agrees to the terms of the Maritime Search and Rescue Arrangement among Pacific Island Countries and Territories that Support International Lifesaving in the Pacific Ocean.

As per Article 2 of the Arrangement, we acknowledge that this is a non-binding arrangement, intended to promote cooperation in the Pacific region.

Name: Henry Murray  
Title: Permanent Secretary  
Agency: Ministry of Infrastructure and Development,  
Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration  
(SIMSA)  
Country: Solomon Islands

*[Signature]*  
Date: 12th May 2017

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On behalf of the Cook Islands, Cook Islands Police Service hereby agrees to the terms of the Maritime Search and Rescue Arrangement among Pacific Island Countries and Territories that Support International Lifesaving in the Pacific Ocean.

As per Article 2 of the Arrangement, we acknowledge that this is a non-binding arrangement, intended to promote cooperation in the Pacific region.

Name: Maera TETAVA  
Title: Commissioner  
Agency: Cook Islands Police Service  
Country: Cook Islands  
Date: 19 May 2015

*[Signature]*  
19 May 2015

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## Status Report 28/02/2023

Participants*	Country	Signatory date**
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	Australia	24 April 2014
Commissioner of Police	Cook Islands	20 May 2017
National Police, Department of Justice	Federated States of Micronesia	25 May 2017
Ministry of Defense, National Security and Immigration	Fiji	
Haut-Commissaire de la République en Nouvelle-Calédonie	France (New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna Islands)	17 April 2015 (New Caledonia only)
Haut-Commissaire de la République en Polynésie française	France (French Polynésie)	
Director Marine Division, Ministry of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development	Kiribati	
National Police, Ministry of Justice	Republic of Marshall Islands	
Fisheries Resource Management Authority	Nauru	
Maritime New Zealand	New Zealand	12 February 2014
Niue Island Police Department	Niue	
Boating Law Administrator, Department of Public Safety, Office of Special Programs	Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	
National Emergency Management Office, Office of the Vice President, Ministry of Justice	Republic of Palau	22 March 2017
National Maritime Safety Authority	Papua New Guinea	
Office of the Mayor***	Pitcairn Island	
Ministry of Police	Samoa	
Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Authority Ministry of Infrastructure and Development	Solomon Islands	16 May 2017
Department of Transport	Tokelau	
Marine and Ports Division, Ministry of Infrastructure	Kingdom of Tonga	
Tuvalu Police	Tuvalu	
United States Coast Guard	United States of America (American Samoa and Guam)	29 April 2015
Maritime Police Wing, Vanuatu Police Force	Vanuatu	25 November 2014

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## Recommendation

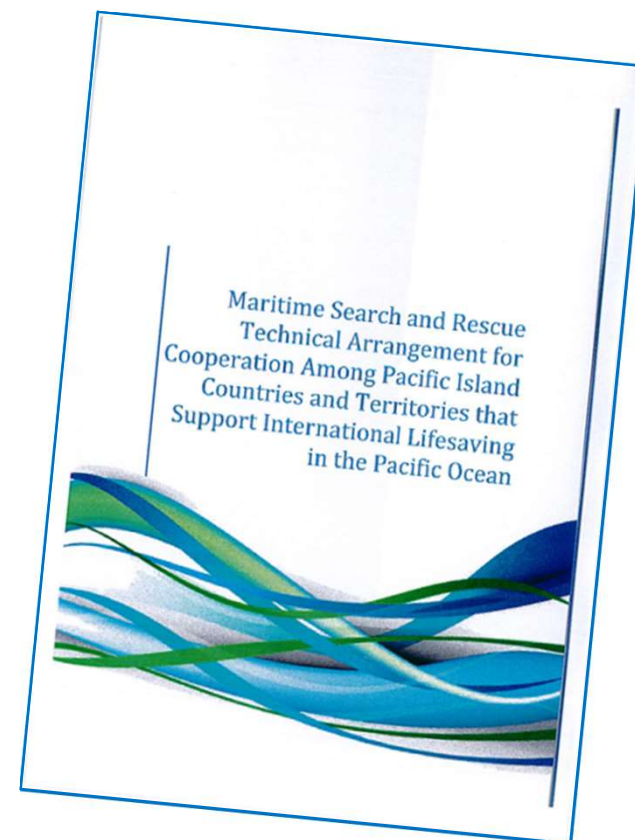
The workshop is invited to;



**AFFIRM** the purpose of the SAR TAfC in providing a framework for consultation and cooperation.



**ENCOURAGE** participating countries to become signatories.



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# Thank You