

TONGA NATIONAL REPORT

Hydro Office/ Services

There is now a bilateral agreement between Ministry of Infrastructure and LINZ regarding Hydrographic service in Tonga.

HMAF is still pursuing its goal of re-establishing hydrographic capability.

Survey

On-going survey arrangement is with LINZ.

New Charts and Updates

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MSI

Problem with training of staff and they move to another branch.

Capacity Building

HMAF has 2 Cat B officers, 5 trained surveyors and one is undertaking Cat A courses at Mississippi University, is due to complete by June 2019. Next phase is acquiring new survey equipment. Hopefully in the next 2-3 years the HMAF Hydrographic Unit will be able to conduct hydrographic survey. HMAF will seek in the near future a contracted Hydrographer to fill-in supervisory role prior to survey operation until we have a certified Hydrographer.

Conclusion

Hopefully in the next three years that HMAF would be of greater assistance to the Kingdom's hydrographic service within Tonga as well as in fulfilling Tonga's obligation internationally.