

Papua New Guinea (PNG): Defence Relations Factsheet –

Correct as at 3 April 2014

DIALOGUES

South Pacific Defence Ministers Meeting

- Held in Tonga May 2013; to be held in PNG 2014

Defence Ministers Meeting

- Held in Canberra December 2013

Defence Cooperation Talks (Annual)

- Last held December 2013 in Canberra. Next talks planned for mid-2014 in PNG.

KEY LEADERS

- **Prime Minister** – Mr Peter O'Neill.
- **Minister for Defence** – Dr Fabian Pok.
- **Secretary of Defence** – Mr John Porti.
- **Commander PNG Defence Force** – Brigadier General Gilbert Toropo.
- **Chief of Staff PNG Defence Force** – Captain (Navy) Alois Ur Tom.

DEFENCE COOPERATION PROGRAM

- 27 in-line officers, ADF and civilian advisers and liaison officers provide in-country support to the Defence Cooperation Program.
- Pacific Patrol Boat Program – Four Pacific Patrol Boats.
- Project Halivim Poroman (Barracks Refurbishment Program) – A\$1 million per financial year.
- Contracted lease of two helicopters to the PNGDF from 2012-2014.
- Training:
 - On average, 20 Australia-based long-term military training positions each year for PNG defence personnel.
 - Focuses on basic and intermediate Army and Navy skills (such as engineering and navigation courses).
 - Includes positions at Australian Defence College and Royal Military College.
 - Funding and advisory support also provided for the conduct of in-country training courses in PNG.
- Support to PNG participation in UN Peacekeeping Operations.

KEY AGREEMENTS

Defence Cooperation Arrangement between Australia and Papua New Guinea

May 2013

Joint Statement on Enhancing Our Defence Relationship.

December 2004

Joint Statement by the Ministers for Defence of Papua New Guinea and Australia: the New Defence Partnership.

October 1997

Agreement between Australia and Papua New Guinea regarding the Status of Forces of each State in the Territory of the other State.

January 1977

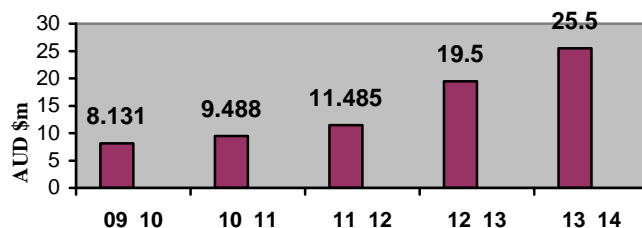
KEY PNG DEFENCE FORCE STATISTICS

Budget: 2013 Calendar Year - PGK 236 Million (A\$104 Million)
PGK 180 Million Recurrent Budget; PGK 16 Million Development (investment) Budget; PGK 40 Million Major Priority Project Budget

Size of PNG Defence Force

2700 (including 200 Air Transport Wing, 280 Maritime Element).

PNG Defence Cooperation Budget 2009 - 2014



EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Exercise	Type	Frequency	Participants	Last Held	Location
OLGETA WARRIOR	Joint bilateral	Annual	AS/PNG	2013	PNG
- WANTOK WARRIOR	Infantry	Annual	AS/PNG	2013	PNG / Aust
- PUK PUK	Engineering	Annual	AS/PNG	2013	PNG
- LOGI TURA	Logistics	Annual	AS/PNG	2013	PNG / Aust
- HELICON LUK	ADF Rotary wing training	Annual	AS/PNG	2013	PNG
- GUDPELA PLAN	Planning	Annual	AS/PNG	2013	PNG
PARADISE	Maritime	Annual	AS/PNG	2013	Alternates
LONGREACH	Humanitarian Assistance/ Disaster Relief	Ad hoc	Multilateral	2012	Alternates
PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP	Humanitarian Assistance	Biennial	Multilateral	2013	PNG
CATHEDRAL (Operation)	Election logistics support	N/A	AS/NZ/PNG	2012	PNG
Forum Fisheries Operations	Maritime Surveillance	Quarterly	Multilateral	2013	Alternates

VISITS

Recent Senior PNG Defence Visits to Australia	Recent Senior Australian Defence Visits to PNG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence Minister Dr Fabian Pok, Secretary of Defence Mr John Porti, Commander PNGDF BRIGGEN Francis Agwi for Defence Ministers Meeting, MinForum & DC Talks (Dec 2013) Secretary of Defence Mr John Porti for Deakin Conference and PNG-Australia Roundtable (April 2013). Director-General Office of Security Coordination and Assessments, Mr Ian Jinga and Mr Ken Noga, Chair of the National Security Policy Technical Working Group (Mar 2013). Secretary of Defence, Mr John Porti (Oct 2012). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief of Army LTGEN David Morrison (Jan 2014 & Oct 2013) Chief of Navy VADM Ray Griggs (September 2013). Chief of Defence Force GEN David Hurley (August 2013). Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Senator David Feeney, (May 2013 & Oct 2012). Prime Minister Gillard (May 2013). AMSHL Mark Binskin, Vice Chief of the Defence Force (Oct 2012). Mr Brendan Sargeant, Deputy Secretary Strategy (Oct 2012). LTGEN Ash Power, Chief of Joint Operations (Sep 2012).

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