



Project Data Sheet

Project 49461-001

Project Name	Strengthening Solomon Islands' Maritime Safety and Establishing the Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Authority	
Project Number	49461-001	
Country / Economy	Solomon Islands	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9127-SOL: Strengthening the Solomon Islands' Maritime Safety and Establishing the Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Authority	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 800,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Transport / Water transport (non-urban)	
Gender	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration (SIMSA) needs further technical assistance (TA) to enable it to become an entity that is capable of addressing the changing environment in the international maritime community. The proposed TA will assess current organizational structure, job description, functionalities and recommend an appropriate restructuring model for SIMSA. It will introduce new divisions and job functions as suitable to meet administrative, safety and security, aids to navigation, hydrography, marine search and rescue and environmental obligations as required by IMO and UNCLOS and other international maritime conventions and organisations where Solomon Islands is a signatory. The proposed TA will recommend and provide an intensive training program for the restructured SIMSA staff to better educate on the reforms and enhance ownership and long term implementation of the reforms in line with international standards. Relevant training programs will be proposed for ship owners and stakeholders to improve awareness on the requirements in the international maritime community and need to align with reforms in SIMSA.</p>	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed TA will assist SIMSA to prepare for the compulsory IMO member state audit scheme being implemented by the IMO. The IMO will undertake compulsory audit of the maritime administrations of the member countries to assess how well their Governments are implementing their obligations under the maritime conventions to which they have acceded. The Solomon Islands is programmed to be audited in July 2019.
Impact	Safe shipping and clean seas in Solomon Islands aligned with the National Transport Plan 2011-2030

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Sustainable, efficient, and internationally certified maritime safety authority in Solomon Islands is established
Progress Toward Outcome	Solomon Islands National Maritime Transport Policy was finalized in December 2016. The Policy included list of reforms for the new authority to meet the International Maritime Organization Audit requirements. The Drafting Instructions was completed end of February 2017. Consultations with key stakeholders also completed. The Draft SIMA Bill was finalized in September 2017 and the Bill was approved by parliament on August 2018.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<p>SIMSA restructured into an independent regulatory authority</p> <p>Compliance with international maritime laws and standards increased</p> <p>Capacity of SIMSA strengthened</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The consultants were mobilized between late-September and early-October 2016; 2. In December 2016 the consultants delivered the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. National Maritime Transport Policy ii. Staffing plan for the new proposed authority; iii. Financial analysis of the proposed authority's business model; iv. Development plan for the Information Technology & Communication section, introduction of modern maritime technology and creation of the SIMSA website; and v. Development plan for the new Marine Environmental Protection section. 3. In February 2017 the legal consultant delivered Drafting Instructions for the Maritime Authority Bill. 4. The Solomon Islands Government cabinet approved drafting of a new bill to transform Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration into a Solomon Islands Maritime Authority on 15 April 2017. 6. The Draft Bill was tabled to parliament on July 2018 and parliament approved the new bill in August 2018. 7. Consultants were remobilized in February 2019 to commence restructuring SIMSA into an independent regulatory authority. This included interviewing new board management positions and holding discussions with government about opening of a new banking account and the transition of staff from SIMSA to the new authority. Training for staff was also organized by the consultants.
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Consultations were undertaken with the government, SIMSA officials, shipping operators, and other stakeholders when designing the TA.
During Project Implementation	Consultations with key private sectors including shipping operators, and government authorities were undertaken throughout the drafting of the Solomon Islands National Maritime Transport Policy and the new legislation. Consultants also organized SIMSA staff workshops to explain the concept of the reform.
Responsible ADB Officer	Tozaka, Dalcy Lagoni
Responsible ADB Department	Pacific Department
Responsible ADB Division	Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office in Sydney, Australia
Executing Agencies	<i>Ministry of Infrastructure Development PO Box 1213 Honiara, Solomon Islands</i>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	11 May 2016
Fact Finding	22 Feb 2016 to 29 Feb 2016
MRM	-
Approval	29 Jun 2016
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	20 Mar 2019

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
29 Jun 2016	21 Jul 2016	21 Jul 2016	31 Jul 2019	-	31 Oct 2019

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
800,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800,000.00	17 Jun 2022	761,224.59

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