

# Major Capacity Building Needs & The Role of Land Surveying Division.

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## Outline:

- Brief Background of Niue
- Role & Responsibilities of the Survey Division
- Challenges Faced
- Training Requirements
- Way Forward

## Map of the Pacific



## NIUE Background

- The Niue Constitution Act of 1974 provided for Niue to become self governing in free association with New Zealand.
- Under the Provisions of the Act, close ties are maintained with New Zealand which undertakes responsibility for Niue's external relations and defence, as well as for the provision of administrative and economic assistance.
- The Niuean people retain New Zealand citizenship by virtue of this "*special relationship*".

## Niue Profile

- Population: 1,625 people as at 2006 census.
- Land Area: 259 square kms.
- Maximum height above sea level: 68m
- Raised Coral island
- Government: There are 20 members of the Assembly  
Elections are held every three years. The Assembly is the  
supreme law making body.
- Economy: The gap between domestic production and  
demand for goods and services is very wide. The resulting  
trade deficit makes Niue's economy heavily dependent on  
foreign aid.

## Map of Niue



## Role of the Surveying Division

- Department consist with 4 Division
  - Administration
  - Civil & High Court
  - Land Court
  - Land Management
    - Land Survey
    - Property/Lease/Registration
    - GIS/LIS/Survey Draughting

## Challenges Faced

- Lack of specialised & skilled staff
  - Qualified Staff have migrated overseas
- Lack of modern & specialised equipment to carry out the work. Usually the department cannot afford the equipment and outside funds are often requested to help co-purchase the equipment.
- Lack of Training Opportunities to up skilled existing staff

## Challenges.....

- Some of Data was destroyed during the cyclone Heta (2004) and was recovery was quite difficult.
- At that time, hardcopy of surveying plan was sent overseas to be digitally scanned.
- Department was relocated to higher grounds and there was not enough space to store the equipment.

## Way Forward

- Department require technical assistance from overseas
- Create more training opportunities for existing staff in terms of short term attachments etc. to be more up to date with modern technology

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