



HMNZS HAWEA

DEPLOYMENT TO FIJI

- The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has sent a Royal New Zealand Navy Inshore Patrol Vessel – HMNZS HAWEA – to Fiji to help patrol its territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone over the next six months.
- HMNZS HAWEA's deployment to Fiji marks the first time that a RNZN Inshore Patrol Vessel (IPV) is deployed to the South Pacific.
- The fisheries patrols aim to support effective fisheries management and contribute to a wider multi-national approach to enhance maritime surveillance in the Southwest Pacific.
- Personnel from Fiji's Department of Fisheries, the Republic of Fiji Navy and New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries will join the patrols. Fijian personnel will also play a role in planning the patrols.
- It is expected that the numbers of Fijian Navy personnel within HMNZS HAWEA's crew will increase over the course of the deployment as integration training is completed.

THE SHIP, HER ROLE AND CAPABILITIES

- HMNZS HAWEA is one of the Royal New Zealand Navy's Protector-class IPVs.
- The IPVs' primary mission is to ensure the security and prosperity of New Zealanders by undertaking maritime security patrols, surveillance, boarding operations and response to search and rescue call-outs.
- The IPVs have fully automated control and navigations system, powerful engines, and modern communications and surveillance systems. Using their two Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs), the IPVs can undertake boarding operations and surveillance, and transport personnel. The ships are highly manoeuvrable and capable of speeds of up to 25 knots (46 kilometres per hour).
- The ships regularly support the operations of other government agencies. They have a complement of 24 naval personnel and four Government agency officers. They can host additional personnel onboard for general naval training or other duties.
- **Commanding Officer:** Lieutenant Dave Luhrs, RNZN