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OVERVIEW

1. CURRENT maritime transport
2. CHALLENGES in the Cook Islands
3. REQUIRED capacity building activities
CURRENT MARITIME TRANSPORT

• Whole of government approach to a sustainable maritime transport

• Ministry of Transport – Maritime Safety Authority is the Lead Agency
  • 4 x maritime staff (75% women)
  • Supported by 3 MOT staff (Technical)

• Represented at the national, regional and international forum

• One international wharf (Avatiu – Rarotonga)
CHALLENGES IN THE COOK ISLANDS

- Government priority
- Lack of resources
- Limited Infrastructure – international port, domestic port, vulnerable to climate change,
- Capacity constraints – human, technical expertise, turnover, recruitment
- Inadequate regulatory framework – legislative and policy development
- A Green Port – too small, limited cargo, reliance on fossil fuel in future,
- Decarbonisation – old vessels more than 30+ years, unable to meet obligations to reduce carbon emissions
- Cook Islands - Graduation (ODA 2020)
- Adaptation to climate change and environmental requirements
- Heavy reliance on fossil fuels for transport
- Importation of goods increasing due to increase in freight rates (vulnerability from overseas markets, and distance from connectivity)
REQUIRED CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

• Climate change adaptation and resilience
• Regulatory framework and legislative development
• Technical capacity building
• Port development to meet a “Green Port”
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