

～ 日本海難防止協会シンガポール連絡事務所発SRO news ～
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1 1月16日、仏領ポリネシア当局は、豪州向けのトーゴ籍船舶から過去最大規模となるコカイン4.87トンを押収した。また同日、フィジー警察はVatia埠頭においてコカイン2.64トンを押収した。両当局は、両事件の関連性を認めていないものの、押収のタイミングが重なったことで、太平洋が南北アメリカから豪州、NZ等への麻薬中継ルートとして再び注目を集めている。

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(21st January 2026, Radio NZ)

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(21st January 2026, The Fiji Times)

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(23rd January 2026, Radio NZ)

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(27th January 2026, PMN)

2 1月17日、国連公海等生物多様性協定（BBNJ協定）が発効した。本協定は2023年6月19日に採択され、発効要件である60か国以上の批准を得て、正式に国際法となった。日本は昨年12月に批准しており、太平洋島嶼国ではこれまでに8か国が批准して締約国となっている。

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(18th January 2026, Islands Business)

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(20th January 2026, Island Times)

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(21st January 2026, Radio NZ)

参考：[BBNJ協定締約国一覧](#)（UN）

3 台湾からパラオに寄贈された300台の船舶自動識別装置（AIS）（約10万ドル相当）が、漁業局を通じて地元漁師やボート利用者に無償提供されている。パラオでは近年、漁師の行方不明事案や、大規模捜索事案など複数の海難事故が発生しており、AISを設置することで船舶の位置を特定し、緊急時の救助活動を大幅に迅速化することが可能となる。

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(16th January 2026, Island Times)

4 豪州とマーシャル諸島は、新たなガーディアン級巡視船「RMIS Jelmae」の供与等に関する覚書を締結した。1月30日の豪州国防省の発表によると、西オーストラリア州で同船の引渡式典が行われ、マーシャル諸島のカネコ外務大臣が政府を代表して受領した。同船は、太平洋海洋安全保障プログラム（PMSP）（総額59億ドル）のもと引き渡された23隻目であり、太平洋島嶼国16か国に対して引き渡されてきた最後のガーディアン級巡視船となる。

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(23rd January 2026, The Marshall Islands Journal)

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(30th January 2026, Australian Government Defence)

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(30th January 2026, Defence Connect)

5 1月上旬、マーシャル諸島の海洋資源局（MIMRA）岸壁にて、日本政府から供与される2隻の新たな輸送船「Bikar」及び「Bokak」の引渡式典が行われた。ハイネ大統領、ムラー天然資源・商業大臣、ムラー海洋資源局長代行らが参加し、駐マーシャル諸島の相馬大使から2隻の引渡しを受けた。

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(23rd January 2026, The Marshall Islands Journal)

6 1月20日、ニュージーランド（NZ）のピーターズ外相とパラオのウィップス大統領、アイタロー国務大臣らはコロールで会談を行い、次回、次々回の太平洋諸島フォーラム（PIF）首脳会議を主催する両国が緊密に協力していくことで一致した。パラオには太平洋委員会事務所（OPOC）が置かれており、ピーターズ外相は同事務局への支援を1年間延長し、総額110万NZドルを提供すると発表した。

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(26th January 2026, Island Times)

7 1月23日、初のパラオ国内発シンクタンク「Compass Point Institute」（CPI）が正式に発足した。同研究所は、ガバナンス、経済政策、持続可能性に関する研究に基づく知見を提供し、政府の意思決定を支援する。

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8 1月26日の週、豪州の主権により、ブリスベンにおいて、太平洋諸島フォーラム（PIF）トロイカ会合が開催された。同会合には、前回議長のトンガ、現議長のソロモン諸島、次回議長となるパラオの各首脳と PIF 事務局長が参加し、気候変動、持続可能な開発、安全保障など地域の優先事項について議論されるとともに、COP 事前サミットの準備状況についても議論された。豪州のウ

オン外相からは、デジタルインフラ整備に重点を置き、パシフィック・レジリエンス・ファシリティ（PRF）に追加で 5 億 5000 万豪ドルを投資することが表明された。

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(27th January 2026, Island Times)

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(28th January 2026, Islands Business)

9 シンガポール拠点の非営利団体「United Against a Nuclear Iran」(UANI)によると、マレー半島東沖のマレーシア EEZ 内で、影の船団によるイラン、ロシア、ベネズエラ産などの石油船舶間移送 (STS) がここ 1 年で倍増しているという。主に中国向け船舶に移送されていると見られている。

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(27th January 2026, Seatrade Maritime)

10 パラオ議会は、外国政府により追放された者の入国・居住・就労・長期滞在を禁止し、他国への帰還が不可能な者の再定住も阻止する移民法の改正案を可決し、昨年 12 月にウィップス大統領が発表した米国から国外退去処分となった第三国国民 75 名を受け入れる協定の発効を阻止した。

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11 1 月 6 日、駐ミクロネシア連邦 (FSM) の籠宮大使は、同国を訪れている JICA 調査団とともにシミナ大統領を表敬した。今回の調査団は、新たな貨客船の支援を検討するため、日本の無償資金協力によって供与された貨客船 2 隻の状態調査、FSM4 州の商業港及びその離島の港湾状況を調査するものである。

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RMI Police Commissioner Hemonia Jack and Australian Ambassador Paul Wilson.

Deal to keep our ocean waters safe

The Marshall Islands and Australia signed a memorandum of understanding for Maritime Security cooperation earlier this month at the Cabinet conference room.

The agreement includes four implementing arrangements on the transfer of the Guardian-Class Patrol Boat RMIS Jelmae, Maritime Training, Maintenance and support for Guardian-Class Patrol Boat and other vessels, and aerial surveillance for monitoring the RMI's exclusive economic zone.

The RMI-Australia agreement "aligns with the Marshall Islands National Strategic Plan, Agenda 2030, the 2050 Strat-

egy for the Blue Pacific Continent, and the Ocean of Peace Declaration that will complement collective efforts in promoting law enforcement institutions to deliver personal security for vulnerable groups, using new and innovative approaches on community policing and greater broader security of the RMI," according to a social media post by the President's Office.

The agreement was signed by Marshall Islands Police Commissioner Hemonia Jack and witnessed by President Hilda Heine, members of the Cabinet, Australian Ambassador Paul Wilson, members of the Australian Navy, and other RMI officials.



Japan Ambassador Hirohisa Soma hands the symbolic key to MIMRA's Oceanic Deputy Director Berry Muller, and President Hilda Heine, with Minister Tony Muller enjoying the moment. Below, the boats were on display and were blessed during the ceremony. Photos: Rubon JR Jacklick.

Bikar and Bokak ready for work

The two new fisheries transport vessels provided by Japan to the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority are valued at about \$2 million, according to Japan Ambassador Hirohisa Soma, who handed the vessels over to the RMI government earlier this month.

President Dr. Hilda C. Heine, Natural Resources and Commerce Minister Tony Muller, members of the Cabinet and Nitijela, traditional leaders, Acting MIMRA Director Berry Muller, and many others were on hand for the hand over at the MIMRA dock in Delap.

The two transport vessels named MS Bikar and MS Bokak aim to promote sustainable fisheries and increase livelihood opportunities in the outer atolls, said the Japan Embassy in a release. "MS Bikar and MS Bokak are expected to play an essential role in ensuring connectivity within the country as fish caught in the neighboring atolls will be brought by those vessels to the two main ports in Majuro and Ebeye for distribution," said the embassy.

The vessels are named after the two uninhabited atolls that anchor the RMI's first National Marine Sanctuary in the northern Marshall Islands.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Soma stated that Japan and the Marshall Islands have engaged in continued maritime cooperation since Japan began its first project with the Marshall Islands in 1980: Building the Majuro Bridge and the channel underneath it to assist small boat



access to the ocean on the south side of the atoll.

He also added that this cooperation and partnership are consistent with the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" vision which underlines the respect for "diversity," "inclusiveness" and "openness."

Minister Muller, on behalf of the RMI government, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people and government of Japan for their longstanding and multifaceted support particularly to the fisheries sector and stated that the provision of these two vessels to the fish market centers in Majuro and Ebeye will serve as integral assets supporting subsistence fisheries, local livelihoods, and food security across the Marshall Islands.

President Simina receives JICA Data Collection Survey Team on passenger and cargo vessel assistance

FSM Information Services

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Palikir, Pohnpei – His Excellency Wesley W. Simina, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) received a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Data Collection Survey Team on a courtesy call at the President's Office in Palikir on January 6, 2026.

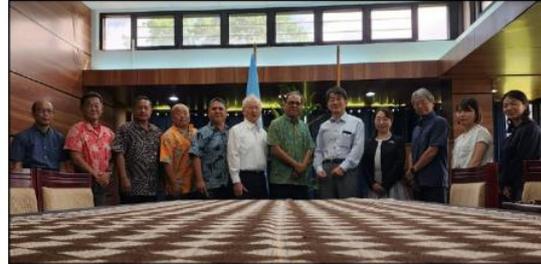
The visit of the JICA Data Collection Survey Team follows a formal request made by the Government of the FSM to the Government of Japan for assistance in the provision of a new passenger and cargo vessel to replace the MV Caroline Voyager, which was personally conveyed by President Simina during the visit to the FSM by the President of JICA in June 2024 and Tenth Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM10) held in July 2024.

The objective of the survey is to gather information about the current vessel situation and identify potential

operational needs and technical specifications. The information gathered will support JICA's project formulation process and inform potential future assistance for a passenger and cargo vessel that is well-suited to FSM's operational needs and long-term sustainability.

During the courtesy call, President Simina welcomed the team and expressed his appreciation to the Government of Japan and the JICA for their prompt and positive response to the FSM's request. The President noted that the dispatch of the Data Collection Survey Team reflects the strong and enduring partnership between FSM and Japan, as well as their shared commitment to practical and sustainable development cooperation.

President Simina underscored the critical importance of maritime transportation to the FSM, a geographically dispersed island nation that relies heavily on safe and reliable passenger and cargo vessels to connect



states and communities, support economic activity, and ensure the delivery of essential goods and services. The President also highlighted the history of maritime cooperation with Japan, which started from the provision of the Micro-class cargo-passenger vessels, followed by the MV Caroline Voyager.

President Simina further emphasized that the Administration's vision is to enhance accessibility and connectivity between the central main island state and the smaller neighboring atolls to better serve the people of the FSM.

"The President concluded by thanking the JICA Data Collection Survey Team for their commitment and reaffirmed the FSM Government's full support for the survey process, while expressing confidence that the survey's findings would lead to the tangible realization of a passenger vessel to serve the people of the Federated States of Micronesia."