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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 30 August 2025 to the Ministry of Defence requesting *a list (with names of exercises and dates) of the NZDF's combined exercises/operations with militaries of Pacific Island states from 2020 to the present*. Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The following table provides a list of exercises and operations with Pacific Island states from 2020 to June 2025. The single entry across 2020 and 2021 is a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic and NZDF support to the all-of-government response.

Dates	Exercise/Operation	Location	Type
29 Nov 2021 – 30 Jan 2022	SIAST I	Solomon Islands	Pacific Relief training
Jan 2022	Pacific Relief	Tonga	Support to Tonga post volcanic eruption
1-31 Jul 2022	Veilutaki 22	Fiji	Close country leadership training
11 Jul 2022 – 12 Feb 2023	SIAST II	Solomon Islands	Pacific Relief training
9-25 Sep 2022	Cartwheel	Fiji	Multinational Training
Mar-Apr 2023	Mahi Tahi	Fiji	Bilateral training and engagement
22 Apr – 10 May 2023	Croix De Sud 23	New Caledonia	Bilateral training
24 Apr - 1 Jun 2023	TROPIC TWILIGHT 23	Tonga	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity
5 Sep – 19 Oct 2023	Lululai	Papua New Guinea	Close country leadership training
6-8 Sep 2023	Cartwheel	Fiji	Multinational Training
20 Apr - 6 May 2024	Tagata Toa	New Caledonia	Multinational Training
5-20 May 2024	Tropic Foxhound	Fiji	Bilateral training
22 Apr - 31 May 2024	TROPIC TWILIGHT 24	Tonga	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief activity
20 May - 11 Jun 2024	MARARA 24	Tahiti	Multinational Engagement
Jun 2024	Pacific Relief	Papua New Guinea	Support to Papua New Guinea post landslide event
15 Jul - 11 Aug 2024	Veitokani	Fiji	Close country leadership training
8-20 Sep 2024	Cartwheel	Fiji	Multinational Training
Nov 2024 – Jun 2025	Resolution	Samoa	Support following sinking of HMNZS Manawanui
4-23 Mar 2025	Central Diamond	Fiji	Multinational Training
21 Apr – 4 Jul 2025	Puk Puk	Papua New Guinea	Bilateral training

Dates	Exercise/Operation	Location	Type
21 Apr - 25 May 2025	Coral Sapper	Fiji	Joint military engineering training
26 May – 27 Jun 2025	Tropic Foxhound	Fiji	Bilateral training

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Yours sincerely

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