



# Regional Cooperation in Combating People Smuggling and Human Trafficking

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# Overview

- The Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC) – an example of regional cooperation between Pacific countries
- The Pacific Regional Immigration Identity Project – one of the PIDC's projects

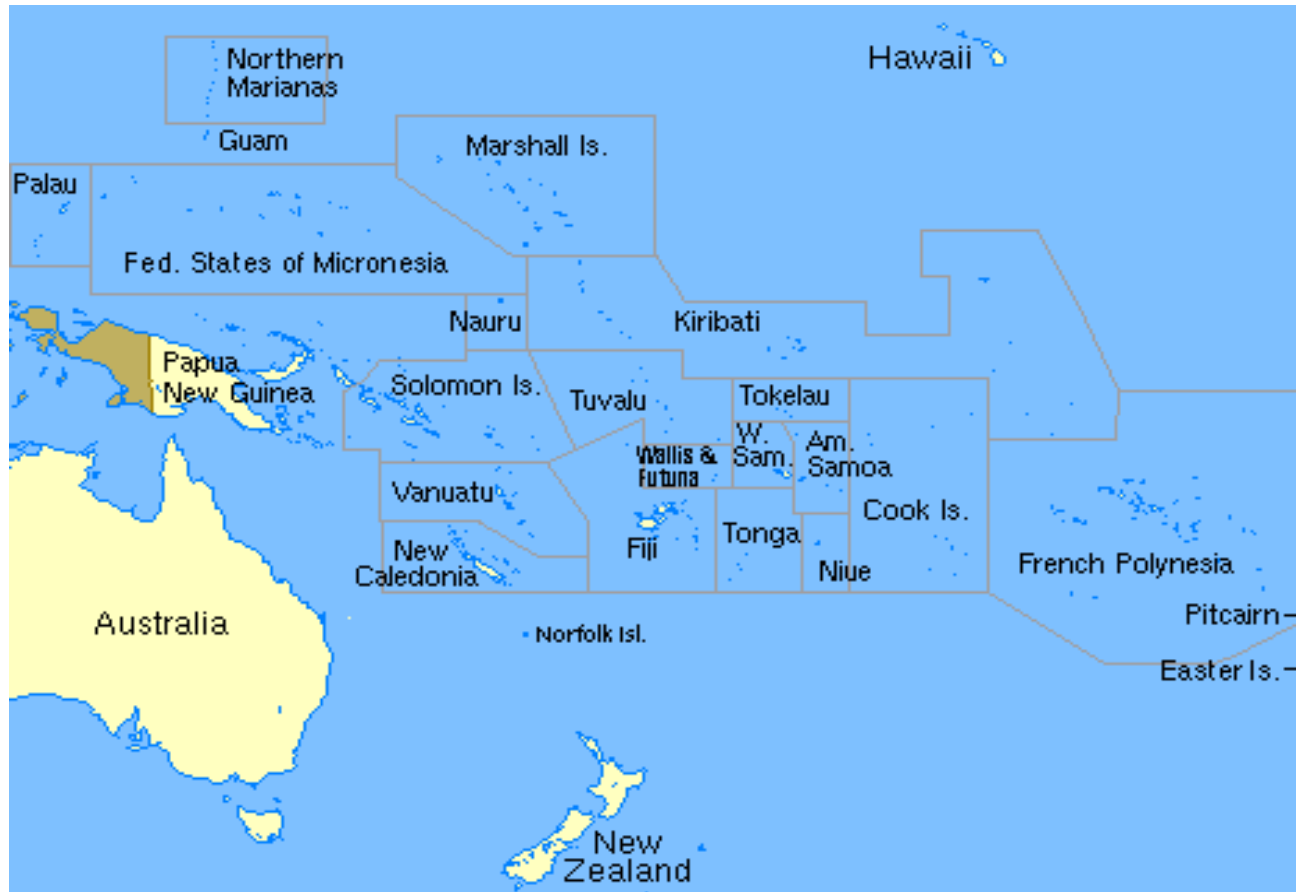


# The Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC)

- Pacific region immigration agencies' forum
- Promotes consultation and cooperation
- Exchange of ideas, dissemination of information, provision of technical assistance
- Focal point for collaboration with other regional and international bodies



# PIDC Membership





PACIFIC  
IMMIGRATION  
DIRECTORS'  
CONFERENCE

# Regional Reporting by the PIDC

- People Smuggling, Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration in the Pacific
- Intelligence Bulletin
- PIDC Newsletter



# Migration in the Pacific – 2007

- Visitor arrivals – 2 million visitors (excludes visitors to Australia & New Zealand)
- Border refusals – sharp increase to over 800 (excludes visitors to Australia & New Zealand)



# People Smuggling Legislation

Member	People smuggling
American Samoa	Yellow
Australia	Green
CNMI	Green
Cook Islands	Green
Fiji	Green
French Polynesia	Green
FSM	Red
Guam	White
Kiribati	Green
Marshall Islands	Yellow
Nauru	Green
New Caledonia	Green

Member	People smuggling
New Zealand	Green
Niue	Yellow
Norfolk Island	Yellow
Palau	Green
PNG	Yellow
Samoa	Yellow
Solomon Islands	Yellow
Tonga	Green
Tuvalu	White
Vanuatu	Green
Wallis & Futuna	White

**Key:**



Legislation meets UN and/or regional standards



No relevant legislation



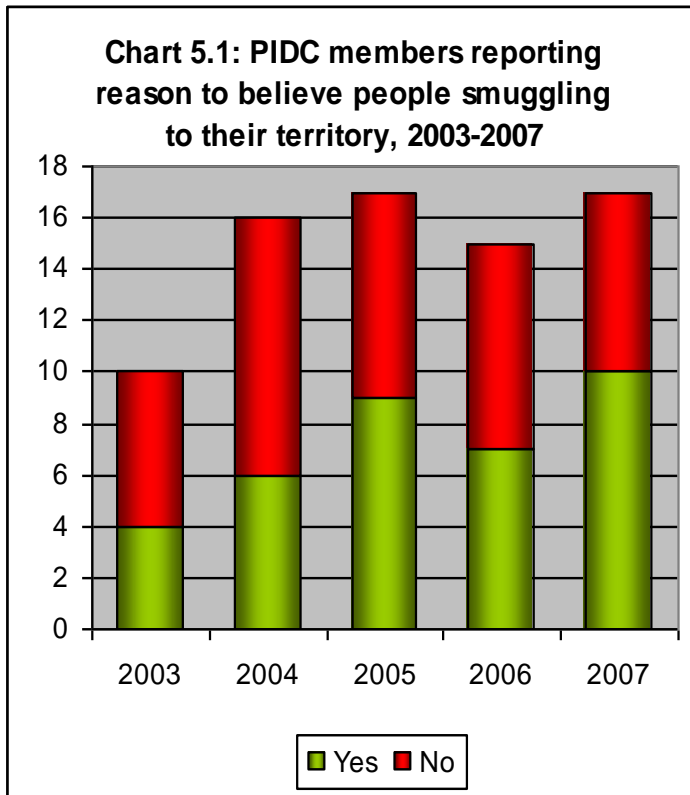
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# People Smuggling – 2007



- 10 PIDC members reported they believed people were smuggled into their country/territory
- 6 PIDC members (Fiji, New Caledonia, Palau, PNG, Tonga and Vanuatu) believed those smuggled were being transited to another destination
- 114 cases of people smuggling involving 209 smuggled people were detected
- 41 of these detections involving 74 individuals were reported by Pacific Island members





# Human Trafficking Legislation

Member	Human trafficking
American Samoa	
Australia	■
CNMI	■
Cook Islands	■
Fiji	■
French Polynesia	■
FSM	■
Guam	
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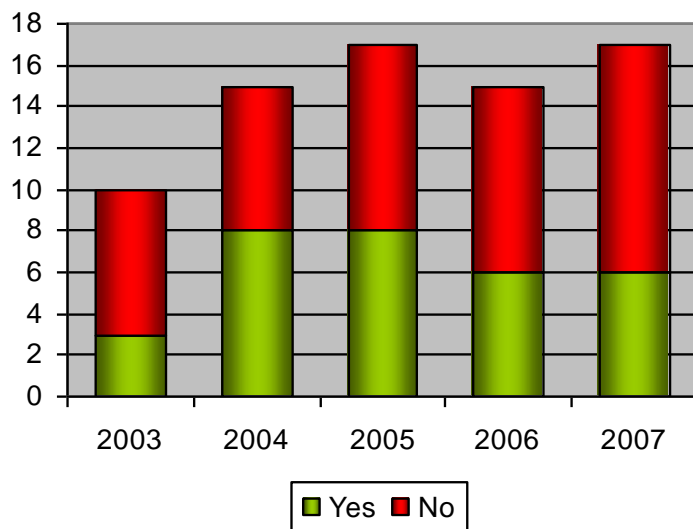


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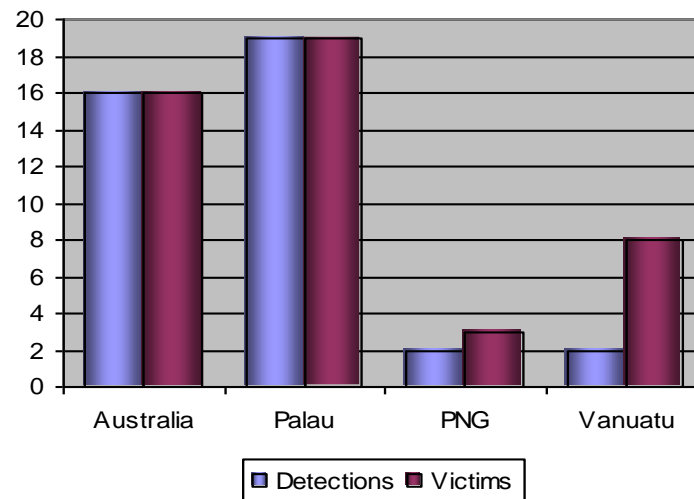


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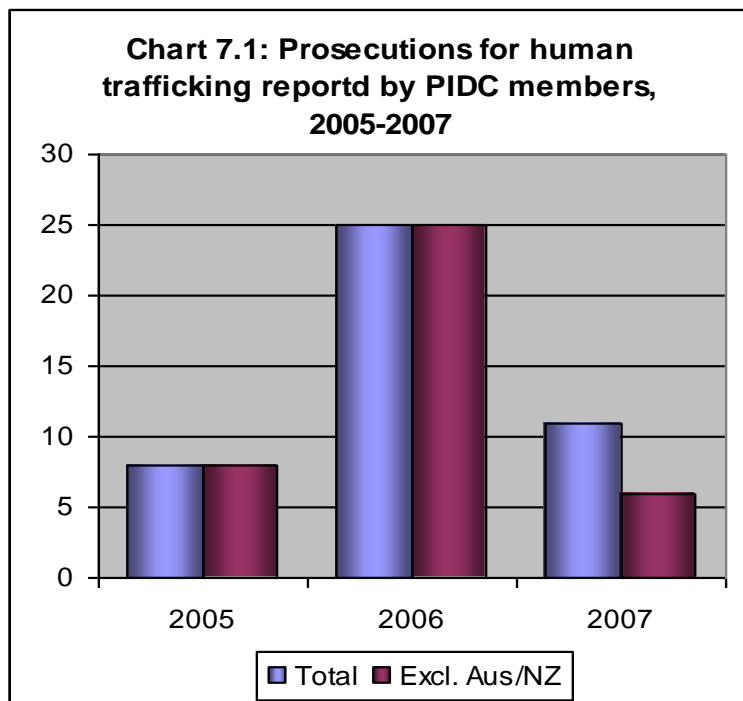
**Chart 6.1: PIDC members reporting reason to believe human trafficking to their territory**



**Chart 6.2: Instances detected and number of victims reported by PIDC members, 2007**



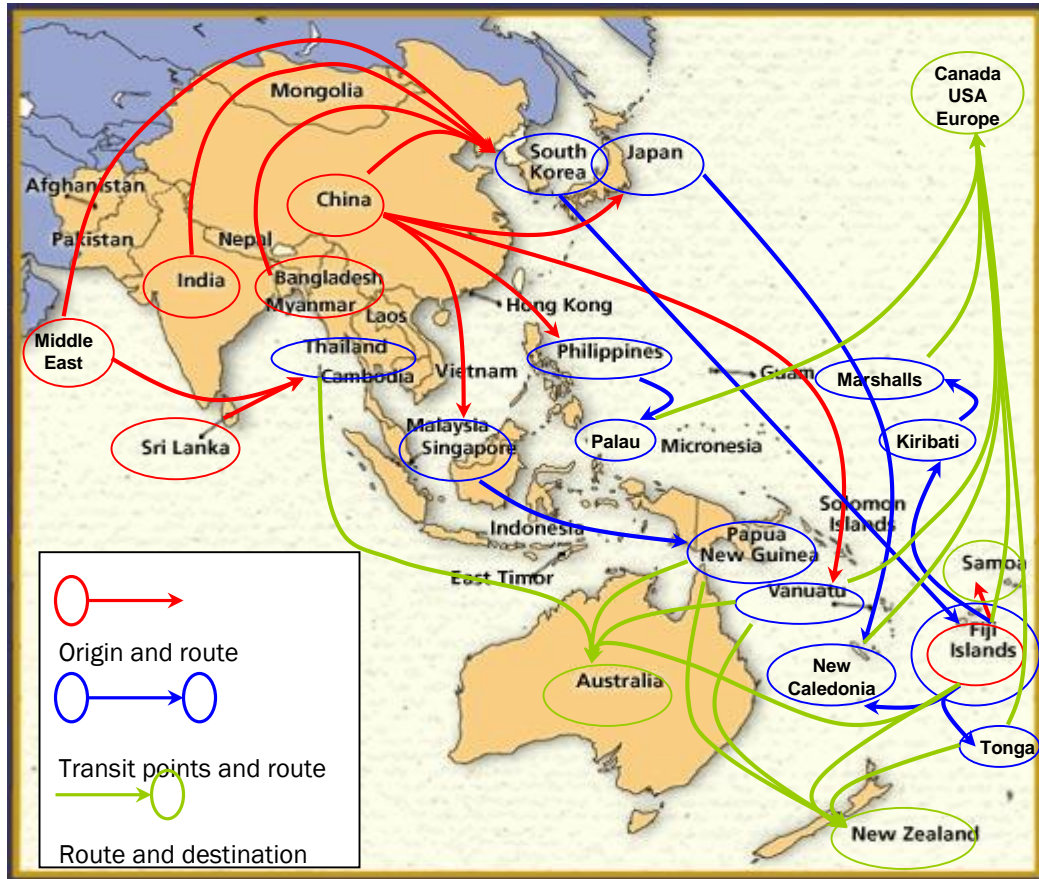
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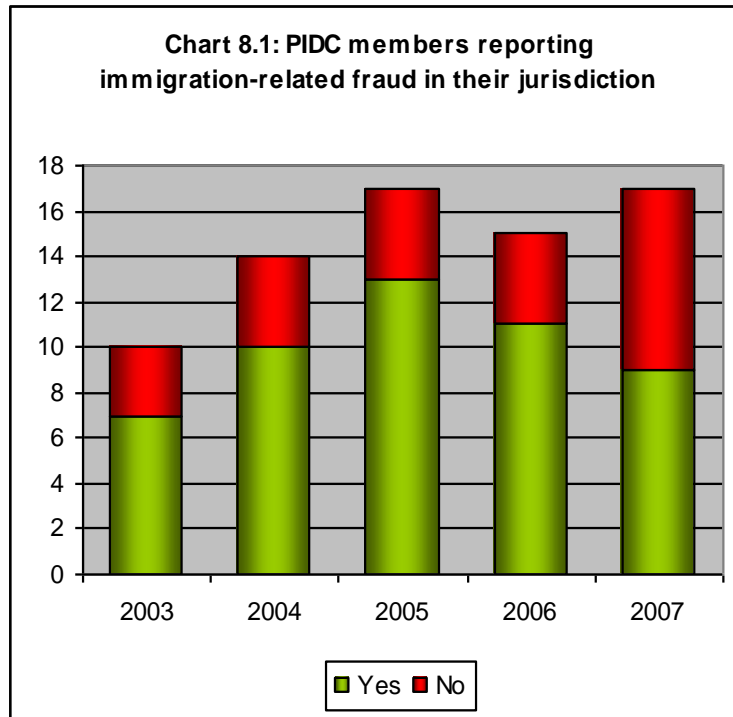
- 11 prosecutions and convictions were reported (five in Australia and six in Palau)
- The sentences ranged from a minimum of six and a maximum of 10 years imprisonment in Australia to 20 years imprisonment in Palau



# Movements of smuggled persons



# Immigration and related fraud – 2007



- Members detected 2,554 cases of persons using fraudulent means to enter the country
- False / altered supporting documents most frequently cited
- 71 persons were convicted of immigration-related fraud in the region; 32 in Pacific Islands region



# The Pacific Regional Immigration Identity Project (PRIIP)

- A regional approach to assisting in the detection, measurement, investigation, prosecution and prevention of identity fraud at the border



# The PRIIP Concept

- Development of an understanding of identity crime
- Identity crime cuts across agencies
- Regular and ongoing discussions between agencies



# PRIIP Concept

- Multi-agency teams and training packages
- Collection of regional identity documents
- Legislative provisions





# The PRIIP Concept

- Sharing national examples within the region through the PIDC, Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) and the Pacific Islands Chief of Police (PICP)
- The OCO and PICP Secretariats input into and support the PRIIP in ensuring a multi-agency approach

# Thank you

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