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The MV Mataliki



The MV Mataliki on arrival in Apia harbour, February 2016

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About the MV Mataliki

The MV Mataliki is a new purpose-built passenger and cargo vessel designed to meet the essential shipping needs of Tokelau's three atolls - Atafu, Nukunonu and Fakaofu.

The Mataliki is capable of transporting up to 60 passengers on the international voyage between Samoa and Tokelau, and up to 120 passengers between the atolls.

The new ship is larger and more efficient than previous vessels owned by the Government of Tokelau. It has been specifically designed for Tokelau, with input from Tokelauans on their priority requirements. Sea trials confirmed that the Mataliki is very comfortable, quiet and manoeuvrable for a vessel of her size.

About Tokelau

Tokelau's population of about 1,400 people is entirely dependent on shipping for people and goods, as there are no flights to and from the islands.

Tokelau has no harbours, and large vessels cannot enter the atoll lagoons or the reef channels. Ships sit offshore while passengers and cargo are transferred to and from shore using new custom-built barges.

When the MV Mataliki begins service, voyages from Apia will be scheduled on approximately a fortnightly basis. The new ship has the capacity to increase voyages between the three atolls, which take 4-6 hours.

New Zealand's relationship with Tokelau

Tokelau is a non-self-governing territory and has been administered by New Zealand since 1926.

New Zealand is the largest funder to Tokelau. In 2014/15, NZ provided NZ\$20.7 million in the areas of transport, education and budget support and NZ\$3.9 million through regional and partnership programmes. This included expenditure on building of MV Mataliki, a long-term project funded by the New Zealand Government.



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New Zealand is supporting Tokelau to strengthen its public services, improve quality of life on its atolls, and maximise its fisheries revenue. New Zealand remains committed to our constitutional relationship with the government and people of Tokelau.

Technical specifications

Length:	44.63m
Speed:	cruising speed of 13 – 15 knots
Carrying capacity:	20 ton of cargo (including 5 ton of frozen cargo) 60 passengers (international) 120 passengers (intra-atoll)
Range:	10 days continuous steaming
Engine:	Yanmar engines, propulsion power 480KW x 2

Other details

MV Mataliki will also be able to provide passenger transport in medical or other emergencies, and undertake a 5-day return trip between Apia and Tokelau's atolls.

About the New Zealand Aid Programme

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