







# COOK ISLANDS PORTS AUTHORITY

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## COUNTRY PRESENTATION



# Country Update



- Population estimated to be around 20,200
- Significant increase due to a high number of returning residents
- High number of migrant workers; Filipinos, Fijians, Indonesians – mainly for tourism
- On-going issues with labour, availability of labour, lack of technical and skilled personnel – mainly due to easy access to NZ
- Cook Islands has retained its OECD High Income status despite the economic contraction of COVID





# Economic Update



- Country still operating within a recovery context
- Strong growth since 2022/23 and has continued onto 2023/24
- Nominal GDP is back to pre-covid levels and is projected to continue to grow
- GDP at \$615m with GDP growth at 4.7% Debt at \$210m, 34% of GDP
- Tourism volumes increasing and close to pre-COVID numbers
- Steady growth in volumes for ports operations





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To deliver efficient ports services in a safe, secure and customer friendly environment

Strengthen local businesses, sustain communities and stimulate economic growth for the Cook Islands

Staff of 27 and up to 12 casual workers when required

Manage the ports on Rarotonga – Avatiu Port and Aitutaki – Arutanga Harbour

Changes within the Board of Directors – New Chairperson





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Completed Stage 1 of Arutanga Harbour Development – dredging to widen and deepen the passage and basin in Aitutaki

Start of Stage 2 of Arutranga Harbour Development – extension of hardstand and development of marina

Upgraded some of our key equipment both for Aitutaki and Rarotonga; part of our Equipment Replacement Programme

Working with ASYCUDA World on integrating Ports and container release module as part of the system

Two consecutive years of tariff reviews

Completed engineering assessment of passage and western marina for Avatiu Port with concept options for further development





# FUTURE PRIORITIES



FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY  
expanding our revenue streams



GREENING OUR OPERATION  
promoting the use of renewable energy



CONTINUE UPGRADING OUR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT  
promoting the use of renewable technology



IMPROVED NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY  
Width and depth of our passage



DEVELOPING OUR SITE AS A CENTRE OF ACTIVITY  
for our people and tourists alike





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July 21st - 22nd, 2025



### VENUE

National Auditorium, Rarotonga



### SUPPORT & SPONSORSHIP



### PACIFIC PILOTS ASSOCIATION

### CONFERENCE

To be held concurrently

National Auditorium, 23rd -25th July, 2025





# MEITAKI MAATA

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