



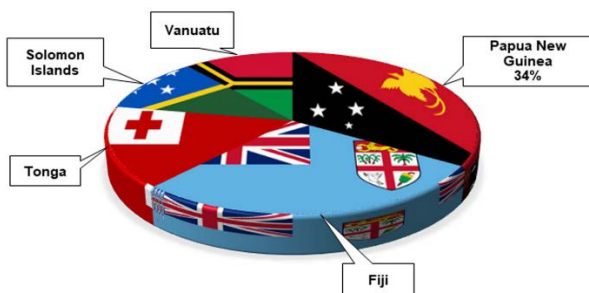
Multi-country overview

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The multi-country overview is a series of charts drawn from the Defence Diplomacy Tracker that provide comparisons of various aspects of defence engagement across the five selected countries from 2018 to 2023.

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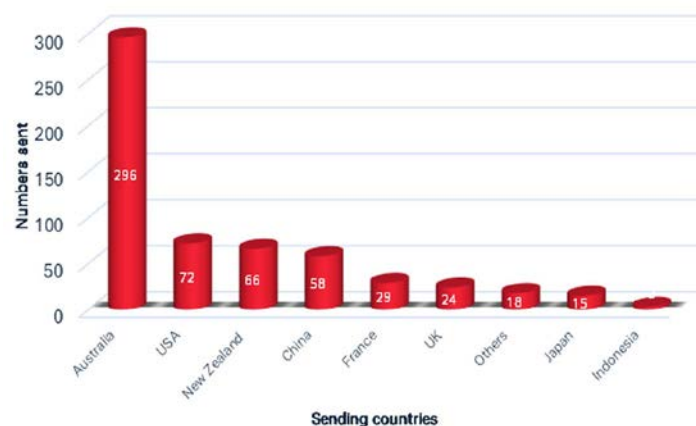
1. Percentage share of defence diplomacy engagements across five selected countries between 2018–2023



This pie chart illustrates the percentage share of units of defence diplomacy engagement received by the five Pacific island nations over a five-year period from 2018 to 2023. Papua New Guinea, has the most significant percentage share at 34 per cent (193 engagements), followed by Fiji at 28 per cent (159 engagements). In contrast, the other three countries—Tonga, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands—participated in fewer engagements, collectively receiving between 11 per cent and 16 per cent of the total engagements. This adds a layer of complexity and variety to the region's defence diplomacy landscape.

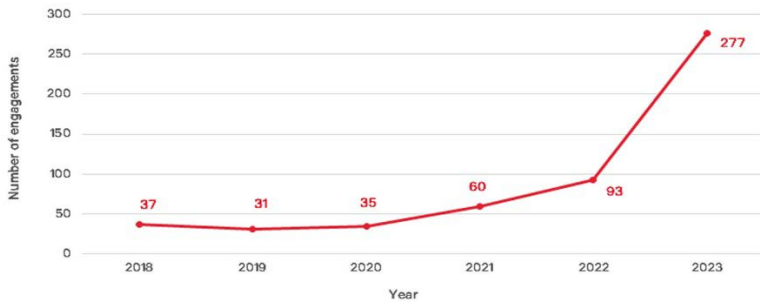
2. Units of engagement between 2018–2023 (sending countries)

The bar graph illustrates that between 2018 and 2023 Australia significantly outpaced other nations in defence diplomacy activities, initiating 296 engagement units, nearly double the combined efforts of the United States (72), New Zealand (66), and China (58). France (29) and the UK (24) contributed moderately, while Japan (15), Indonesia (3), and other countries* (combined total of 18) had lower levels of engagement, reflecting varied degrees of partner country commitment to cooperation with Pacific island nations in defence diplomacy.



*Canada, Fiji, India, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Tonga

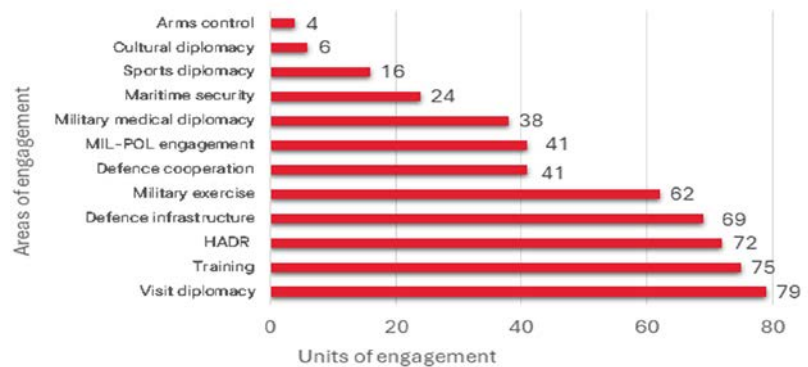
3. Units of engagement (2018-2023)



The line graph depicts the growth in defence diplomatic engagements over the five-year period, starting at 37 in 2018 and soaring to 277 by 2023. A notable spike from 2022 to 2023 indicates a substantial surge in activity within that period. This trend underscores the significant increase in defence diplomatic efforts over the observed period, highlighting the progress and development in this area.

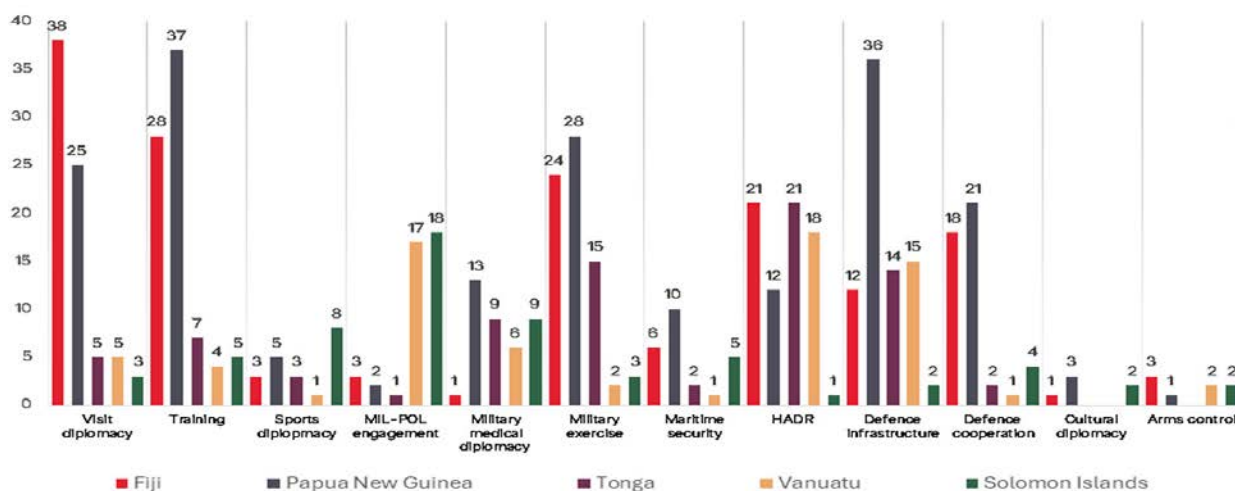
4. Defence diplomacy by areas of engagement across five countries (2018-2023)

The bar graph displays engagement categories across five Pacific nations from 2018 to 2023, measured by numerical density. Visit diplomacy leads with 79 units, followed closely by training and HADR with 75 and 72 units, respectively. Military exercises and defence infrastructure also show substantial engagement, with 62 and 69 units, respectively. Conversely, arms control and cultural diplomacy register the lowest engagement levels, with 4 and 6 units, respectively.



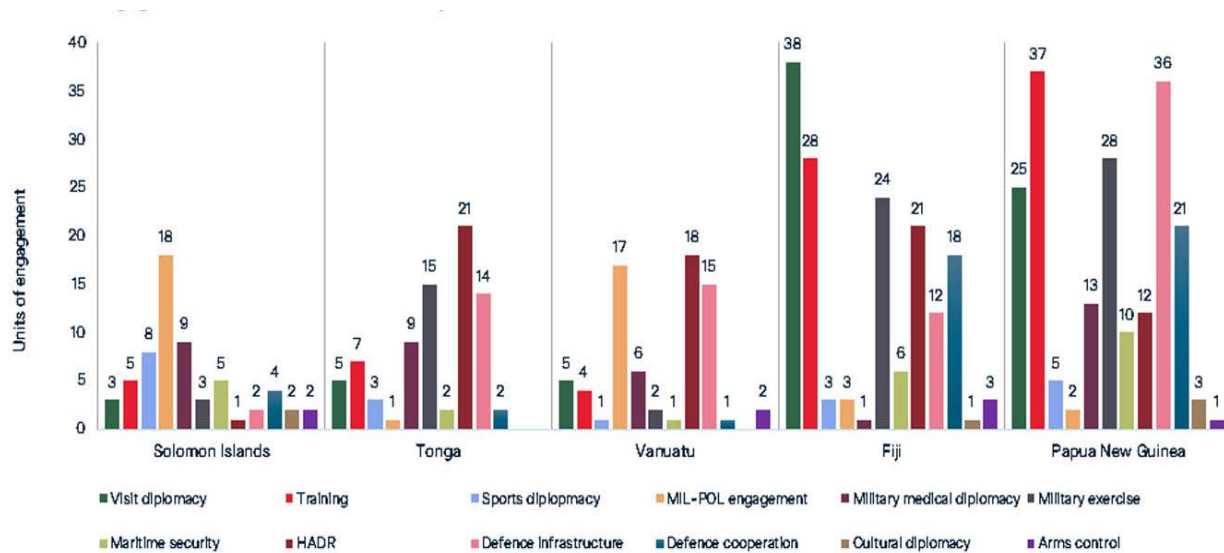
5. Units of engagement by area across five countries between 2018-2023

The bar graph illustrates the engagement units of five Pacific Island nations across twelve specific areas. Papua New Guinea has the highest engagement units, particularly in training (37) and defence infrastructure (36). Following closely, Fiji demonstrates an exceptionally high volume of engagements in visit diplomacy (38) and training (28). In contrast, the other three countries show lower engagement levels across most areas. Tonga and Vanuatu lead in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) with 21 and 18 engagement units, respectively. Solomon Islands has the highest engagement in military-police activities (18).



6. Units of engagement across five countries by area between 2018-2023

The bar graph illustrates various engagement categories across Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu between 2018 and 2023. Notably, the category that has the highest level of engagement in Papua New Guinea is defence infrastructure (36), while Fiji has the most engagements in visit diplomacy (38). Training is an area of significant engagement in Papua New Guinea (37), and HADR is prominent in Fiji (21) and Tonga (21). Military-Police (MIL-POL) engagement is notably high in Solomon Islands (18).



7. Units of engagement by area on yearly basis (2018-2023)

The bar graph presents the engagement areas from 2018 to 2023. Notably, there has been a substantial increase in engagement units across several categories in that time period. Defence infrastructure experiences significant growth, escalating from 3 in 2018 to 28 in 2023. HADR also shows notable growth, rising from 4 engagements in 2018 to 31 in 2023. Training sees a remarkable surge, jumping from 5 engagements in 2019 to 46 in 2023. Similarly, visit diplomacy experienced a significant increase, escalating from 8 engagements in 2018 to 48 in 2023.

