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“Effectively Managing our Fisheries and Marine Resources
For Sustainable and Equitable Benefits”



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NATIONAL FISHERIES AUTHORITY CLARIFIES PACIFIC MARINE INDUSTRIAL ZONE (PMIZ) PROJECT, AND THE EAST NEW BRITAIN INITIATIVE (ENBi) CONCEPT

The Pacific Marine Industrial Zone (PMIZ) project and the East New Britain initiative (ENBi) concept are two distinct initiatives of the PNG government.

The PMIZ project remains in Madang Province and has not been relocated to East New Britain Province, contrary to recent speculation. The Ministry of International Trade and Investment (MITI) provides policy oversight over the PMIZ as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), whilst the operationalization of the project lies with the National Fisheries Authority (NFA). The PMIZ project is a flagship project of government that focuses on the industrial development of the offshore fishery overseen by a whole-of-government approach through a project steering committee (PSC).

In contrast, the ENBi is a regional concept endorsed by the Pacific Island Forum (PIF) leaders that calls for regional collaboration in various development opportunities, that is aimed at developing and establishing innovative and inclusive investment pathways. This will be achieved with all the seventeen (17) FFA member countries working together in an effort towards supporting a sustainable future for our people in the Pacific as envisioned in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

This initiative will also involve the broader PIF member countries when everything proceeds as planned. The ENBi concept was established during the Special Forum Fisheries Ministers' meeting held in Kokopo in September 2023, hence the name East New Britain.

The NFA envisages that once fully implemented, the PMIZ will be one of the projects to be considered as an investment development opportunity under the ENBi for other FFA member countries to consider investing in.

The National Fisheries Authority remains committed to sustainably managing and protecting Papua New Guinea's fisheries and marine resources. We are dedicated to ensuring that these resources provide equitable benefits to our people while supporting sustainable development for future generations.



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