

Pacific Aviation: Economic and Safety Regulation

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Safety Regulation: the Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO)



PASO Plan 2003-2005

- The PASO Vision and Mission
- Organisation Overview
 - members - values
 - functions - structure
 - finance - quality assurance
- Specific Outputs and Schedule



The PASO Mandate

- Pacific Islands Forum Ministers' Decision
- Regional
- Cooperative
- Harmonised
- International standard



The PASO Vision

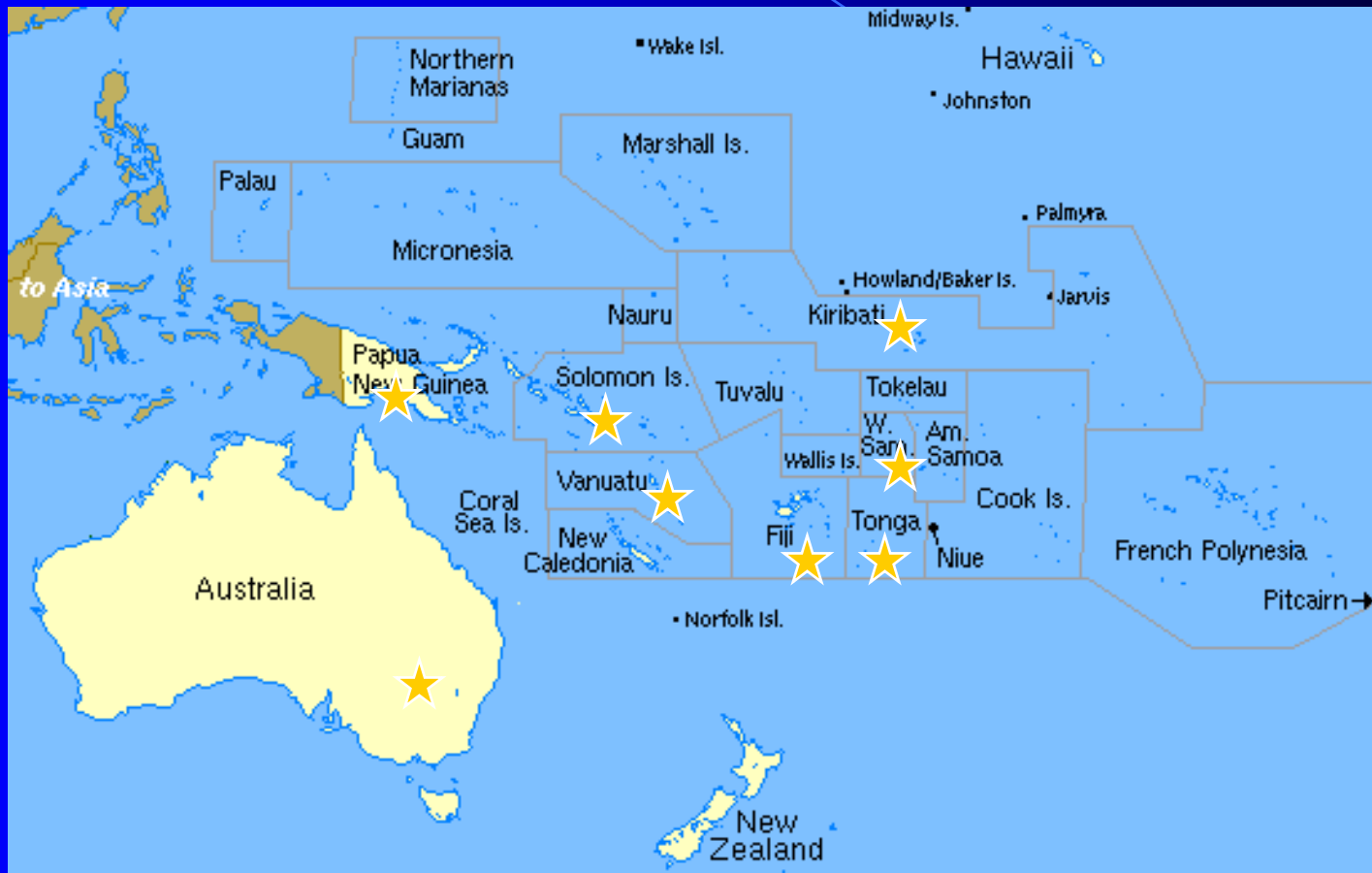
Safe and secure aviation in the Pacific

The PASO Mission

To establish a collaborative and regionally based aviation safety and security oversight program for the benefit of stakeholders and the region



Membership



PASO Founding Member Countries



PASO values

- Commitment to international obligations
- Regional ownership and governance
- Clear accountability
- Improve availability of quality expertise at reduced costs
- Sensitive to regional needs and priorities
- Promote regulatory harmonisation



Functions - initial tasks

- Flying operations
- Airworthiness
- Security and Airports

Operating procedures

- Audits in accordance with national regulations and ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices
- PASO advises, states implement

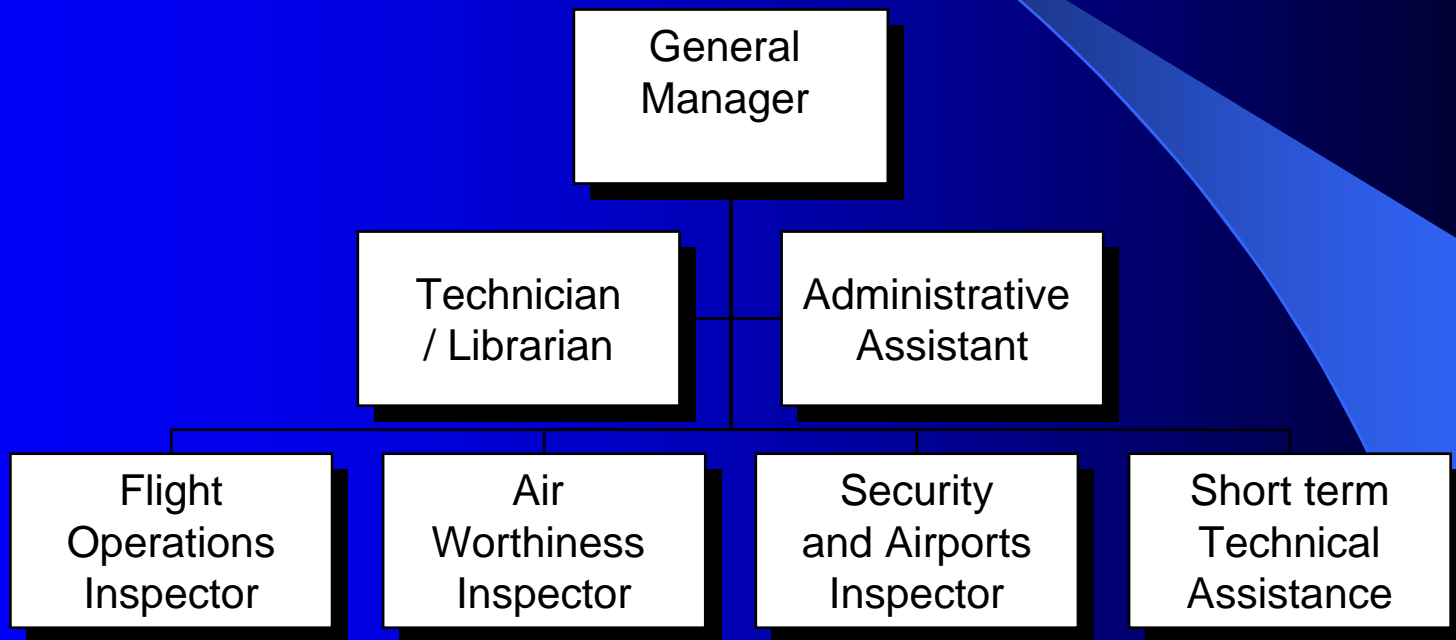


Functions - subsequent tasks

- Air traffic services audit and advice
- Personnel licensing
- Navigation aids audit and advice
- Rescue/fire fighting audit and advice
- Aircraft/carrier acceptance
- Assistance with legislation, registers
- Preparation of licenses, certificates
- Training



Structure and staff



PASO headquarters is in Port Vila



Quality assurance

- Regular consultation with member states and ICAO
- Independent project review anticipated after one year of full operation
- ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Program results for each PASO member the ultimate check

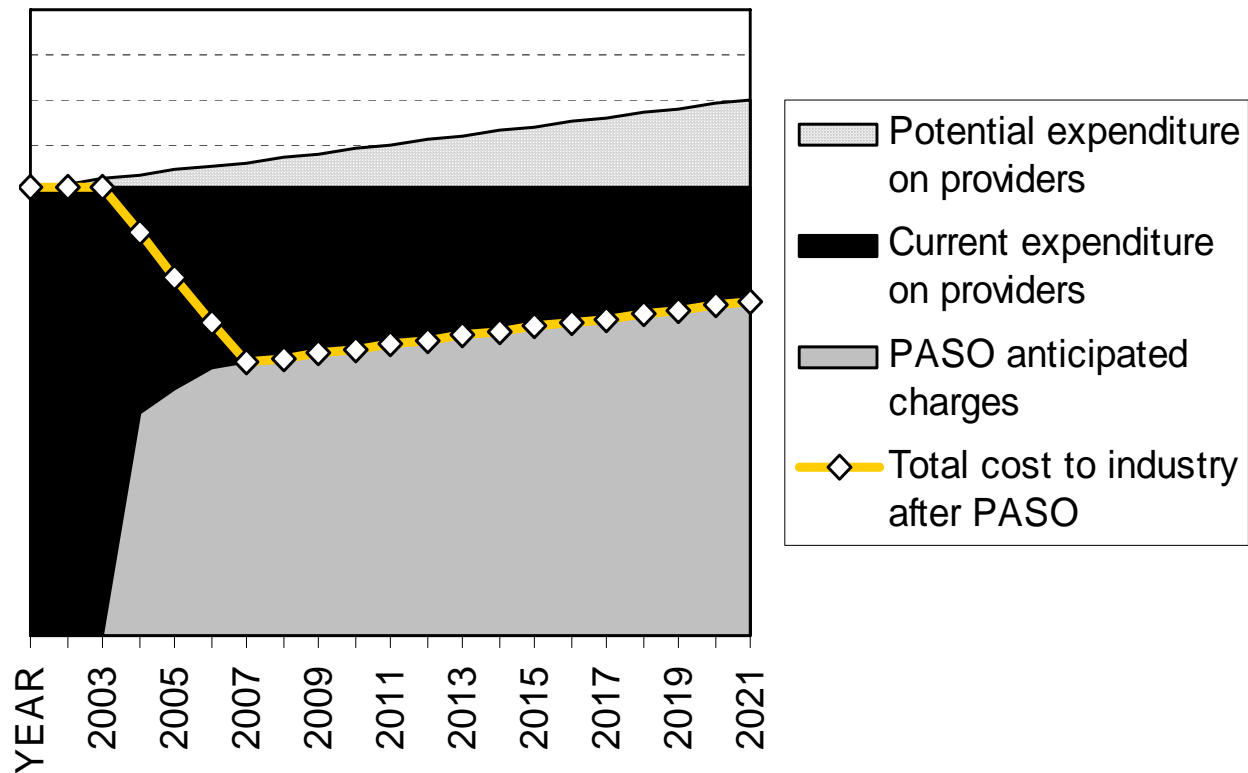


Finance - overview

- Estimated annual operating cost of US\$560,000
- Member states pay annual support levy
- Governments and industry will continue to cooperate on costs
- Financial feasibility study underway by ADB to prepare potential operating loan
- Cost recovery for services to begin within 18 months
- Fully self sufficient in 5 years



Finance - net impact



Implementation Schedule

- Implementation agreed in Sept 2001
- Establishment August 2002
- Commence inspections Q4 2003
- Full operation on cost recovery basis Q2 2005
- Independent review Q1 2006



Conclusion - The PASO Mission

- PASO is a proactive response to meeting States' obligations through permanent local capacity
- Integration with each State's CAA creates a new and improved operating environment and ensures commitment
- The financial impact is positive and self sustaining
- Regional co-operation leverages all available resources



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