

## Updated information on demographics and refused clearances

There have been 10,780 arrivals by PNG Traditional inhabitants into the Torres Strait from 1 July to 30 November 2009. The vast majority of visitors are coming to Saibai and Boigu Islands.

Island	PNG Arrivals	PNG Transits
Saibai	6750	312
Boigu	3056	12
Dauan	594	-
Erub (Darnley)	172	64
Mer (Murray)	96	-
Iama (Yam)	94	-
Badu	8	-
Masig (Yorke)	6	-
Kubin (Moa)	4	-
Ugar (Stephen)	-	87
Warraber (Sue)	-	9
Mabuiag	-	-
Poruma (Coconut)	-	-
St Pauls (Moa)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10780</b>	<b>484</b>

## Refused Immigration Clearance 1 July to 30 November 2009

Island	Health	Shopping	Accompanying Pax Refused	Ban on Visits	Collecting goods	PNG from non-Treaty village	Search & Rescue	Law Enforcement	Third Country National	Other
Saibai	359	370	160	154	58	28	-	2	1	67
Boigu	113	-	34	-	-	15	6	-	-	11
Dauan	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iama	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>78</b>

**Health** – PNG citizens arriving for the sole purpose of accessing health care (non treaty activity). Person refused immigration clearance, allowed to visit the health clinic and returned to PNG when fit to travel.

**Shopping** – PNG citizens arriving for the sole purpose of shopping (non-treaty activity). Persons refused immigration clearance and returned to PNG.

**Accompanying Pax refused** – PNG citizens arriving on a vessel with other persons who are refused immigration clearance e.g. escorts for ill patients and children without parents. Not able to allow entry to some and not others as this would result in return transport difficulties.

**Ban on visits** – PNG citizens who have arrived on an island on days when there is an official ban, approved by the DFAT Treaty Liaison Officer, due to issues like water shortages.

**Collecting goods** – PNG citizens arriving for the sole purpose of collecting goods that have been delivered to a family/friend in Australia (non-treaty activity). Persons refused immigration clearance and returned to PNG.

**PNG from non-treaty village** – Not traditional visitor. Persons refused immigration clearance and returned to PNG.

**Search and Rescue** – Those people rescued at sea and brought to the nearest inhabited land often as per safety of Life at Sea obligations.

**Law Enforcement** – People who, for example, have been asked to attend a local Magistrates Court on one of the islands within the Protected Zone. As this is not considered a traditional activity, the person is refused immigration clearance, allowed to attend court and returned to PNG. For PNG nationals required to attend court on Thursday Island or the mainland, however, CJVs are sought.

**Third country national** – A national of neither PNG nor Australia. This statistic (one) refers to a Sri Lankan male who sought asylum and was transferred to the BITA.

**Other** – these include people visiting boyfriends and girlfriends, babysitting, accessing ATMs, masters of vessels not performing traditional activities and cases not specified elsewhere.