



EXERCISE CROCODILE RESPONSE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHEET

The Australian Army, US Marines and Indonesian Troops will conduct a friendly training exercise in the Nhulunbuy NORFORCE Compound and adjacent Rio Tinto property, Arnhem Land from 14 to 20 May.

Exercise Crocodile Response 2022 is important because it will train our forces to deploy together and support people overseas after a crisis like a cyclone.

The exercise is designed to have only a minor impact on the Nhulunbuy community, with most of the activities taking place inside the compound. Military vehicles will move between the compound, Port of Gove and Gove Airport, with minor disruption to traffic.

From the 17-19 May Australian, American, and Indonesian personnel will exercise Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief operations in Nhulunbuy. A water purification activity will take place from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm daily at the Gove Surf Life Saving Club to practice the generation of a fresh water supply from the sea.

The Australian Army, US Marines and Indonesian troops act in accordance with COVIDSAFE protocols in the Northern Territory, and all have been subject to strict screening and testing requirements prior to this exercise.

The Australian Army, US Marines and Indonesian Troops will also bring their own medical capability so as to avoid any impact on local facilities.

Exercise Crocodile Response will feature the use of MV-22B Osprey aircraft coming and going from the Nhulunbuy South Oval throughout the training.

There will be a Community Day Event on the 19th May at 1:00 pm. Nhulunbuy Residents are invited to attend to meet the troops and see the military equipment on display.

The Australian Army has been part of the Arnhem Land community for almost 100 years.

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Air Movements

14 May 1:15 pm — A United States Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey with ADF and USMC personnel will land at Gove Airport to prepare for the arrival of further personnel during the week.

16 May 9:25 am & 3:15 pm A Royal Australian Air Force C130 Hercules military aircraft will land at Gove to transport ADF, USMC, and Indonesian military personnel to Nhulunbuy. They will be driven to and accommodated in the NORFORCE Depot and adjacent Rio Tinto property.

17 May 10:00 am & 4:00 pm — A United States Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey will land at the South Oval to transport senior ADF, DFAT, USMC, and Indonesian officers to visit exercise participants in Nhulunbuy. They will depart via MV-22 Osprey that afternoon.

18 May 11:00 am – 5:00 pm — United States Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey will land at the South Oval to transport USMC personnel to Nhulunbuy. These 30 Marines will carry rifles and squad weapons to best enable their training, though no ammunition will be carried.

19 May 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm — A United States Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey will land at the South Oval to participate in a Community Engagement Day. It will depart on completion.

20 May 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm — A Royal Australian Air Force C130 Hercules will land at Gove Airport on 20 May 2022 to transport ADF, USMC, and Indonesian military personnel back to Darwin.

Sea Movements

15 May 5:00 am — A barge with ADF and USMC vehicles will arrive at the Port of Gove. Vehicles will be unloaded at the barge ramp over a 4 hour period and driven to the NORFORCE Depot.

20 May 9:40 am — A barge will load ADF and USMC vehicles at Port of Gove. Vehicles will be driven from the NORFORCE Depot and loaded at the barge ramp over a 4 hour period.

Community Day

19 May – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm — There will be a Community Day Event on the 19th May at 1300. Nhulunbuy Residents are invited to attend to meet the troops and see the military equipment on display.

Note – All timings are approximate.