1. CRUISING PERMIT

Tourists travel to Fiji in different ways to experience the iTaukei lifestyle that is being offered. The iTaukei Affairs Board is the issuing authority of cruising permits for yachts and Super yachts that plan to spend their holidays within the Fiji Group.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this permit is to allow bona fide visiting yachts to cruise around the Fiji Islands. This permit is:

- To ensure that Captain of the yacht and its crew are advised of the iTaukei protocol needed to visit iTaukei tradition fishing grounds
- To inform the iTaukei traditional fishing ground owners to give these visitors the protect they would need
- To allow the iTaukei Communities to report any suspicion activities and/or any vessel that is accessing the iTaukei communities without the Government’s knowledge.

1.2 Scope

The cruising permit around Fiji waters shall be issued by the iTaukei Affairs Board under the provision of the Fiji Customs Act to Yachts and Super yacht cruising around Fiji waters and traditional fishing boundaries.

1.3 Responsibility

The Cruising Permit shall be issued by the Provincial Service Division on behalf of the iTaukei Affairs Board. The following officer shall be responsible for issuing Cruising Permits:

- Principal Assistant Secretary
- Executive Officer Central/Eastern
- Executive Officer North/Western
1.4 Definitions
“Agent” - a registered Marina operating under the Fiji Islands Hotel and Tourism Association (FIHTA) Marine Operators
“Crew” - any person engaged in any capacity on board a yacht
“Cruising Permit” - means the vessel permit issued by the Chief Executive Officer of the ITaukei Affairs Board
“Custom clearance” - certificate issued by the Fiji Island Revenue and Customs Authority under the Custom Act Cap
“Master” - the person in charge or in command of the yacht
“Passport” - travel document
“Super yacht” - as defined under Super yacht Charter Decree 2010
“Travel document” - proof of identification as defined under the Immigration Act Cap.

1.5 Processes
1.5.1 Application for Cruising Permit
Application for cruising permit shall either be submitted through an agent or made personally to the Provincial Service Division

1.5.2 Verification of Identity
1.5.2.1 Verify the Master of the yacht’s identity with his or her passport

1.5.2.2 Verify the yacht’s Customs Clearance to indicate that the yacht is a legitimise visitor

1.5.2.3 Verify the identity of the yacht and its colour with Customs Clearance and Certificate of Registration

1.5.3 Issuing of Cruising Permit
1.5.3.1 Enter the name of the Master of the yacht as it appears on the passport or travel document on the permit
1.5.6 Duration of Permit
The permit shall be issued up to a maximum of six (6) months. Should the yacht depart the Fiji waters within six months after being cleared by Fiji Island Revenue and Customs Authority will have its permit revoked as soon as it leaves Fiji waters.

1.5.7 Processing Time
The processing time is 2 - 3 days
1.5.3.2 Enter the name of the yacht as it appear on the Customs clearance certificate on the space provided on the permit

1.5.3.3 Enter the number of months they wish to cruise in Fiji waters on the permit

1.5.3.4 Enter the number of crews who shall be cruising on the yacht

1.5.3.5 Verify the information being typed on the electronic certificate before printing

1.5.3.6 Print the cruising permit

1.5.3.7 Sign the permit after cross checking the printed information

1.5.3.8 Explain to the Master of the yacht about the traditional protocols

1.5.3.9 Explain to the Master of the yacht about the dress code while visiting the villages

1.5.4 Application by an Agent
Follow the process as specified in paragraph 1.5.2 to 1.5.3. If an agent is lodging the application for cruising permit on behalf of the Master of the yacht.

1.5.5 Super yacht Cruising Permit
Follow the process as specified in paragraph 1.5.2 to 1.5.3. If an agent is lodging the application for cruising within the traditional fishing boundaries on behalf of the Master of the Super yacht.