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(APSAR/WG/1)**

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JRCC TAHITI

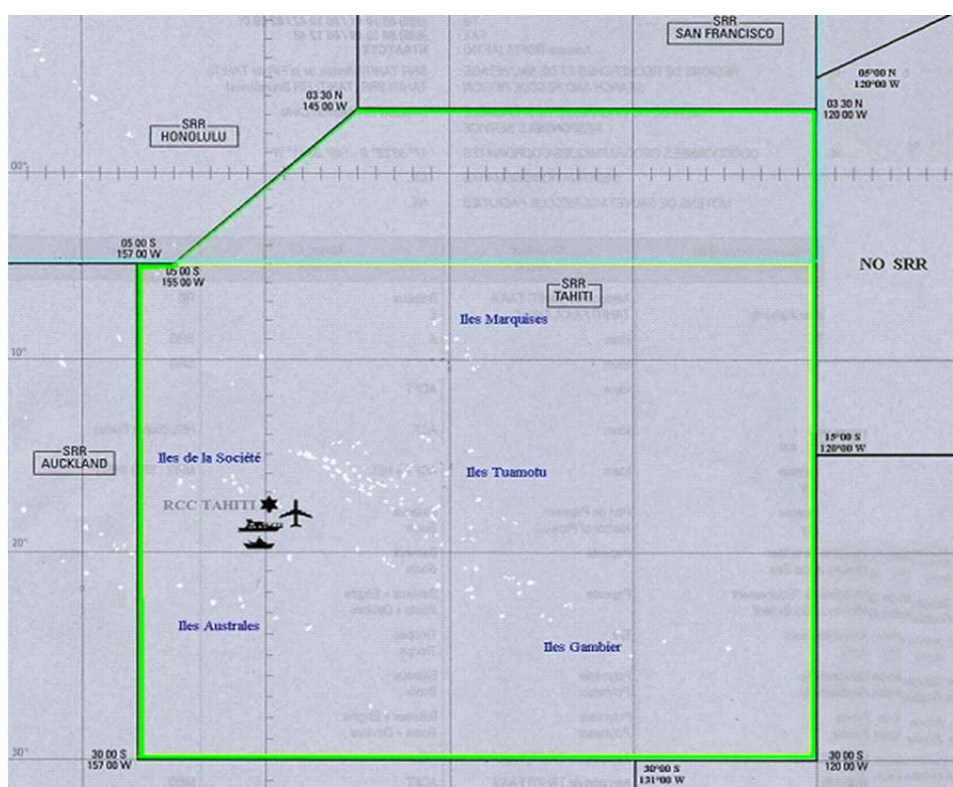
(Presented by the Secretariat on behalf of France/DGAC)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the implementation of the TAHITI JRCC.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Tahiti FIR is mainly an oceanic area as indicated on the map below.



1.2 Following the recommendations of ICAO (DOC 9731) and IMO, French Civil Aviation Authority (DGAC) decided, in 2013, to launch a project of creation of a Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Tahiti FIR. In July 2015, the APSAR/4 outcomes reminded APAC states of this recommendation :

3.9 Where practicable, States are encouraged to examine the potential benefits that may be derived by the establishment of JRCCs to incorporate the aeronautical and maritime SAR activities and/or facilities of ARCCs/ARSCs and MRCC/MRSCs. JRCCs have the potential to not only provide a more effective SAR service to both the aeronautical and maritime.

2. DISCUSSION

Joint RCC

2.1 Before the implementation of the Tahiti JRCC the previous situation is as follows.

- SEAC/PF (Civil Aviation Authority in French Polynesia) initiates the SAR alert in case of loss of an aircraft.
- SEAC/PF activates the ARCC, determines the research area and conducts the research using the fleets provided by Defence. To conduct the research, SEAC/PF is assisted by air force personnel.
- When the accident site is located, SEAC/PF hands over the responsibility of the rescue operation to the MRCC.

2.2 With the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre (ARCC) operational center now closed and JRCC activities being performed in Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) operational center, the current situation with the JRCC in operation is as follows.

- SEAC/PF is still in charge of the initialization of the alert and the determination of the research area.
- MRCC is now in charge of research conducting in the area provided by SEAC/PF. A SAR expert from SEAC/PF joins as soon as possible the operation room of MRCC to assist MRCC during research.
- The decision to stop a search is taken at the highest level of state authority in French Polynesia (the Republic High Commissioner).

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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