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Executive Summary

At Forty-Nine Group, we deliver elite maritime security in Papua New Guinea with cutting-edge solutions and unparalleled military expertise.

Who are we?

Forty-Nine Group is a maritime security company dedicated to enhancing the safety and security of offshore marine assets, particularly in the Mining & Resource Sector. With over 50 years of combined military experience, our team brings a wealth of expertise in maritime security, risk management, and specialized operations. Our mission is to provide world-class security solutions tailored to the unique challenges of Papua New Guinea's maritime environment.

Operating from our deep-rooted understanding of local conditions, Forty-Nine Group is uniquely positioned to address the specific security needs of the region. Our executive team, comprised of proud Papua New Guineans with extensive naval backgrounds, is committed to delivering reliable and robust services that protect critical maritime infrastructure.



Partner with Forty-Nine Group to navigate maritime challenges confidently, safeguarding your assets with world-class security solutions.

What can we do?

Our core services include comprehensive maritime security consulting, crew training and development, specialist diving taskings, and the deployment of advanced technologies for threat detection and prevention. We pride ourselves on our proactive approach, using the latest techniques and equipment to mitigate risks, whether they stem from natural disasters, piracy, vandalism, or geopolitical tensions.

What sets us apart is our deep commitment to Papua New Guinea's development and our understanding of its cultural and operational nuances. Our strategic partnerships with industry leaders and our innovative solutions are designed to empower local businesses and contribute to the country's economic growth.

We invite you to explore how Forty-Nine Group can partner with you to safeguard your assets and enhance operational efficiency. Our team is ready to provide the highest level of service, ensuring peace of mind in a complex maritime landscape.



50 years

of combined
military experience

Company Overview



Forty-Nine Group is a leading maritime security provider based in Papua New Guinea, focused on delivering comprehensive security solutions for offshore marine assets. Established with a mission to enhance maritime safety, we leverage our extensive maritime experience to protect the interests of our clients in the Mining & Resource Sector.



Vision

Our vision is to be the leading maritime security provider in Papua New Guinea, known for our exceptional service, local expertise, and commitment to empowering the communities we serve. We aim to set new standards in the industry, fostering a safer and more secure maritime environment for all stakeholders.



Mission

Our mission is to provide world-class maritime security services that protect offshore assets and contribute to the safety and prosperity of Papua New Guinea. We are committed to delivering innovative solutions that meet the evolving needs of our clients while upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.



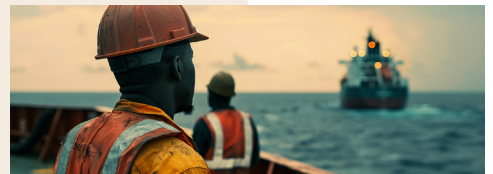
Our History

Founded by PNG-born naval veterans with a shared vision of improving maritime security, Forty-Nine Group was born out of a commitment to excellence and a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by offshore operations in Papua New Guinea. Our founders recognized the need for specialized security services that cater to the complexities of the region, and since our inception, we have been dedicated to providing unmatched expertise and support.

Company core values

Integrity

We conduct our business with the highest ethical standards, ensuring transparency and accountability in all our operations.



Excellence

We strive for excellence in every aspect of our work, from service delivery to client engagement.



Innovation

We embrace innovation and continually seek new ways to enhance our services and address emerging security challenges.



Collaboration

We believe in the power of partnerships and work closely with clients and industry leaders to achieve common goals.



Community

We are committed to giving back to the communities we serve, supporting local development, and creating positive social impact.



Our Services



We offer a comprehensive range of maritime security services tailored to meet the unique challenges of the offshore environment. Our services are designed to protect marine assets, ensure the safety of personnel, and provide peace of mind to our clients in the Mining & Resource Sector.

01 Maritime Security Consulting

Our maritime security consulting services provide clients with strategic insights and practical solutions to enhance their security posture. We conduct thorough assessments of existing security measures and offer expert guidance on risk management, threat analysis, and the development of robust security strategies.

Threat Assessment

Detailed analysis of potential security threats and vulnerabilities.

Risk Management

Development of tailored risk management plans to mitigate potential threats.

Security Strategy Development

Customized security strategies to enhance overall security and operational efficiency.

02 Training and Development

We believe in empowering our clients through training and development programs to enhance their maritime security capabilities. Our training focuses on the skills necessary to navigate the complexities of the offshore environment confidently.

Security Personnel Training

Comprehensive training programs for security personnel, focusing on threat detection and response.

Crew Development Programs

Enhancing the skills and readiness of crew members through targeted training initiatives.

Leadership Training

Developing leadership skills to ensure effective decision-making and crisis management.

03 Crew Services

We offer comprehensive crew services to ensure the highest standards of safety and security on board. Our team of experts conducts in-depth assessments and provides training and support to enhance the readiness and resilience of your crew.

Emergency Procedures

Review

Evaluation and updating of emergency response plans.

Security Assessments

Comprehensive security assessments to identify vulnerabilities and recommend improvements.

Security Drills

Implementation of security, threat, and parameter drills to enhance crew preparedness.

Communication Protocols

Strengthening communication systems for effective coordination during emergencies.

Training and Education

Providing specialized training programs to equip crew members with essential security skills.

04 Specialist Taskings

Our specialist taskings are designed to address specific maritime challenges with precision and expertise. We utilize advanced technology and methodologies to conduct a wide range of operations.

SCUBA Air and SSBA to 30m

Conducting underwater searches, wharf and seabed inspections, and salvage operations.

Underwater Conservation

Performing scientific diving to assess and protect environmental ecosystems in high-risk areas.

HAZMAT Diving

Removing and containing hazardous materials from bodies of water, ensuring environmental safety and compliance.

Sonar Side Scan

Utilizing active sonar technology to detect and image objects on the sea floor, providing valuable insights for security and operational planning.

05 Technology & Equipment

We leverage the latest technology and equipment to provide cutting-edge maritime security solutions. Our investment in technology ensures that we remain at the forefront of the industry, delivering reliable and effective services to our clients.

Advanced Surveillance Systems

Utilizing state-of-the-art surveillance technology to monitor and protect marine assets.

Communication Systems

Implementing robust communication systems for seamless coordination and response.

Specialized Equipment

Employing specialized equipment for diving, detection, and security operations.

Our Approach

1

Thorough Analysis

We conduct a detailed analysis of potential risks and vulnerabilities specific to your offshore operations, evaluating environmental factors, geopolitical threats, and operational challenges.

2

Customized Risk Mitigation Plans

We develop tailored risk mitigation plans that address identified vulnerabilities to ensure the protection of your assets and personnel.

3

Collaborative Engagement

We emphasize collaboration with clients and maintain open communication to achieve the best possible outcomes.

4

Preventative Strategies

We implement proactive security measures, including regular drills and security assessments, to prevent incidents before they occur.

5

Real-Time Monitoring

We utilize state-of-the-art technology to monitor your assets in real-time, allowing us to quickly identify and respond to potential threats.

6

Cutting-Edge Solutions

We leverage the latest technology and equipment to enhance our security operations and stay at the forefront of the industry.

7

Expert Training and Development

We provide extensive training programs to equip security personnel and crew with the skills needed to handle complex maritime security challenges.

8


Local Knowledge and Cultural Sensitivity

Run by Papua New Guineans, we leverage our understanding of the local cultural and operational landscape to deliver effective and culturally sensitive services.

9

Commitment to Safety and Quality

We adhere to international standards of safety and quality, conducting our operations with professionalism and integrity.



Our leadership team, hailing from Papua New Guinea, is committed to giving back to their country by safeguarding its maritime assets with excellence.



Leadership Team

Taman **Austin**

Director

A co-founding director of Forty-Nine Group and a former Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diver with 18 years of operational experience, including mine warfare, border force protection, and high-risk maritime security. He has served in key roles at major events like the 2006 Commonwealth Games and the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders meeting.



Jeremy **Thomas**

Director

A co-founding Director of Forty-Nine Group, with 28 years of experience in the Australian Defence Organisation. A former Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diver, he later became a Defence Contractor, known for his strategic leadership and significant contributions to defence operations.



Ira **Warner**

Chief Technology Officer

A seasoned digital marketing expert with over a decade of experience in Port Moresby, working with top government agencies and transforming the digital landscape for PNG businesses. His entrepreneurial spirit has led him to broker high-profile deals and speak at major events such as Blockchain Pasifik.



George **Slefendorfas**

Business Development Manager

A former PNG national soccer player, now running a soccer coaching clinic in Brisbane. He works in the transport and distribution industry and joins Forty-Nine Group as Business Development Manager, using his connections to facilitate key meetings with business leaders and government officials.

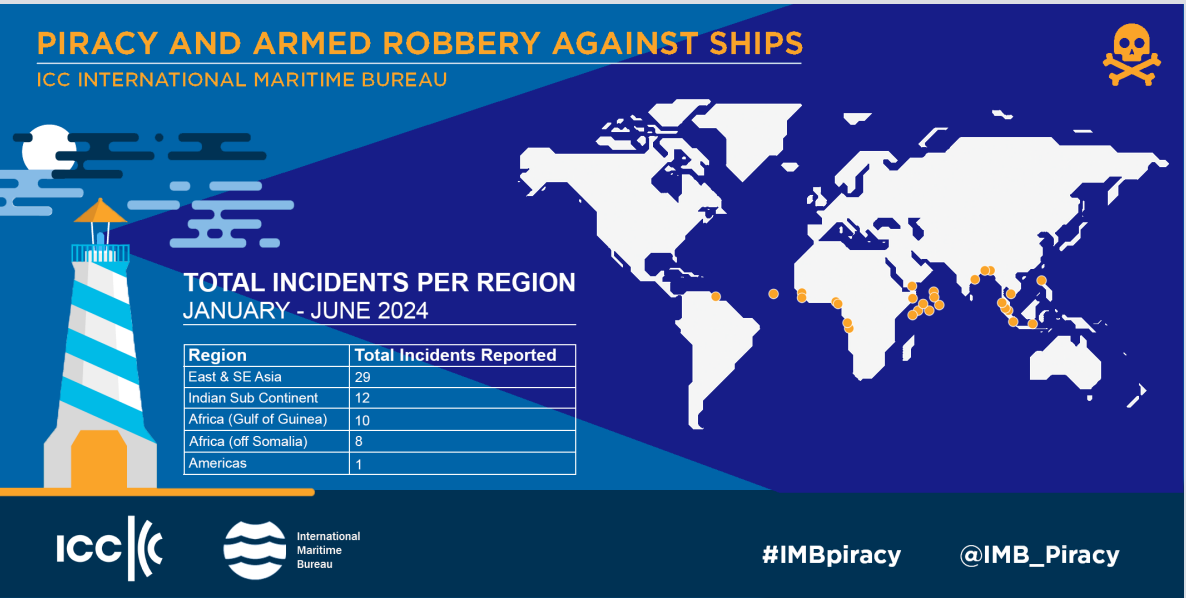
Critical Need For Maritime Security

Rising Maritime Threats

Maritime security is a critical concern for companies operating in the Papua New Guinea region, as the country faces numerous threats including piracy, hijackings, armed robbery, and regional conflicts. These challenges not only threaten the safety of vessels and their crews but also disrupt vital trade routes and fishing activities, which are crucial to the local economy. The Third ASEAN Regional Forum on maritime security highlighted the ongoing challenges to maintaining a free and open trade chain globally, particularly in areas like Papua New Guinea where the stakes are high.

Government Security Priorities

Government officials have emphasized the growing need for robust maritime security measures. Transport and Civil Aviation Minister Walter Schnaubelt pointed out the risks posed by terrorists using transport assets as weapons of mass destruction and the continuous threat of piracy¹. These concerns underscore the importance of developing preventive measures to mitigate such threats and ensure the safe passage of vessels. Minister Schnaubelt’s call to action highlights the importance of investing in maritime security to safeguard both national and international economic interests.



Rising Incidents in the Indonesian Archipelago in 2024²

Southeast Asia records the highest rate of piracy globally, with the individual state with the highest incidence of piracy occurring in our neighbour, Indonesia. With limited reach of law and order into regional areas of PNG waters, these conditions provide operational space for piracy and maritime terrorism to move east.

1 "PNG Part of ASEAN Countries facing maritime threats"
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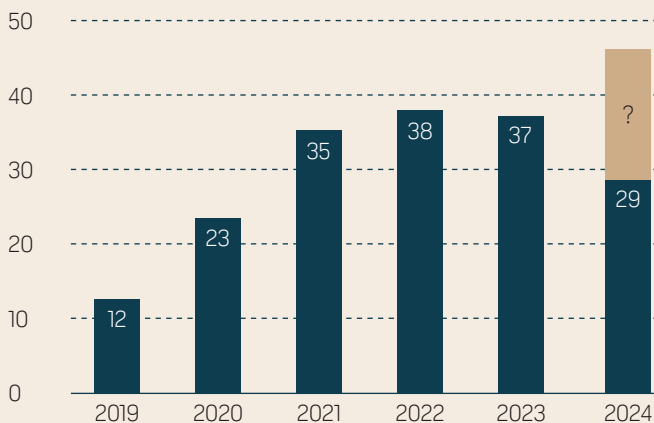
2 IMB Piracy Report Jan-Jun 2024
ICC International Maritime Bureau

Economic Reliance on Maritime Trade

The significance of maritime security in Papua New Guinea is further underscored by the nation's reliance on maritime transport for its economic wellbeing. With 95% of its imports and exports dependent on maritime routes, any disruption due to security threats could cripple the country's economy. Chief Secretary to the Government, Ivan Pomaleu, has noted that as Papua New Guinea's needs and growth expand, the country is also embarking on building new modern ports, which will require heightened security measures to protect these vital infrastructures³.

Investing in Long-Term Security

Investing in maritime security is not just about safeguarding assets but also about ensuring the long-term stability and prosperity of the region. The safety and security of ship and port facilities are paramount concerns, and the commitment to addressing international security standards like the ISPS Code is crucial. Companies operating in this region must therefore prioritize maritime security to protect their operations, contribute to the broader goal of regional stability, and safeguard their investments against the growing array of maritime threats.



Growing Piracy Trends in the Singapore Straits²

Incidents in the Singapore Straits continue to remain high with 37 in 2023 compared to 38 in 2022. Vessels were successfully boarded in 95% of the reported incidents.



Securing maritime assets today is essential for safeguarding the future prosperity and stability of the region.

Industry Experience



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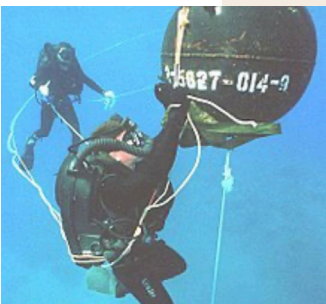
Our team brings a combined 50 years of military experience, primarily focused on maritime security. Our background in the Australian Defence Force equips us with the skills and expertise to handle the most challenging security environments.



Full Roster

of trained military
specialists

We have an extensive list of trained military specialists on our roster, with experience in tactical response and crisis management. Their elite training ensures that we are exceptionally prepared to address complex security challenges.



Proven

track record of
maritime security

With decades of specialized experience, our team has successfully navigated numerous high-stakes maritime security operations worldwide. While specifics remain confidential, our track record demonstrates our ability to protect and secure critical assets in the most challenging environments.



Our track record highlights our success in delivering top-tier security solutions in challenging environments.

Why Choose Forty-Nine Group?

Expertise Our team comprises experienced professionals with extensive maritime and military backgrounds.

Innovation We continuously invest in technology and training to offer the latest security solutions.

Local Knowledge Run by Papua New Guineans, we understand the unique challenges and opportunities of the region.

Client-Centric Approach We work closely with our clients to develop tailored solutions that meet their specific needs.

APEC 2018

Papua New Guinea



International Security

- Training of personnel for emergency situations.
- Reporting and responding to security incidents on assets of interest.
- Conducting regular inspections of vessels and vehicles entering and exiting restricted areas.
- Monitoring and overseeing security equipment and procedures.
- Managing coordination and movement of cargo and equipment.

Operation Resolute

Northern & Western Australia



Border Protection

- Addressing illegal maritime arrivals.
- Combating maritime terrorism.
- Preventing piracy, robbery, and violence at sea.
- Protecting and reducing threats to bio-security.
- Mitigating the exploitation of natural resources and protecting green areas.

Our Social Responsibility

Committed to a better future

Forty-Nine Group's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives are integral to our mission of creating positive change and contributing to the sustainable development of Papua New Guinea. We believe that our success is closely tied to the well-being of the communities we serve, and we are committed to building a brighter future through responsible business practices and meaningful community engagement.

01 Community Engagement

Local Partnerships: We aim to actively collaborate with local communities, stakeholders, and organizations to foster meaningful partnerships that address local challenges and support community development initiatives.

Community Support Programs: We plan to support community-based programs that promote education, healthcare, and economic empowerment, with initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in the regions where we operate.

03 Supporting Local Economies

Job Creation: We plan to contribute to the local economy by creating job opportunities for Papua New Guineans through recruitment and training programs that focus on developing local talent and providing career development opportunities for individuals in the communities we serve.

Empowering Local Businesses: We aim to prioritize sourcing goods and services from local suppliers and partners, supporting the growth and sustainability of local businesses.

02 Environmental Stewardship

Sustainable Practices: Forty-Nine Group is committed to minimizing our environmental footprint through sustainable business practices and plans to implement eco-friendly solutions and technologies to reduce our impact on the environment and conserve natural resources.

Marine Conservation: We aim to focus our conservation efforts on preserving the biodiversity of Papua New Guinea's coastal and marine environments, ensuring their health and vitality for future generations.

04 Education and Training

Capacity Building: We aim to design education and training programs that build capacity within local communities, equipping individuals with valuable skills and knowledge to take advantage of new opportunities and contribute to their communities' development.

Youth Initiatives: We plan to support initiatives that inspire and educate young people, focusing on leadership development, career guidance, and skills training to prepare them for successful futures.

Security & Compliance

Adherence to international standards

At Forty-Nine Group, we are committed to upholding the highest standards of security and safety in all our operations. Our adherence to international standards ensures that we consistently deliver reliable and effective security solutions, protecting both our clients and our team. Below are some of the key international and Australian standards and regulations we comply with to maintain the utmost professionalism and integrity in our work.

ISO 20858:2007	Marine technology – Maritime port facility security assessments and security plan development
ISO 28007-1:2015	Ships and marine technology — Guidelines for Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) providing privately contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) on board ships (and pro forma contract)
ISO 31000	Risk Management
AS/NZS ISO 45001:2018	Work Health and Safety management system
Work Health and Safety Act 2011	Ensure the health and safety of workers and workplaces.
Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011	Procedures for implementing the Work Health and Safety Act 2011

No matter the standards or regulations your company operates within, Forty-Nine Group is both flexible and fully capable of meeting them. Our adaptability ensures that we can align our security protocols with your specific requirements, providing seamless and compliant solutions tailored to your operational needs.





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Thank you!

We look forward to the opportunity
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