

[Legal Notice No. 50]

**PROTECTION OF WRECKS AND WAR RELICS ACT**  
(Cap. 150)

**LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES**

I, Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo, Minister for Culture and Tourism, under section 4(2) of the *Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act* (Cap. 150) ('the Act'), grant this licence to Ian Dr Taupongi Puia, Chairman, Rennell Islands Development Association (RIDA) ('the Licensee'), who appears to me to have a legitimate reason to carry out activities provided in section 4(1) of the Act, in the areas specified in Schedule 1 ('Licensed Areas'), subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in Schedule 2 ('Conditions and Restrictions of Licence').

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**LICENSED AREAS**

**Licensed Areas:**

The areas within Lake Tegano East Rennell of Renbel Province between the Global Positioning System Location 11°42'54'S-160°24'56'E to 11°50'48' S-160°33'20'E.

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF LICENCE**

1. This licence is granted for the purpose of removing and collecting war relics to preserve in the Lake Tegano World War II Museum and Recreational Facility.
2. This licence is granted exclusively for the licensed areas and must not be used to carry out activities in any other 'restricted area' (*'restricted area' designated under section 3 of the Act*).
3. This licence is granted for two (2) years commencing on and from the date of this licence.
4. The Licensee must provide a storage building to preserve war relics for the purposes of public display, for education purposes for students on World War II history, and for the safety of the materials from being vandalised or damaged by the population or the weather.
5. The Licensee is responsible for meeting the relevant costs of activities conducted under this licence, including transport and the incidental hiring of local workers to assist to carrying out the activities under section 4(1) of the Act and the payment of fees to landowners before entering the customary area.
6. The Licensee must provide the Solomon Islands National Museum and the Royal

Solomon Islands Police Force with an audit record or report of all discovered human remains and WWII materials within the licensed area for government records. Any exportation of any discovered human remains and World War II materials is prohibited without the approval of the Minister for Culture and Tourism.

7. The Licensee must liaise with the Renbel Provincial Government to ensure that WWII wrecks and relics within the licensed areas are not removed or relocated.
8. If the licensed areas comprise of customary land or part of customary land, and whether or not the customary land or a part thereof includes lakes or foreshores or reefs, the Licensee must ensure that customary protocols and courtesies relevant to customary land owners of that customary land must be complied with in good faith.
9. The Licensee must comply with relevant laws and ordinances in respect of the appropriate Province having jurisdiction over the licensed areas and must liaise in good faith with the appropriate authority in the Provincial Executive.
10. The Licensee must at all times ensure that appropriate safety precautionary measures are followed to avoid loss of human life in carrying out activities under this licence. If necessary, the Licensee is solely responsible for the engaging of the Explosive Unit of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) to scan the licensed areas for potential risks of poisonous gases and live ammunition from WWII unexploded devices.
11. This licence immediately becomes null and void if the Licensee breaches any of the conditions and restrictions of this licence or any provision of the *Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act* (Cap. 150). On the occurrence of any serious breach, the Licensee must forfeit all privileges and will not be issued a licence for similar activities in the future.

Dated this tenth-day of August 2023.

**HON. BARTHOLOMEW PARAPOLO**  
MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM