

UNCLASSIFIED

OFFICIAL

# **CJTF 667 OPORD 01 OPERATION KAITIAKI MAITAI**

**Version 1.0**

(Based off OP Kaitiaki Maitai version 3.0)

OFFICIAL

UNCLASSIFIED

## FOREWORD

## NOTE TO EXECISE DESIGNERS AND TRAINEES ON THE USE OF THE OPERATION KAITIAKI MAITAI DOCUMENT SUITE

1. This Foreword provides guidance and advice on the use of the OP KAITIAKI MAITAI (OKM) suite of documents. OKM is written with a focus on collective training from Section level (or Service equivalent) all the way to a Joint Task Force Headquarters. The intent of OKM is to enable Joint or Joint-enabled training, encompassing the full spectrum of military operations across all domains (maritime, land, air, space and cyber/information).

2. The OKM documents are designed to provide an overall narrative for a fictitious conflict in Australia and New Zealand's near region. OKM utilises the Decisive Action Training Environment (DATE) as the vehicle to enable training and the repository of information regarding the Operational Environment (OE). All DATE specific OE information can be found in the following link (recommend using Chrome):

<https://odin.tradoc.army.mil/>

3. Note that OKM utilises country boundaries within DATE that may have changed on ODIN post publication of the OKM suite of documents. For reference, OKM will continue to use the country boundaries shown in Figure 1 below.

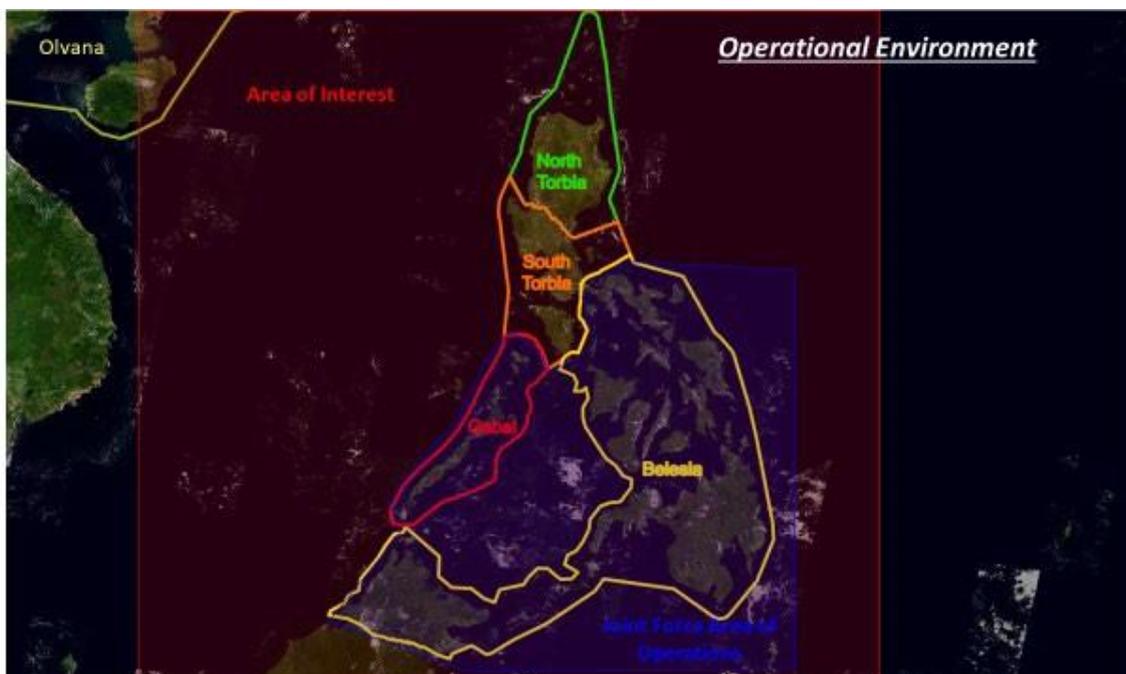


Figure 1. DATE-P OKM JFAO and Country Boundaries

4. The overall theme in designing OKM is to provide a narrative (General Idea) that enables the development of scenarios for a given training objective (Special Idea). The design philosophy for OKM is **Descriptive** not **Prescriptive**. Exercise designers are free to change any of the variables within OKM to suit the needs of the training audience. The OKM suite of documentation merely 'sets the board' for the training audience to be exercised. There is no requirement for exercise designers to follow the Campaign Plan as described and may change the conditions for each phase to meet the training objectives.

**UNCLASSIFIED**

**OFFICIAL**

5. The variables that can be changed include (but are not limited to):
  - a. OPFOR composition/equipment/location and start state during each phase
  - b. BLUFOR composition and C2 arrangements
  - c. PMESII variables to suit real-world locations (e.g. changing city/town names to reflect local training area geography)
  - d. Campaign Plan execution
6. Additionally, exercise designers can change the geography of the contested JFAO to suit their local conditions. For example, the island of Panay can be placed anywhere in Australia or New Zealand with the other islands of Belesia placed in accordance to where other training areas are located. Similarly, the island of Panay can be as large or as small as the exercise needs it to be.
7. The naming of Op Kaitiaki Maitai has been approved by the Chief Instructor of Te Kura o Ngāti Tū, with the following background.
  - a. Kaitiaki – guardian, protector, watcher, custodian
  - b. Maitai – steel: by extension, strength, resilience, reliability
  - c. When put together, Kaitiaki Maitai conveys more than physical strength, it suggests a guardian that is dependable and unyielding, protection that is active and enduring.
8. Finally, the suite of documents for OKM is by no means complete. If exercise designers require more information or assistance in the development of further training material to enable the use of OKM, please contact the Army Battle Lab Training Adversary Cell (Battle Lab TAC), or the NZ Army Training Environment Support Cell (TESC) through the following emails:

[TESC@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:TESC@nzdf.mil.nz)

[aus.dateteam@defence.gov.au](mailto:aus.dateteam@defence.gov.au)

**OFFICIAL**

**UNCLASSIFIED**

**UNCLASSIFIED**

**OFFICIAL**

**AMENDMENTS**

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Author</b>
v1.0	Jan 2026	Initial publication of OKM OPORD (based off ADF OSS v 3.0)	CAPT DM Stammers

**OFFICIAL**

**UNCLASSIFIED**