



MANPADS

– AN INTERNATIONAL THREAT

Australia's Response

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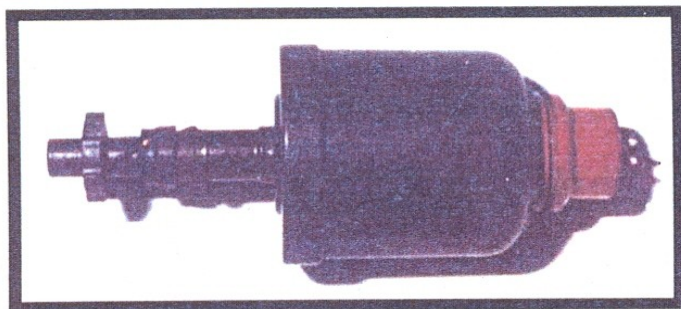


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Introduction (1)

SA-7a

AKA: 9K32, Strela-2, and “Grail”



Source: US Government



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Introduction (2)



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Introduction (3)

- States can legally develop, produce, hold and use MANPADS under international law
- Estimated global MANPADS production 700,000 - 1 million plus; vast majority accounted for
- Prevent terrorists and unlawful non-state groups acquiring MANPADS to target civilian aircraft





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A Clear And Present Danger (1)

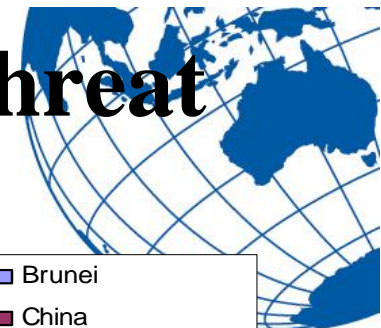
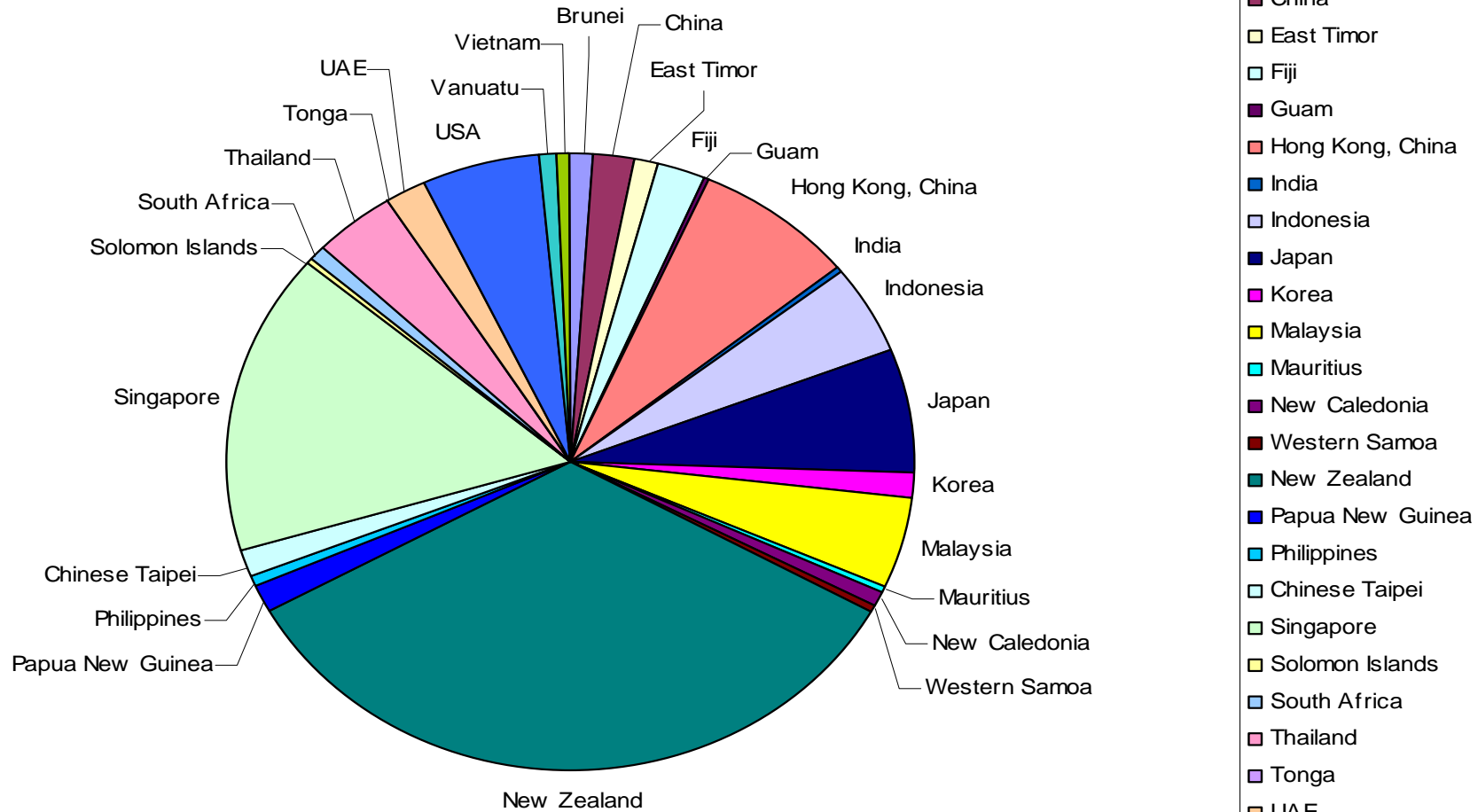
- MANPADS are designed to be lethal
- Worst case scenario would be terrorists attacking a modern wide-body commercial airliner
- Hundreds of potential opportunities every day for a MANPADS attack



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A Clear And Present Danger (2)

Direct flights to Australia - as at September 2005



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A Clear And Present Danger (3)

- As hijacking becomes more difficult (post Sept-11), other attacks become more attractive
- We know terrorist groups want access to MANPADS
- Thousands of MANPADS are unaccounted for
- Portability makes MANPADS a significant threat in the hands of trained operators





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A Clear And Present Danger (4)

- A MANPADS attack could kill hundreds of people and inflict substantial economic losses
- Sept 11 terrorist attacks cost insurers nearly US\$21 billion
- The 2002 Bali bombings wiped 10% off the Indonesian share index
- Impact on regional and political stability





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International Efforts (1)

- International frameworks to address the threat from the illicit proliferation of MANPADS already exist
- Ongoing action at the global, regional and bilateral levels





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International Efforts (2)

- Two Australia-sponsored UNGA resolutions in 2004 and 2005 adopted by consensus
- Wassenaar Arrangement 2003 ‘Elements for Export Controls of MANPADS’
 - Global best practice for MANPADS controls





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International Efforts (3)

- Group of Eight (G8)
- Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Organisation of American States (OAS)
- International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)





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Australia's Response (1)

- On 6 December 2005 Mr Downer announced Australia's international MANPADS initiative
 - takes a 'whole-of-government' approach involving policy and technical agencies





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Australia's Response (2)

- Raise profile of the threat with policy makers, industry and security agencies
- Strengthen controls over transfers, storage and use of MANPADS
- Identify areas for technical assistance and capacity building





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Australia's Response (3)

- As Wassenaar Plenary Chair last year, Australia promoted the 2003 MANPADS Elements through targeted outreach to non-member states
- As APEC Chair in 2007, our focus will be on the Asia-Pacific region





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Australia's Response (4)

- Australian-organised seminars in Geneva (June 2006) and New York (January 2007)
- ARF seminar on MANPADS stockpile security and management in Bangkok in October 2006
- Non-proliferation brokering controls seminar in Seoul 22-23 March
- Publication of MANPADS 'Information Kit'





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Conclusions (1)

- Heighten international profile of the MANPADS threat through
 - Industry and business engagement
 - Increased diplomatic efforts to address the threat





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Conclusions (2)

- Strengthened domestic and international information sharing arrangements
- Implementation of international agreements and commitments
- Identification of capacity building opportunities to boost capabilities eg. needs identification





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Conclusions (3)

- On national implementation, vulnerabilities in storage and transshipment
 - Stockpile management and security
 - Effective export/transfer and brokering controls, including of associated technology and training





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Conclusions (4)

- Contribute to restricting MANPADS availability, particularly more modern and capable weapons
- However, older, unaccounted weapons in illicit hands will continue to present a threat
 - requires vigilance and information sharing by governments





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- Comments
- Questions
- Thank You

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