



# Australia's International MANPADS Initiative

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## *Introduction*

- Irresponsible or illicit transfers of SALW contribute to law and order problems
- MANPADS are a category of SALW which present a unique threat
- Work closely with partners to address this threat
- Australia has invested significantly in cooperation and assistance to the Asia Pacific region



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## *Small Arms and Light Weapons*



- Pacific experience shows that a small number of illicit SALW can destabilise a country
- Australia supports Pacific defence and police by investing in technical cooperation, stockpile management and disarmament
  - Eg. Build and upgrade armouries, personnel training, weapons disposal and destruction



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- Defence assistance in the Asia Pacific region is reinforced by development assistance program
- Promotes good governance, stronger institutions (security sector), border controls and customs
- Address supply and demand sides of SALW problem





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## *The MANPADS Threat*

- MANPADS are a category of SALW which have received significant international attention
- Some terrorist groups and non-State actors want to acquire MANPADS
- Any threat to air travel would have major repercussions for security, stability and economic development



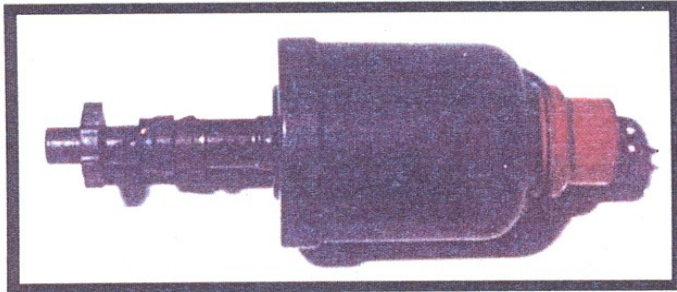
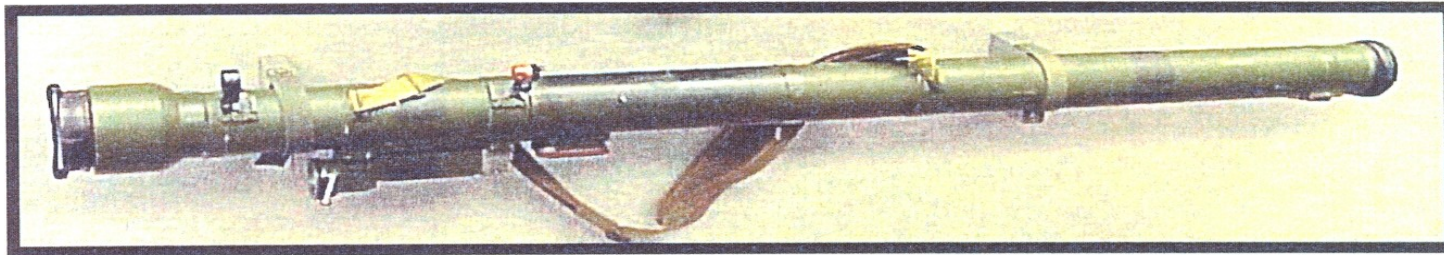
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AKA: 9K32, Strela-2, and "Grail"



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- Australia has been major player in multilateral and regional efforts to address the MANPADS threat
- UN General Assembly resolutions
- Wassenaar Arrangement '*Elements for Export Controls of MANPADS*'
- Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)





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## *Objectives*

- 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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- Multiple layers:
  - Strengthened export controls
  - Effective stockpile management and security
  - Improved airport security
  - Targeted outreach and capacity building





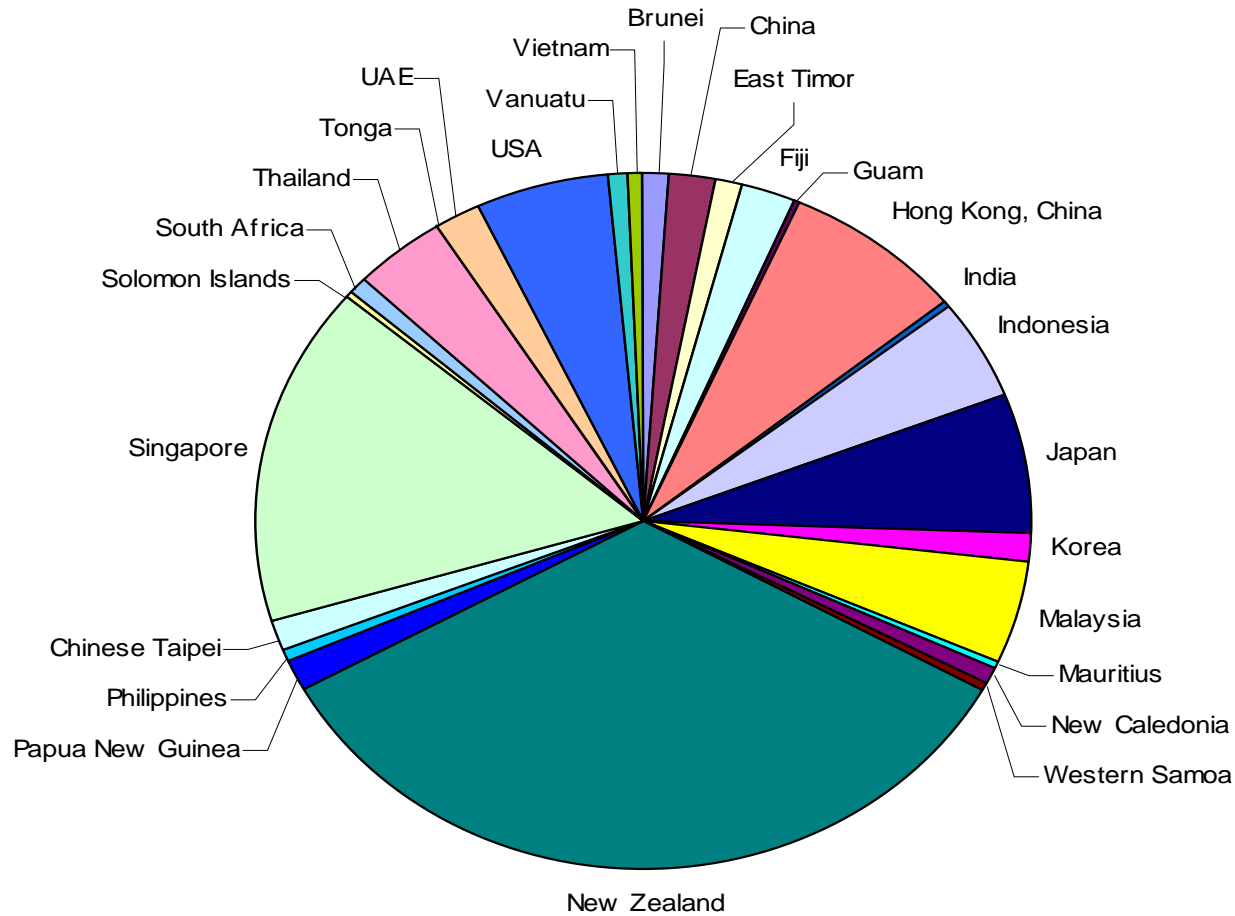
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- As 2006 Wassenaar Plenary Chair, Australia promoted the 2003 MANPADS *Elements* through outreach to non-member States
- In APEC, our focus is on strengthening controls in the Asia-Pacific region
  - Airport vulnerability assessments

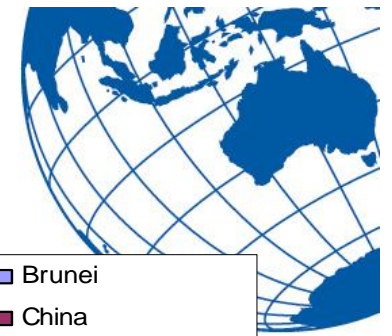


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Direct flights to Australia - as at September 2005



- Brunei
- China
- East Timor
- Fiji
- Guam
- Hong Kong, China
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Mauritius
- New Caledonia
- Western Samoa
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Chinese Taipei
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Thailand
- Tonga
- UAE
- USA
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam



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- ASEAN workshop on SALW stockpile security and management, Bangkok (October 2006)
- Australia-Singapore-US MANPADS export control seminar, Singapore (June 2007)
- Publication of '*MANPADS Information Kit*'
  - Translated into several other languages
- 'MANPADS – Countering the Terrorist Threat'



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## *Next Steps*

- Continue working with partners to respond to SALW challenges and MANPADS threat
- Provide practical assistance and support to regional partners
- Promote effective national implementation of international agreements and commitments
  - Requires political will and resources





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- Thank you
- Comments or questions

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