

COOK ISLANDS

Population:
17 564

Income group:
Upper middle

Gross national
income per capita:
No data



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES COOK ISLANDS HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? **NO**

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | Ministry of Transport | Water Safety Cook Islands | Red Cross | Ports Authority | Coroner | Ministry of Marine Resource | Ministry of Tourism

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

	AVAILABLE	COVERAGE	EVALUATED
Physical barriers	●	MED	NO
Swim skills training	●	LOW	NO
Childcare	●	HIGH	NO
Public awareness on drowning	●	HIGH	NO
Manage flood risks	●	HIGH	NO
Disaster warning systems	●	HIGH	NO
Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating	●	HIGH	NO
Rescue and resuscitation	●	HIGH	NO
Lifeguards	●	LOW	NO
Search and rescue	●	HIGH	NO
Maritime safety	●	HIGH	NO
Media	●	HIGH	NO

SOURCES OF DROWNING DATA

SOURCE OF DATA	TYPE OF DROWNING CAPTURED			
	FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*	NON-FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*
Vital registry	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	N/A	-
Verbal autopsy	-	-	N/A	-
Hospital admission data	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Hospital emergency department data	-	-	-	-
Police	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	-	-
Transport sector	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	-	-
Education sector	-	-	-	-
Maritime safety	-	-	-	-
Coastguard	-	-	-	-
Tourism sector	-	-	-	-
National community survey	-	-	-	-
Media	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

■ Age ■ Sex ■ Type of drowning event ■ Activity ■ Water body

Drowning deaths in community settings are captured YES
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have died NO
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have drowned NO

PROPORTION OF DROWNING DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL -

SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

GHE data not available

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES COOK ISLANDS HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY? **NO**

Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included? -

If yes, please specify:

Do these strategies align with relevant SDGs? -

Are plans underway, or is there interest, to develop a national water strategy? YES

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

MARITIME SAFETY **ENFORCEMENT**
LIMITED MAXIMUM

Mandated registration of watercraft	YES	7
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	7
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	7
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	7
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	Owner/Operator/Crew	
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	YES	3

If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit: 0.08 for all motorized vessels, 0.02 for motorized vessels being used for commercial purposes

Law against drug use and boating	NO	-
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	NO	-
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	7
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	7
Specific standard of lifejacket required	EN ISO 12402 or AS 4758	
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	6

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:
Non-motorized vessels.

CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	NO	-
Swimming lessons in school curricula	NO	-
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	NO	-
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	8

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

Required competencies for swimming instructors	NO	-
Required competencies for lifeguards	YES	9

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	NO	-
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DROWNING DATA

One agency maintains all vital registry statistics	NO	-
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- No response or not applicable

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS

GHE data not available