



PROTECTING OCEANIA 2024

CANCEL RIMPAC

As the members of Protecting Oceania, representing the peoples of Hawai'i, Aotearoa, West Papua, Papua New Guinea, Kanaky, Vanuatu, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, First Nation peoples of Australia and the Torres Strait Islands, and South Sea Islanders, Guåhan and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Pohnpei, Palau, Banaba, Kiribati, Niue, Tokelau, Marshall Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Tahiti, Liu Chiu and our allies,

We stand together, in order to fulfill our sacred duty to be good ancestors, and firmly oppose the militarization of our islands and oceans. Specifically, we oppose the upcoming 29th Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercises that will be held from June 27th to August 1st in and around the Hawaiian Islands. These exercises threaten our sovereignties and our communities, human and other-than-human alike, here in Hawai'i, across Moananuiākea, and throughout the world.

We oppose the biennial desecration of our sacred oceanic spaces by the 29 countries who will be playing war games during RIMPAC: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

We are especially shocked by those countries who claim that they oppose genocide and who have vehemently taken positions against Israel's genocide against the Palestinian people, specifically Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru and Indonesia, who contradict their positions by coming to Hawai'i to play together at war. We call upon these nations in particular to pull your militaries from joining in these exercises. We also demand that Indonesia, who is committing genocide in West Papua not only cease its participation in these exercises, but we demand a Free and Independent West Papua. We also demand that France remove its colonial occupation of Kanaky.

We oppose turning Hawai'i's lands and waters into training grounds for imperial and genocidal regimes that will engage in ocean, ground, and amphibious assaults. We stand against the violence RIMPAC will bring to the islands as well as the imperial violence it has and will continue to promote and naturalize around the world.

We who love and value life oppose these exercises without equivocation and for the sake of every oppressed community in every corner of the earth. We stand committed to a free and

liberated Oceania and the will remain steadfast in our commitment until these exercises cease to exist.

Mahalo,

Protecting Oceania Hui

Supporting Organizations

Hawai'i Peace & Justice

Pacific Theological College

Free West Papua Campaign

Pacific Network On Globalisation

Diverse Voices and Actions (DIVA) for Equality Fiji

Ka'ahahui Hawai'i Aloha 'Āina (Hui Aloha 'Āina)

Prutehi Litekyan/Save Ritidian

Our Common Wealth 670

Kanaeokana

Ka'ohewai

Hawai'i Unity and Liberation Institute

KAHEA

'Āina Momona

'Āina Aloha Economic Futures

Hawai'i People's Fund

Independent Guåhan

Te Pāti Māori

Hawai'i Alliance for Pacific Islanders

Jo-Jikum

Ho'aka Mana

Black Pacific Alliance

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

Micronesia Climate Change Alliance

Australian Association for Pacific Studies

Palauans for Liberation

Vā Moana Research Cluster at Auckland University of Technology

Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries (PAAM) of the United Church of Christ

Gi Matan Guma'

Nihi Indigenous Media

Earth Water People

Anakbayan Hawai'i

Students Protesting Against Militarism (S.P.A.M.)

Jewish Voices for Peace Hawai'i

International Women's Network Against Militarism

Hawai'i Okinawa Alliance

LAING Hawai'i

Valley Now, Wellington, NZ
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Wisdom Circles Oceania
Uli Movement: Weaving Our Stories
Birthworkers of Color Collective

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