New Zealand aids Pacific island states/funds for enforcement

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New Zealand is providing aid to boost the monitoring of Pacific fisheries. Prime Minister John Key, in Vanuatu for the Pacific Islands Forum, yesterday announced a rise of \$4.8 million in aid to the Pacific island states. The money is primarily to train observers on fishing boats to stop widespread under-reporting on catches in Pacific fisheries zones. New Zealand estimates that about \$400 million a year in fisheries resources disappear into illegal hands. The World Bank estimates a much higher number than \$400 million. More here

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