



# Editorial

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## **Commanding Papua New Guinea's Coastline**

Few people can exemplify Consort's commitment to improving Papua New Guinea's maritime sector better than Captain Jason Feda. Having been with Consort for over 18 years, Captain Feda was appointed as Fleet Commodore in July and now commands a fleet of 11 vessels.

"Consort as a leader in coastal shipping in PNG leads by example and I am privileged to be proof of the success of Consort's training program for seafarers" said Feda.

"I've climbed up the ranks through the Cadetship Program... There has always been a focus on training national seafarers to achieve higher standards and also to nationalize the ranks on the vessels, not just as a shipping company but Papua New Guinea as a whole country."

"With the increase in volume of cargo shipment across the country, there was a need to increase the tonnage of the vessels, and thus a need for qualified crew to man the company vessels."

Consort's ongoing dynamic training program is focused on providing national seafarers with an opportunity to achieve further career development paths. All qualification standards are in line with the requirements of the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW).

Among many other achievements, Captain Feda attained the highest Certificate of Competency (CoC) - Master Class 1 from the PNG Maritime College.

When asked what his new role meant to him, Feda said "a Fleet Commodore is an individual with exceptional navigational ability in leading a fleet of ships... this comes with years of dedication, self-discipline, good leadership and experience".

"My role as a Fleet Commodore is to lead a team of masters, chief engineers, officers and crew by setting high standards in operational aspects of all vessels across the fleet and working to achieve Consort's vision."

As Consort's most experienced Captain, Feda recalls many exciting voyages throughout his seafaring career, including having crossed the Panama Canal – one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World – when delivering a vessel for Consort from the Caribbean to Papua New Guinea.

Feda said his appointment as Fleet Commodore has been a "great achievement and sums up" his career at sea.



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