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## **NIUE SAYS A TAIWANESE FISHING VESSEL HAS GROUNDED ON A MARINE REEF**

*All 11 Crew of FV CHUAN I SHIN Safe As Niue Works With NZ's maritime & rescue authorities*

**Alofi, Niue – 2 June 2022** – The Government of Niue (GON) today announced that there has been a grounding of a Taiwanese fishing vessel, the FV CHUAN I SHIN, at Beveridge Reef on 1 June 2022, which is 125 nautical miles south-east of Niue.

The Government of Niue is working closely with New Zealand's Rescue Coordination Centre (RCCNZ) for the rescue of the 11 crew on board, who are all understood to be safe and well.

The Beveridge Reef is a marine protected area (MPA) called Moana Mahu Marine Park.

GON's Met Office says weather conditions in the Beveridge Reef area have been fine with clear skies and a swell of 2.5 metres. The FV CHUAN I SHIN is understood to be afloat with the crew safe on board.

GON says safety is paramount, and the priority will be for a rescue operation to save the lives of all on board the FV CHUAN I SHIN.

GON also requested aerial surveillance of the situation and a Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 Hercules is today en route to Beveridge Reef in coordination with New Zealand's National Maritime Coordination Centre.

More information will be provided by GON and NZ's maritime & rescue authorities as details come to hand.

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