

Navy completes surveys on four sites for fisheries harbours in North

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Bathymetric surveys on four out of seven sites identified by the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Ministry to develop as fisheries harbours in the North and North East have been completed by the Sri Lanka Navy.

Accordingly, SLN has completed the survey on topographic and hydrographic elements for the planning and designing of the proposed fisheries harbours.

The final report of the surveys was handed over to the Fisheries Minister Mahinda Amaraweera by the National Aquatic Resources and Research Agency (NARA) Chairman Dr. Anil Premaratne and the Chief Hydrographer of SLN Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody on Wednesday (28) at the Fisheries Ministry auditorium.

According to the Ministry the survey had been conducted in Munai anchorage of Point Pedro harbour, Sakkodai anchorage, Thalaithurai anchorage of Delft harbour and Pesalai harbour by SLN.

Commending the efforts of Rear Admiral Jayakody and his team for completing the survey within a short period, Minister Amaraweera said that he

would continue his support for the naval wing of National Hydrographic Office at NARA which was launched last October.

It was earlier estimated that the total cost of the Survey project would be Rs. 10 million, but the survey was conducted by the SLN on a request made by

Minister Amaraweera free of charge under the guidance of Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Sirimewan Ranasinghe and therefore the government was able to save that money, Fisheries Ministry Media Director, W. M. D. Wanninayake said.



Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody, SL Navy handing over the bathymetric survey maps to Minister Mahinda Amaraweera. Jagath P. Wijeweera, Secretary of Ministry and Captain Kosala Warnakulasooriya, Director Hydrographic Operations SLNHS were also present.