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RSIPF acknowledges NFD vessel for rescuing two-fisher men at sea

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at Gizo Police Station in Western Province have acknowledged the National Fisheries Development (NFD) vessel Solomon JADE and crews for rescuing two male person drifted at sea on 10 January 2021.

The two-fisher men from Mbabanga Island went fishing on a rafter outside of Rendova and Simbo on the 7 January 2021 and did not return home until 9 January 2021. The two-fisher men have mechanical problem with their engine and drifted.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Western Province, Inspector Wilken Miriki says, "The matter was reported to Gizo Police Station when both men fail to arrive home at Mbabanga Island."

PPC Miriki says, "Gizo police officers assist in the search on 10 January 2021. However, Search was called off when NFD office at Noro called and informed Officers that vessel Solomon JADE have rescued the two-fisher men. Police stabi - craft escorted the two male person from Noro to Gizo hospital for medical attention."

"I would like to acknowledge the NFD for their assistant in rescuing the two-fisher men who were drifted at sea. I call on good people of Western Province to always think of sea safety before travel at sea. Safety at sea starts with you, IF NOT SURE, STAY ASHORE. Make sure your boat are sea worthy and engine must service and maintained," says PPC Miriki

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