

KOKODA TRACK AUTHORITY

Kokoda Track Permit Holder Monthly Trekking Statistics Since 2001

(to 31/12/2008)

Summary of Trekkers Trek Permits Purchased and Issued with KTA identified 2008 Defaults

MONTH	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Issued	Defaults	Total
January	0	0	4	7	6	2	4	11	0	11
February	0	0	0	0	2	5	10	7	6	13
March	0	0	11	13	33	56	57	85	38	123
April	0	0	152	79	286	723	909	990	40	1030
May	0	0	8	53	239	180	254	419	19	438
June	5	12	273	293	336	486	659	516	24	540
July	50	132	173	266	506	647	961	816	552	1368
August	21	128	191	346	469	697	939	458	344	802
September	0	16	127	273	353	629	734	386	379	765
October	0	29	62	101	90	286	490	230	182	412
November	0	22	73	95	53	28	79	83	0	83
December	0	26	0	58	1	8	50	20	16	36
Total Permits:	76	365	1,074	1,584	2,374	3,747	5,146	4,021	1,600	5621

Trek Fees Value K:	7,600	36,500	107,400	158,400	412,075	677,915	900,000	704,000	320,000	=	1,024,000
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Progressive Permits:	76	441	1,515	3,099	5,473	9,220	14,366	18,387	19,987	19,987
Progressive Values K:	7,600	44,100	151,500	309,900	721,975	1,399,890	2,299,890	3,003,890	3,323,890	3,323,890

Note: The above figures are compiled from data collected from issued Kokoda Track Permits. In 2008, the KTA Ranger at Efogi and his colleagues have been checking many trekkers for their Trek Permits. The KTA Ranger at Kokoda performed some checks between January and July, 2008. This data has been compared with KTA permits issued.

Applications for trek permits by Tour Operators and/or private groups or individuals have been on an honesty basis due to lack of operations funding for KTA to the end of 2008.

The Kokoda Track communities rely on Trek Fee income to fund community development projects and socio/economic benefits in their areas. Trek Fees are imposed and collected by authority of both the Koiari and the Kokoda Local Level Governments Trek Permit Laws.

Failure by trekking groups to pay trek fees in 2008 has resulted in the communities being deprived of over K310,000 in projects and benefits.

Rangers employed by KTA in 2009 will be trained and supervised in their duties. Their role will be to check trek permits as well as inspecting tracks and bridges, camping grounds, guest houses, water supplies, community projects and assisting with resolution of any problems of communities or trekkers and reporting to the new KTA management team.

In 2009 any trekker or trekking group without a valid KTA issued Trek Permit will be stopped at either Owers' Corner or Kokoda and their Tour Operator base contacted by Track Radio or phone to make arrangements before the group proceeds.

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