

Australian Amphibious Force (AAF)

FACT SHEET



What

The Australian Amphibious Force is able to employ a landing force of up to battlegroup strength over the spectrum of operations, from the provision of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to high-end warfighting.

Amphibious operations are military operations launched from the sea by a naval and landing force embarked in ships or craft, with the principal purpose of projecting the landing force ashore tactically into an environment ranging from permissive to hostile.

The primary difference between amphibious operations and sea lift is the projection of the landing force in a tactical formation ready and able to respond to an adversary that reacts to our operations, without the need to reorganize or prepare for action after landing.

Why

The AAF operates after the Joint Pre-Landing Force (JPLF) has secured an area of operations across four main areas:

1. Strategic shaping operations;
2. Humanitarian operations;
3. Non-combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO), peace and stability operations;
4. Joint combat

When

The AAF will be undertaking a range of realistic amphibious assault and raid rehearsals as part Exercise Talisman Sabre with HMAS *Canberra* and HMAS *Choules*.

Further information

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