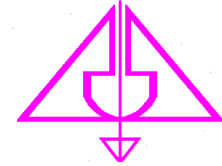




DEPARTMENT OF LANDS & PHYSICAL PLANNING



Office of the Surveyor General

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Office of the Surveyor General (OSG)

The OSG is a Statutory Office.

It's functions are defined, in part, by the *Survey Act 1969* and the *Survey Coordination Act 1967*.

The Office of the Surveyor General, structured as the Surveys Division, is a core division of the Department of Lands and Physical Planning.



Office of the Surveyor General (OSG)

The Surveyor General is the head of the Surveys Division.

The Surveyor General administers Survey Act 1969, Survey Coordination Act 1967, Survey Regulation 1967, Survey Coordination Regulation 1969 and Survey Directions 1990 to register surveyors and regulate the practice of land surveying and manage the Central Plan Office.



Overview of the OSG

The Office of the Surveyor General operates as a technical unit and it constitutes for registration of land in Papua New Guinea. It encompasses the fields of surveying and cartography in four main sections within the division.

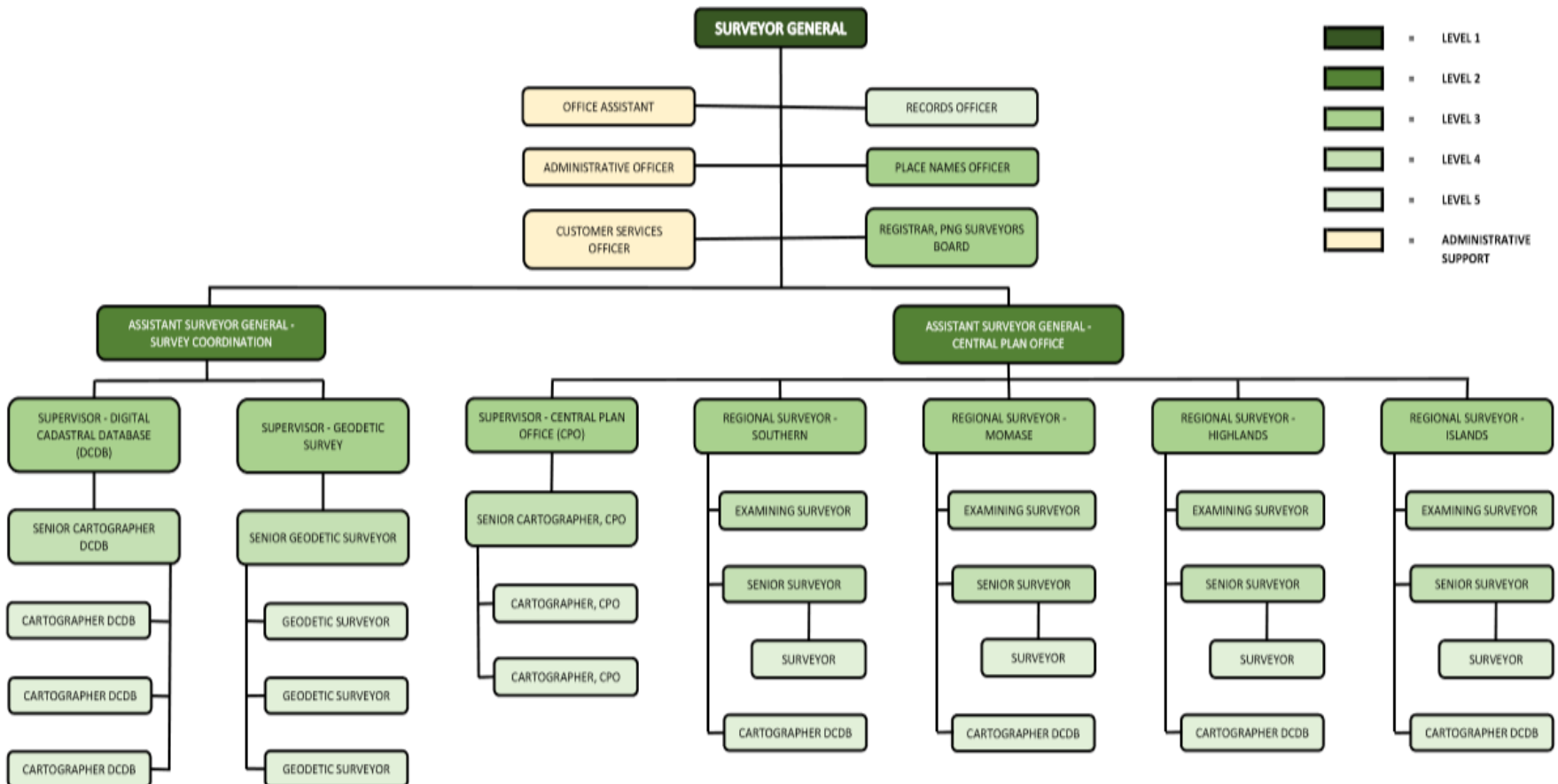
- 1) Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB)**
- 2) Geodetic Survey**
- 3) Central Plan Office**
- 4) Regional Offices – Southern, Highlands, Northern & Islands.**

Attached to OSG is the PNG Surveyors Board and PNG Place Names Committee.



DLPP Restructure 2022

Department of Lands & Physical Planning is currently under going restructure. All staff are unattached.





PNG Surveyors Board

Established under Section 6 of the Survey Act 1969, PNG Surveyors Board functions to control and regulate the survey profession, surveying companies and the Registered Surveyors of Papua New Guinea.

- **Total of fifty-one (51) active Registered Surveyors**
- **Four (4) compliant survey companies**
- **Youngest Registered Surveyor is Mr. Stanis Anea**
- **The Board currently hosts five (5) members. Three (3) private Registered Surveyors and two (2) from the Office of the Surveyor General**
- **Annual registration fee is still at Fifty Kina (K50)**
- **2019 one surveyor registered, 2021 two surveyors registered**



PNG Place Names

PNG Place Names Committee was established under Section 3 of the Place Names Act 1965. The Committee's role is to make better provision for the naming of places in PNG.

As stipulated in the Act, Surveyor General is the Chairman of the Committee.

Revived in 2018, Office of the Surveyor General is assisting the committee through;

- Establishing communication with the provincial authorities and agencies**
- Review and update existing place names and capturing in a digital database.**

PNG Place Names Committee is faced with issues – newly built infrastructures in the country remain unnamed or uncharted, while others are illegally named

Proper coordination and naming of geographic features and infrastructure is vital for development, security and planning of the country for economic growth and stability.



Central Plan Office (CPO)

The Central Plan Office major activities are centered around the registration of survey plans.

Year	Survey Accepted	Parcels Allocated	Plan Registered	Parcels Registered	Revenue
2019	285	819	211	1500	K2862.00
2020	300	920	221	1308	K26,538.00
2021	366	2176	212	2000	K1665.00

Main functions:

- Quality control for cadastral survey plan registration including mining surveys.
- Section 7, 9, 11 & 13 Declaration Notices (Settlement Claim)
- Section 201 Declaration Notices (Road Closure)
- Section 5 Declaration Notices (Underwater Lease)
- Section 24 Notices (Land Titles Commission)
- Minute for Lands File creation
- Allocation of Legal Cadastral Description (LCD)



Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB)

The DCDB major activity is capturing of registered land parcels , state and customary in PNG into the database.

Progressive tally for National Capital District:

Year	Parcels updated
1996 - 2018	27, 454
2019	202
2020	627
2021	826

The progressive tally of parcels updated in the DCDB nationwide stands at a total of 70,199 parcels



Geodetic Survey

Geodetic Survey plays a pivotal role in laying the foundations for other types of survey – engineering, cadastral, mining as well as other forms of development.

Its purpose is to maintain and reinforce the National Geodetic Control Network in PNG

Major Projects

2019 - Limited funding affected execution some of activities

2020 – Densification program of Permanent Survey Marks (PSM) for the Road Widening Project. Funded by Milne Bay Provincial Government.

2021 - Limited funding affected execution some of activities

2022 – Common Border Reference Frame (CBDRF). Working with National Mapping Bureau. PIP funded program.



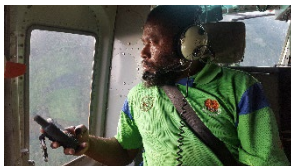
Regional Offices

Four regional offices – Southern, Highlands, Northern & Islands.

Regional office are currently lacking staff due to the retirement of staff.

Currently lodgement of survey files and survey plans are processed through Central Plan Office, and attended to by the respective regional office responsible.

BULTEM ROAD ACQUISITION SURVEY, WESTERN PROVINCE, SOUTHERN REGION





Issues

Main issues/shortfalls;

- **Lack of manpower - regional office, management & administrative support**
- **OSG position's grade & salary level seemly unattractive (Currently surveyor & cartography positions at equal level with customer service officers)**
- **Lack of proper storage space. Safety and security is not guaranteed with an open office.**
- **Lack of survey/mapping compatible computers and software, equipment and gear.**
- **Maintenance of scanning & plotting machines and renewal of licenses are little or nothing at all**



Conclusion

Office of the Surveyor General to function effectively and efficiently to produce results all aspects that contribute to production; staff, equipment, secure storage, and the Office's operations needs to be taken into consideration.



Questions/ Recommendations

Are there any questions?

Are there any recommendations/suggestions?