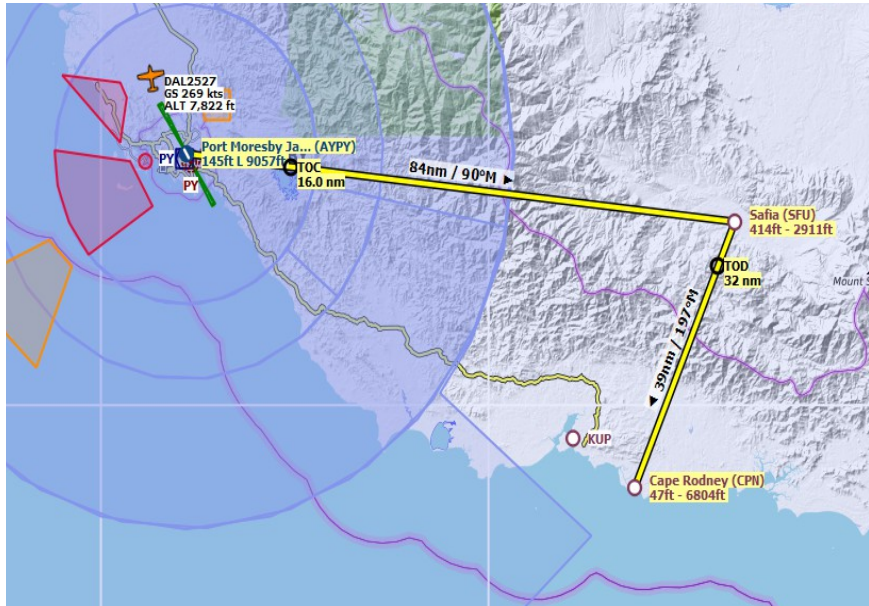


# The CIX VFR Club

## Christmas Caper – 2019

### Day 1 - Port Moresby to Cape Rodney via Safia



Papua New Guinea is rich in natural resources, which account for two thirds of their export earnings. Though PNG is filled with resources, the lack of development led foreign countries to take over some sites. Continuing foreign demand for PNG's resources led the United States to set up an oil company that began to export in 2004. This was the largest project in PNG's history. The project increased the potential to triple PNG's export revenue. Papua New Guinea gained much assistance from Australia and was offered two hundred million dollars a year in aid, and many countries such as Singapore, Japan and China have also played a great part in PNG's industry business. The decision to host the 2018 APEC meeting, bringing a large number of world leaders to Port Moresby, indicates the speed with which Port Moresby is entering the world economy.

In recent years Port Moresby has been economically booming. There has been substantial building of housing, office towers, shopping malls and commercial establishments over much of it. The waterfront area has been completely redeveloped with apartments, restaurants and shopping centres. Sporting facilities were upgraded significantly for the 2015 South Pacific Games, and further development is taking place for the 2016 FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup.

Safia airfield was built post war to support the Safia cattle ranch. During the late 1950's, PATAIR had regularly scheduled flights by DC-3 from Jackson's Airport with cargo for Safia Airfield, then returned to Port Moresby with fresh beef from Safia cattle ranch. The air freight cost resulted in the beef being very expensive and Safia beef export became cost prohibitive.

#### The Route

Leg 1	Port Moresby to Safia	84 nms
Leg 2	Safia to Cape Rodney	39 nms

This days flying is 123 nms and can be comfortably undertaken in a Cessna 172. Even with the turn around at Safia, the trip should not take much more than 1hour 45 minutes.