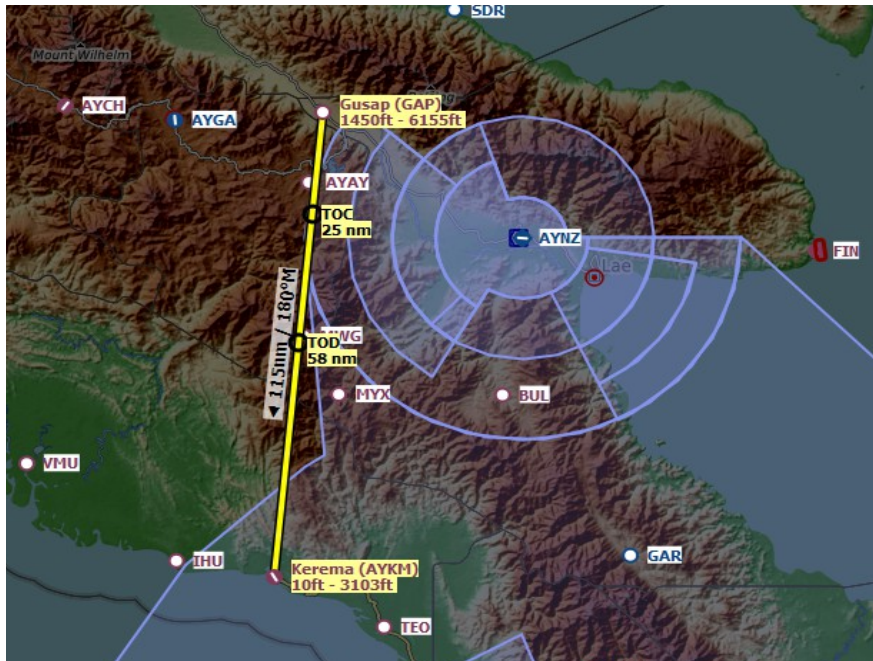


The CIX VFR Club

Christmas Caper – 2019

Day 14 - Gusap to Kerema



There are more than twenty languages spoken in Gulf Province. Languages spoken in the Kerema area include Toaripi, Kakiaie, Opaie, Moivo Hivi and Tairuma. The villages towards the east of Kerema from Hamuhamu, Miaru to Iokea and inland to Moveave all speak Toaripi. The Gulf's traditional culture and knowledge was one of the first to be exposed to the outside world. Thus it was one of the first cultures to change, as outsiders, mainly Christian missionaries, have visited many of the coastal people and encouraged them to abandon much of their native culture. The Gulf area is blessed with many natural resources such as abundant marine life, rich jungle, sago, betelnut, and many others. Rubber plantations were established in the 1930s, mainly by Australians. Currently oil and gas explorations are showing positive results and it will be a major income earner to the province. The Interoil Gas Field has proven huge reserves. Fishing, logging and oil are the main industries, although betelnut and sago are the major cash crop for the local people. Gulf people supply 15% of the betelnut and sago to Port Moresby markets for cash.

The Route

Leg 1 Gusap to Kerema 115 nms

This day's flying is 115 nms and can be comfortably undertaken in a Cessna 172. However, you are advised that the terrain *en route* rises to over 9000 feet, so it might be judicious to use a more powerful aircraft.