



# Shipping Service Weekly Bulletin – 7 August 2006

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## CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF CARGO SHIPPED

	MTs	Cbm
Cumulative total for week ending 31 July 2006	66,422	214,223
Total shipped during the week ending 7 August 2006	495	337
<b>Cumulative Total Shipped to Date</b>	<b>66,917</b>	<b>214,560</b>

## SHIPPING SERVICE USERS

The total number of users of the Shipping Service remains 80. (Discharge ports remains 28.)

## PIPELINE INFORMATION

### Confirmed Shipments

1,769MT/2,101m<sup>3</sup>

The confirmed bookings have dropped from 10,000MT last week to 1,769MT owing to the cessation of the Sibolga – Gunung Sitoli route and one major cancellation. This drop can also be attributed to the introduction of cost-recovery. A period of adjustment is expected to reverse this trend: the first invoice was issued on Monday 7 August.

### Planned Shipments

Much discussion has taken place of the cost recovery for sea cargo. At the behest of BRR and as part of the requirement for further MDF funding of the shipping service, cost recovery has become mandatory.

Despite the reticence to accept the tariffs, competitive transportation alternatives are not possible. Users of the service will need to conduct due diligence on other alternatives and become comfortable with real costs associated with transport. Statistics on costs, times etc. are being compiled by WFPSS and illustrate a compelling argument for sea transport on most routes currently served by the shipping service.

## LOGISTICS DEVELOPMENTS

### Nias Assessment

In the last week of July, WFPSS conducted a thorough Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) on Nias. One new landing site near Teluk Dalam was identified, as well as one additional landing site at Afulu (north-west coast). Approximately 600km of road network was traversed and 350 GPS points taken for culvert, bridge and other locations. The team also identified a need for preventative maintenance of the jetty at Sirombu (west coast). Full details of the LCA will be available at [www.wfpss.org](http://www.wfpss.org) in the near future.

### Warehousing in Nias & the Cessation of the WFPSS Ferry service to Sibolga.

WFPSS is planning to takeover the management of the UNHCR common warehouse (G. Sitoli). The warehouse will remain available for common use by the humanitarian community for transit warehousing. Following the cessation of the WFPSS ferry service (as of August 1 2006) from Gunung Sitoli to Sibolga, this warehousing will continue to be of great use to the humanitarian community. The ferry service has now reverted to the government owned operator.

*Photograph WFPSS (DS) Bridge crossing central Nias.*



### Simeulue (Sinabang) Cargo Congestion

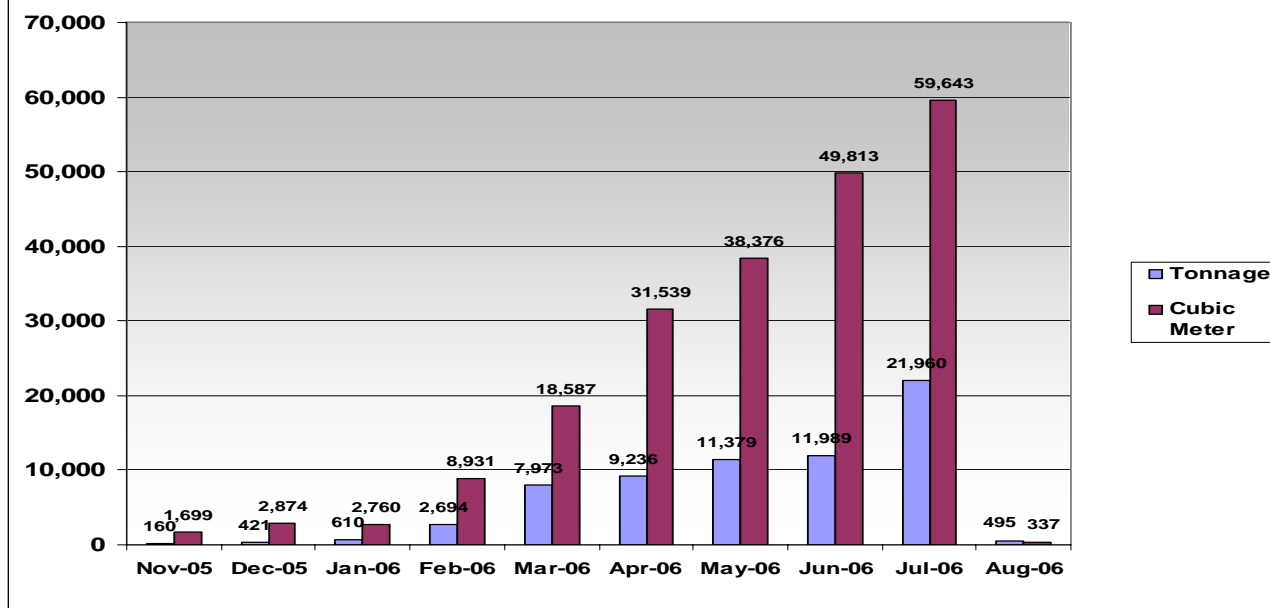
The Sinabang harbour area remains congested with offloaded cargo that remains uncollected. Users of the facility are required to remove their cargo within 24 hours of dispatch (BRR directive).



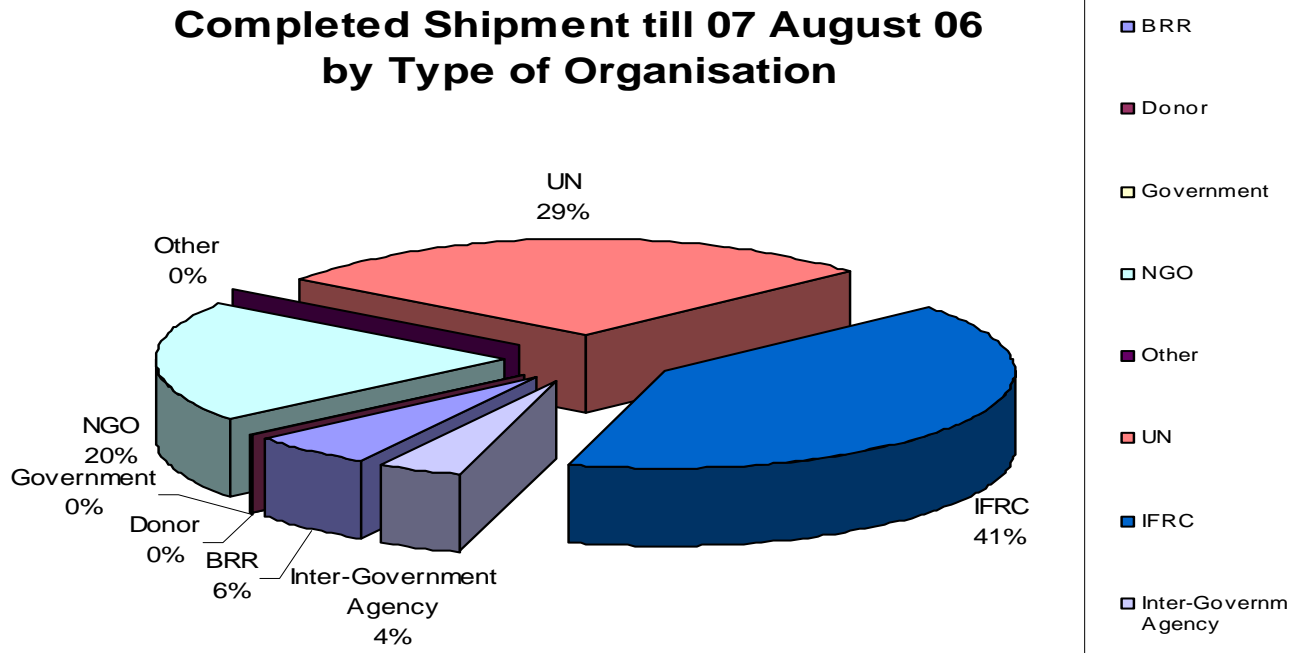
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## Completed Shipment by Month till 7 August 06



## Completed Shipment till 07 August 06 by Type of Organisation



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