



Shipping Service Weekly Bulletin – 29 May 2006

WFP Shipping Service, part of the WFP global organization, is a special operation that was set up in early October to provide sea transport for the humanitarian and recovery community in Aceh and Nias. The service is currently operating at not cost to users. We remain committed to providing you with “Service second to none!”

Landing Site Assessment: Banda Aceh to Teunom

At the request of several NGOs, a WFPSS teams undertook two separate assessments of possible landing sites in Lhong, Lamno, Teunom and Sirombu. The complete assessment reports can be found on our website as www.wfpss.org.

that will link Banda Aceh and Meulaboh progresses on schedule. Construction is set to commence in September 2006. Best Engineering Practices (BEP) and Environmental Assessments have been planned in order to ensure that the construction project adheres to Indonesian and U.S. environmental laws.¹

Weather Delays

Unseasonably heavy rains and strong winds have swept across the region over the past two weeks causing several delays. This poses a challenge for the Shipping Service, as the conditions at sea are more perilous.

Suak Pandan: The collapsed wooden bridge at Suak Pandan (N 04°13.153' E096°01.148') is still not passable for trucks or cars however a new road beside the bridge has been carved out, therefore making it possible to pass.



LTC Daily Express: Fully laden, cubic and nearly on her marks.

Road Conditions from Banda Aceh to Teunom: While the general condition of the road on the west coast is improving for light vehicle traffic, the movement of heavy cargo along the coastal road remains a challenge as bridges have limited capacity.

Cargo Packing

Agencies are urged to ensure that cargo is properly packaged before delivering it to the load port. Pallets should be constructed of strong materials so as to ensure that they do not break while transported by the forklift. Perishable cargo should also be shrink-wrapped to keep it dry.

Belawan Warehouse

The Shipping Service has leased warehouse space in Belawan to hold goods in transit. The space will be ready for use in approximately one week.

Road Conditions in the Region

USAID Banda Aceh – Meulaboh Highway: Design of the USAID funded 240 km highway

Pipeline Update

WFPSS currently has 4014 MT / 36204 m³ confirmed in the pipeline for upcoming movement.

Weekly Running Total of Cargo Shipped Since WFPSS Project Start

	MTs	Meters ³
Last week	25,462	87,261
Current Total	28,431	92,525
Weekly Total	2,969	5,264





Demonstration - Lhokseumawe

All agencies are advised that a demonstration is planned for 31 May 2006 in Lhokseumawe, which is expected to cause delays and/or block the main supply route between Medan and Banda Aceh. For more details agencies are requested to contact UNORC in Lhokseumawe.

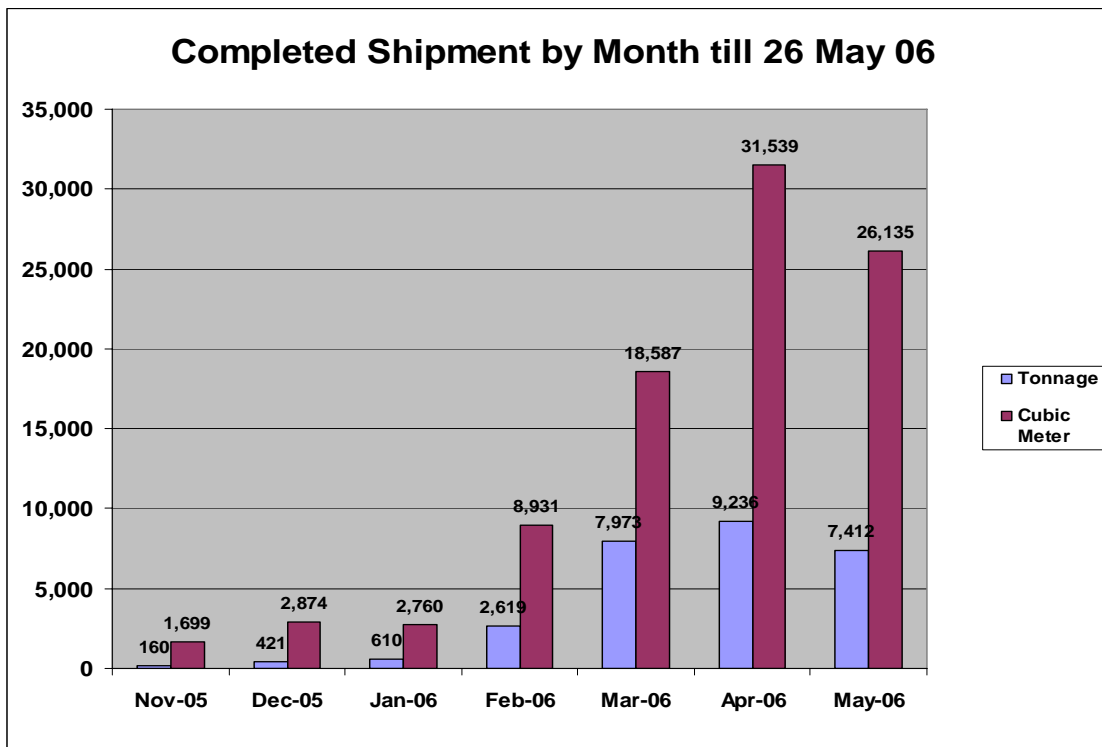
Planning for Upcoming Shipments

Users of the Shipping Service are requested to submit projections of upcoming movements in order to ensure that we can best assist you with your cargo shipments. In order to assist you, please use the three-month pipeline plan template posted on our website home page.

Vessel for Gunningsitole, NIAS

The team in Belawan is consolidating cargo for the third direct sailing to Gunningsitole, NIAS. Agencies wishing to send cargo on board the Daily Express are requested to submit their requests as soon as possible. She is expected to sail from Belawan on June 15th with an ETA Gunningsitole June 21st.

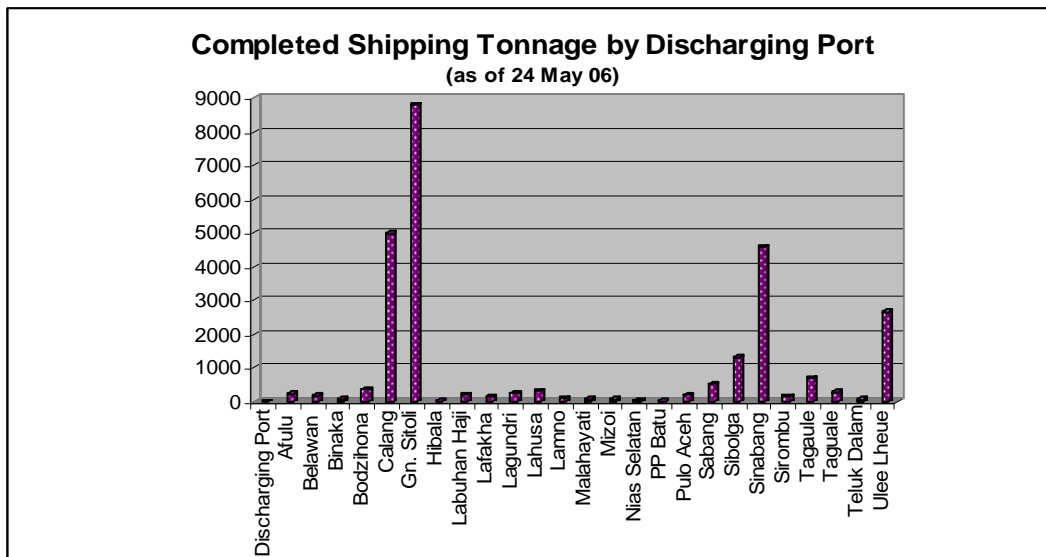
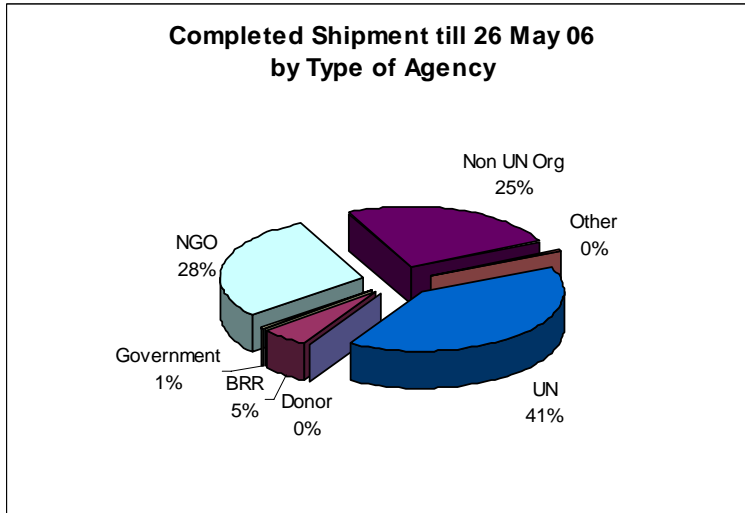
Total Cargo Shipped to Date





Users of the Shipping Service

At present there are 61 users of the Shipping Service as follows:



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¹ USAID Banda Aceh to Meulaboh Road/Bridge Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Project Stakeholder Update – April 2006

