

CLEARANCE AND COVID PROCEDURE FOR KUPANG / OCT 2021

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This is a summary of the process we went through to clear into Indonesia in Oct 2021 during the Covid 19 Pandemic.

We were one out of about 10 boats which cleared in at this time, right as the Indonesian borders opened for foreign yachts. At this time the procedure was still very unclear and varied greatly even between boats clearing in within days of each other.

Since then the process has no doubt changed again, as restrictions slowly ease. So, make sure to check for recent updates.

Last time I checked, crew of foreign vessels only had to undergo 3 days in Quarantine instead of the 8 we did on arrival.

But this information might still help you get an overview of the process and what you need to expect from it.

What you need to prepare before you enter Indonesia:

- **Vaccination** is required for anyone entering Indonesia. Make sure to get a certificate of this and make many copies.
- **You need an agent/sponsor** to apply for your visa, in our case we used Raymond Lesmana, who are known for organising the rallies. But beware that, during covid times, you will be required to use a local agent as well in the port where you clear in. We used a guy called Mathew who was quite unexperienced but sort out a system in the end.
- **Apply for your visa**, through your agent, in good time as it takes about 10 days to get through. Your agent will tell you what documents you need to provide him with for your visa.
- **You will need a Vessel Declaration**, a permit which allows your boat to be within Indonesian water for up to 3 years. You can either do this online for free or pay you agent to do it. I would recommend during it yourself, as we saw a few declarations come back with mistakes on them, giving the captains a lot of grief on arrival.
- **Make a folder of complete paperwork**. There is a lot of paperwork to be done for Indonesia. Assign a folder for this, we have 1 for paperwork which we take to the office and 1 for spares which is kept on the boat for refilling. We collected everything we knew we needed + everything we thought we might possibly need + more, put it on a USB and went to work at Photocopy Store. See bottom for list of forms.
- **Let your agent know you are coming** at least 24 hrs before you arrive. We let him know before we left Australia.

DAY 1

- Contact Coast Guard on VHF channel 16, if he does not answer straight away, he will contact you when he notices you at anchor, so keep your VHF on.
- Contact your Agent, he is the person who should guide you through the process and in our case he did nearly everything for us.

- Quarantine officers come onboard to clear boat for sanitation certificate and check your paperwork regarding Vaccines, health declarations and so forth. Have all your paperwork at hand. (you will pick them up in your dinghy)
- Quarantine transportation to PCR test Clinic in ambulance (price pr test = 550000 RP (39USD))
- Back on boat to start, in our case, 8 days Quarantine. (A week later it was lowered to 5, and then again 3)

While in Isolation

- Isolation
- You can ask your agent for water, food and sim card, pick up on beach.
- Do not visit any other yachts in the bay while in quarantine, the harbour master is watching from his office on the beach at the jetty.
- NOTE: Sim cards have to be registered, which your agent can do for you. But your phone also needs to be registered in Indonesia, which has to be done in person at Customs Office with ID. (One boat managed to get theirs sorted through Customs Officer onboard) Make sure to get Telkomsel which is the national Internet, as any other will only be available locally.

We decided to buy Indonesian phone, prices for Smart phones range from 50-100AUD.

End of Quarantine

- Quarantine transportation in ambulance to Covid clinic for 2nd test (550000 RP)
- You will meet with Quarantine Officer and pay him 750000 RP for Quarantine transport, "Covid fee" and Green Book (150000 RP) he will give you a receipt and Green book at this point.

The Clearance

- The clearance process begins. Be patient with this as it can take time, most likely a couple of days. (On Sundays offices are closed and Friday is day of Prayer and people only work half day, but Saturday Immigration and Customs are open in the morning.)
- It will be arranged that Customs and Immigration comes onboard for checking the boat and signing paperwork. Your agent should take care of all of this but do remind him if nothing happens. (Again, you will pick them up in your dinghy)

PAPERWORK NEEDED: (have at least 4 copies of everything, I recommend more for later use)

- Copy of passports
- Ship registration
- Vaccine certificates
- Statement Letters
- Crew List (you will need at least 4 copies of these)

- Picture of boat with boat name showing
- Certificate of Clearance – from Port where you checked out.
- Declaration Letter
- Visas
- Vessel Declaration
- Certificate of Clearance from last Port
- Model of Maritime Declaration of Health (This is to show that no one died underway)
- More paperwork you might need:
- Health declaration letter from doctor
- Picture of Captain
- Picture of engine
- Once you have handled all your paperwork, it is up to the offices to process your papers and sign everything. In the end you will end up with something like this:
- Green Book
- Sailing Permit signed by all offices
- Immigration and Custom clearance
- Signed Vessel Declaration
- Stamps in Passports and on Crew List

COST (for a boat with 2 people)

Agent Fee and visa, in our case Raymond Lesmana:

- 400 USD for the visa which seems standard.
- 200 USD for agent fee for the entire duration of our stay in Indonesia.
- 150 USD for Vessel Declaration, but we only did this because we were under time pressure.

Fees on arrival:

- 100 USD for local agent fee.
- 53 USD Quarantine Fee inc. Green Book and Transportation. (750000 IDR)
- 154 USD 4 x PCR TESTS (2,200,000 IDR)
- TOTAL:
1,457 USD

NOTE: Do not pay anyone else as this is considered a bribe and it is very illegal in Indonesia, and supports a corrupt system which they are working hard to get rid of.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

- To get around take the local “bemos” (minibus) it is about 3000 RP for a trip pr person depending on the distance you go. Clap when you want to get off.
- There is a shop with a water-maker across the road from the beach, we paid 6000 RP (60 Cents) pr 20 L Jerry Can.
- There is a petrol station close to the beach, you can get your own fuel with Jerry Cans, Approximately 11000 pr L for Pertamina Dex. Solar is much Cheaper as it is subsidized but foreigners are not allowed to buy it in Kupang.

- There are printing/copy shops ashore for paperwork, but your agent should have this sorted or take you to one if you require.
- Food is awesome and about 10000-15000 RP if you eat local. Learn as much Bahasa Indonesia as you can and don't be afraid to bargain if prices don't seem fair.
- People are very friendly in Indonesia, but things can take time, please stay respectful and patient as your behaviour reflects on future sailors.

I hope this was in anyways useful to you. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or corrections.

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