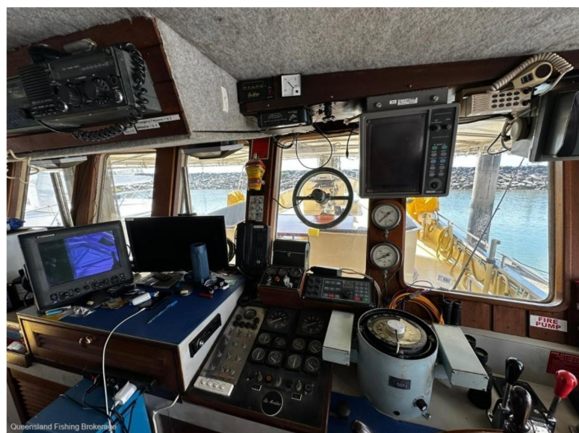


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La Meridian is 60ft in length and is moored in Cairns. She is perfect for our use as she has plenty of passenger space and cargo hold too. She is well set up with a Gardner 8 cylinder engine and a standby as well. A 20kva genset is installed too. She meets the Australian safety standard.

Made of Steel and launched in 1986. She will cruise at 8 kts which give her roughly a day and a half to reach anywhere in the Milne Bay Province. Although she has a trawler hull she has a ketch rig (fwd mainmast and aft mizzen) this makes her very economical to operate when sailing abeam or downwind. Most of all this makes her the safest of vessels and will always make it destination or home in the event of an engine failure.

The Milne Bay Province has two seasons the SE season which is wet and a little windy and the calm NW monsoon season which is usually calm and hot but with the occasional cyclone (same as hurricane in Caribbean).

The vendor's asking price for this vessel is US\$195,000. It would be a good thing if the prospective grantmaker would come with me to inspect the vessel and perhaps even come on board for the return journey to Papua New Guinea and we might be able to find out if there was a place for us to work together regarding the other phase of the mission as set out in our Vision for LWM.

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