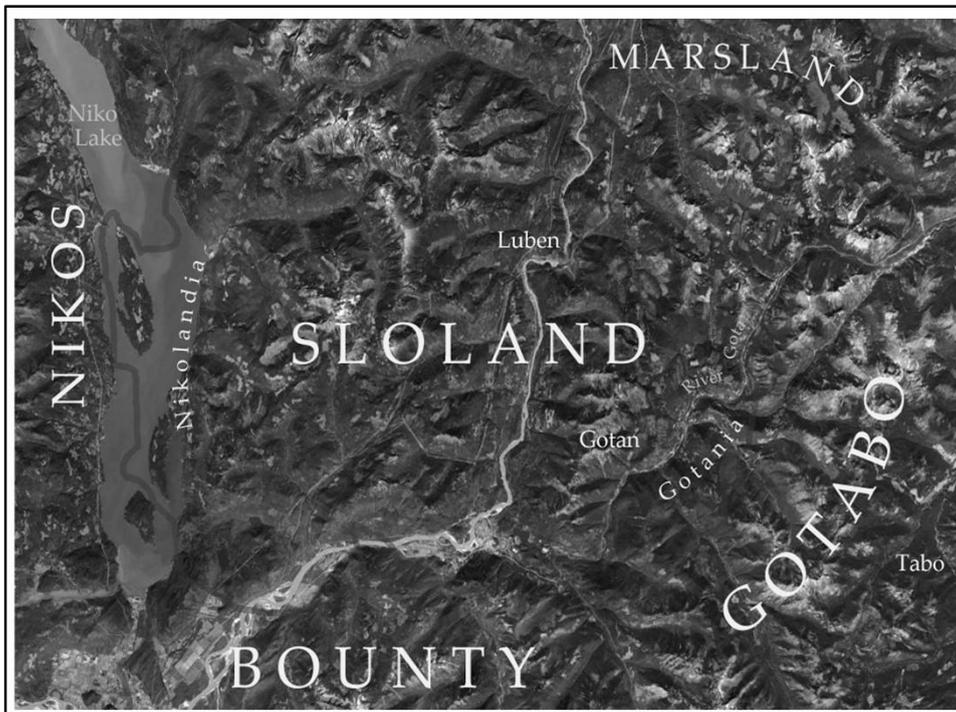


SLOLAND

- Area: 45 367 km²
- Population: 5.7 million
- Slolandian (68%), Gotanian (22%), Nikolandian (8%) and Roma (2%)
- 2 parties in conflict
 - Slolandians (Catholic majority)
 - Gotanians (Protestant minority)



Current situation:

- Highly unstable and potentially dangerous
- Region around river Gota is the centre of the ethnic conflict
- Attacks by guerilla forces from both sides
- Major humanitarian crisis (150,000 refugees, 50,000 IDPs)
- Open civil war?
- Need for good governance, reinforcement of rule of law and security reform

EUSM

- Mission started 1 September 2017
- Mandate:
 - 2 years (1 Sept 2017 – 31 August 2019)
 - Capacity strengthening of rule of law, good governance and security sector
- Headquarters: Luben
- Regional headquarters: Gotan
- Number of staff: 50 (and increasing)

EUSM Mandate

- The European Union Solomon Islands Mission (EUSM) was deployed on 1 September 2017 with a mandate to strengthen the rule of law, good governance (trust building) and security sector. Its key counterparts are the Ministries of Interior, Justice and Defence, as well as the internal security forces (police). The Mission will implement the mandate through MMA activities as well as training and supplying equipment. The mandate initially lasts for two years, until 31 August 2019. It will soon be revised and may be considered for possible extension.