



20th Meeting of the South-West Pacific Hydrographic Commission Country Report for Kiribati



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Introduction

- Marine Division of the Ministry of Information, Communication and Transport is the entity responsible for delivering Hydrographic services in Kiribati.



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Main achievements during the last year

- IGIF workshop in Kiribati - establishment of a NGCC (“GeoMauri”) – subset of that group to be the NHCC



<https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/updates/geospatial-information-in-the-southwestern-pacific/>



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Main achievements during the last year

Formalised support for Seabed 2030 – signing of MOU



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Main achievements during the last year

Kiribati Outer Island Transport Infrastructure Investment Project

- Received a grant from WB /ADB to support work on outer islands - building resilient islands through the improvement of maritime safety and access maritime transport infrastructure
 - 3 Main Components
 - Component 1: Mapping and Hydrographic Survey
 - capacity building, training and procurement of equipment
 - funding for additional staff
 - Commencement of Hydrographic Surveys in Kiribati in March, 2023



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Capacity building

Activity	
Capacity building activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- SWPHC Leaders Program- UNGGIM Meeting, NY, USA (Sept)- UNGGIC Conference, Hyderabad, India (Nov)- IGIF Workshop (Nov. 7 to 9), Kiribati

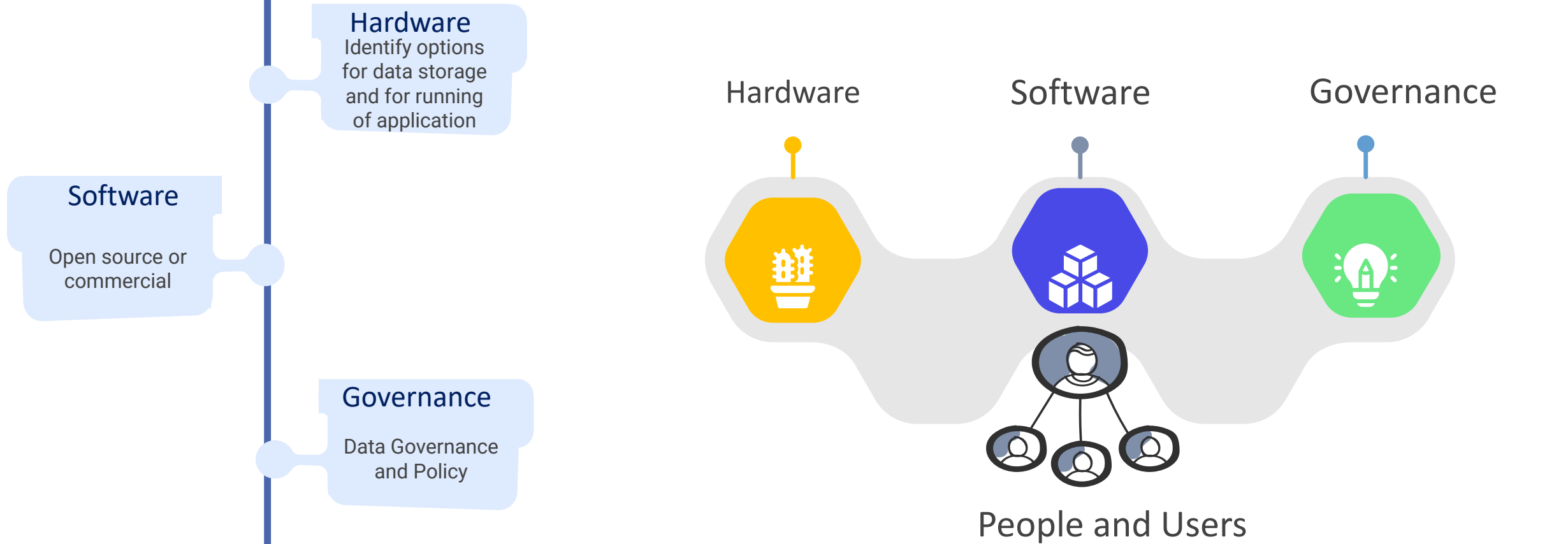


SWPHC Leader's Program Mentorship Program

- Mentor: Dr. John Nyberg (NOAA)
- Schedule to have weekly meetings
- Outline certain topics to talk about
- Make an action and due date



Development of a MSDI



Challenges and Ways forward

- Building and Maintaining relationships/partnerships
- Go into annual SWPHC meetings with different answers to questions asked as part of reporting
- Pursing interests to become a full member of IHO – awaiting cabinet approval
- Developing legislation and policies relating to support:
 - Hydrography
 - Geospatial data management
- Crowd Source Bathymetry
- Expanding hydrographic survey work to other parts of Kiribati
- Developing a roadmap
- Put forward interest as possible host for SWPHC Meeting
- Look at technology/platforms to distribute nautical charts/charting information
- Engaged with other's who are prepared to provide mentorship role
- Functioning NHCC



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