



21st Meeting of the South-West Pacific Hydrographic Commission Country Report for Kiribati



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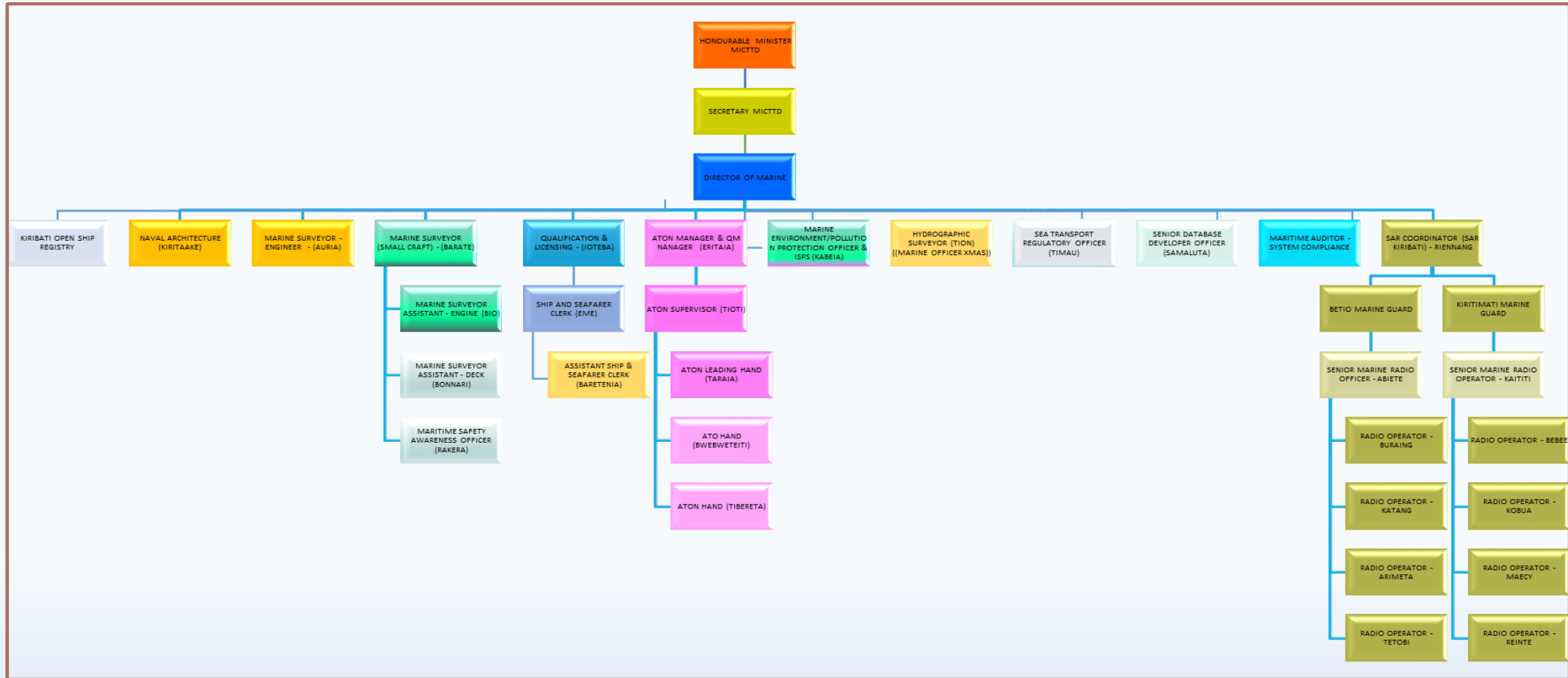
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Introduction

- Marine Division of the Ministry of Information, Communication and Transport is the entity responsible for ensuring maritime safety in Kiribati.



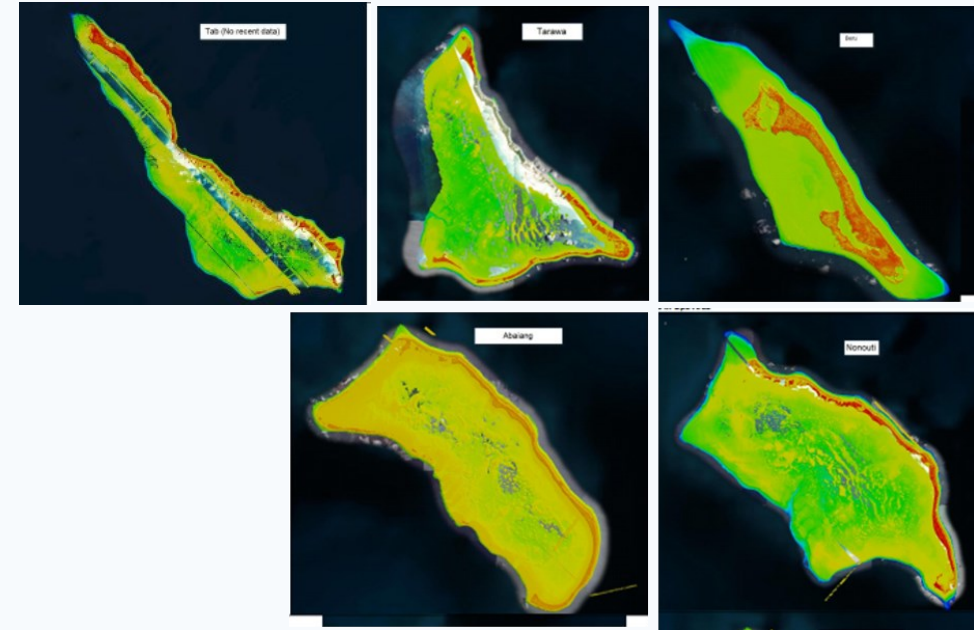
Main achievements during the last year

Surveys – IIC as contractor and UKO as client rep

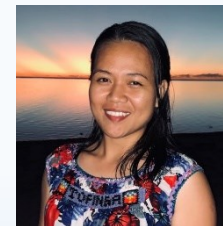
- 5 islands in the Gilbert group
 - Abaiang, Beru, Tabiteuea, Nonouti – (Funded by ADB and WB under KOITIIP)
 - Tarawa (funded by ADB)
 - Betio Port (funded by UKHO)
- 1 island in Phoenix Group (Kanton) – NOAA
- Betio Port, Tarawa - UKHO

Recruitment - 3 (2F, 1M) new staff – undergoing Cat B training (funded by KOTIIP and AHO)

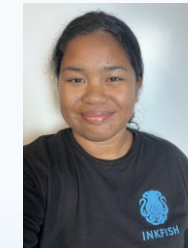
Infrastructure Development - Design and build contractor for the installation of AtoN's and maritime infrastructure on four islands in the Gilbert Group



New Staff



Data Analyst
/Cartographer



Surveyor



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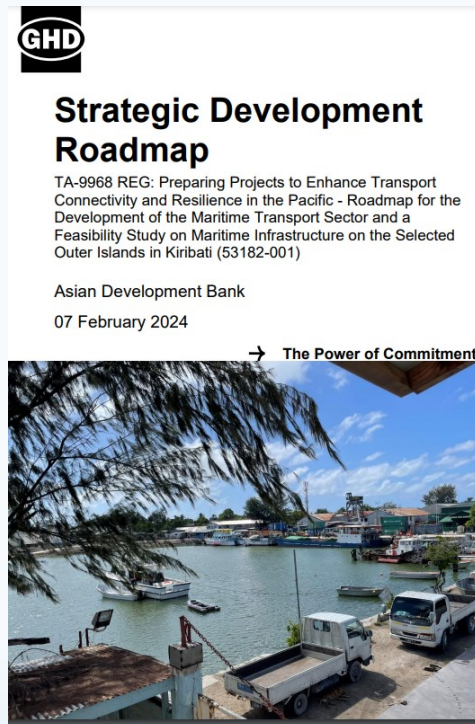
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Main achievements during the last year

- Development of a roadmap and drafting of strategic plan

- Roadmap to be reviewed along with the Strategic plan
- Highlights current situation, priority areas, institutional set ups etc.
- Have these plans endorsed by Cabinet by July



Recommendations for the Creation of a
Hydrographic Department and
Capability
in the
Republic of Kiribati



Kiribati National Hydrographic
Strategic Plan 2023 - 2030

*“ Navigating Towards a Safer Future:
Kiribati’s Commitment to Improved Maritime
Services To Enhance Sustainable Growth”*



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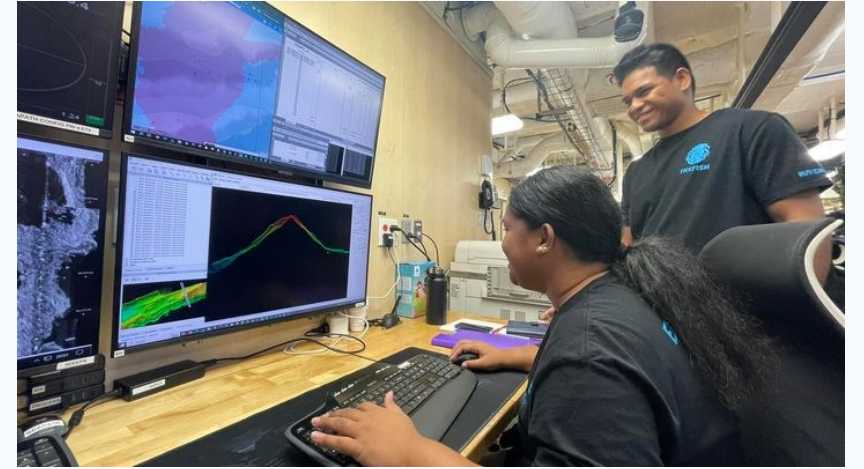


Capacity building

Activity

Capacity building activities

- 2 enrolled in IIC's S5B and 2 in the S8B Programs respectively
- Deep sea mapping and exploration (mappers and Observers onboard vessel, RV Dagon) – Inkfish
- 1 week training with new recruits and other stakeholders (UKHO) – Introducing hydrography
- Hands on training/on the job training (IIC Technologies)
- MSI Training in July 2023
- Tides training with SPC in March 2023



Tides training with SPC



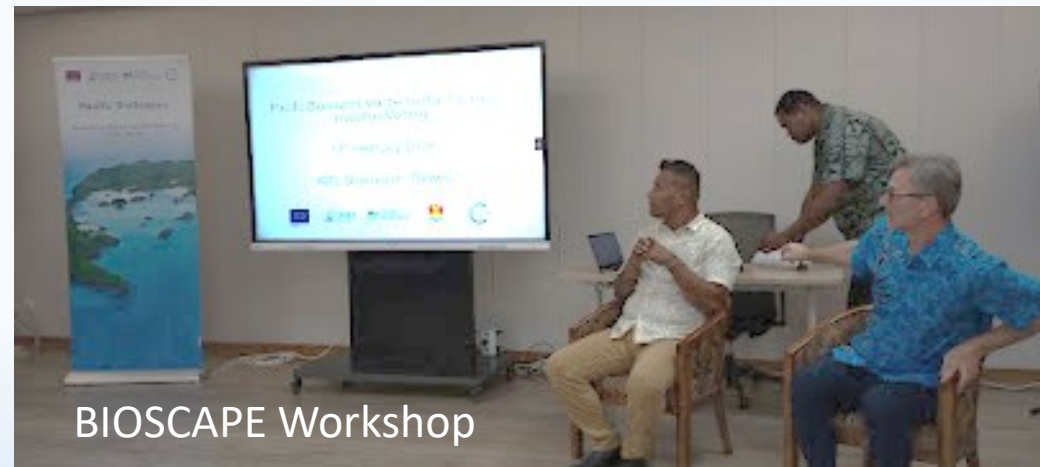
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Development of a MSDI

- Utilise the Kiribati Marine Spatial Planning Coordinating Committee (KMSPCC) with MFMRD as Secretariat to coordinate MSDI Development
 - Hydrographic and Geospatial Data Management Committees as sub-committees
 - Building on previous knowledge of IGIF to develop plan of actions/work plan
 - Data management, policies, access, etc.
 - Looking for advice from SPC and industry partners in developing physical infrastructure
 - 1 workshop with IUCN BIOSCAPE (through MFMRD) – Marine Spatial Planning



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Challenges and Ways forward

- Pursuing interests to become a full member of the IHO
- Crowd Source Bathymetry
- Expanding hydrographic survey work to other parts of Kiribati
- Deep sea mapping initiatives
- Procurement of equipment
- Functioning NHCC
- Incorporate SWPHC Disaster Response Framework into national disaster plans



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Vinaka Vakalevu!

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