

# NATIONAL OCEANS SYMPOSIUM

## *EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*



3-5 April 2017

**Republic of the  
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### **1. Background**

The concept for a RMI National Ocean Symposium was initiated by H.E. President Hilda Heine in October 2016. The purpose was to have a national stakeholder-led process that would guide the RMI's national leadership in its participation in international ocean and marine-related meetings. The four themes of the Symposium were: Sustainable Fisheries, Coral Reefs and Marine Protected Areas, Marine Pollution, and Climate Change Impacts.

### **2. Process**

MIMRA led the planning and coordination of NOS, as the national agency with the mandate over ocean and marine resources in the RMI. A Planning Committee was established to oversee development of the agenda and presentations, coordination of meeting logistics, and final outcomes. External experts were also called on to supplement information and resources, including representatives from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), College of the Marshall Islands (CMI), Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), University of Guam Marine Lab, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the Pew Charitable Trust. Poster and poetry contests also took place throughout the local schools at the elementary, high school, and college level with winning entries on display throughout the Symposium.

The Symposium was organized into two sessions: Community and Leaders. The sessions ran concurrently with the Community Session being open to the general public and the Leaders Session limited to the Local Government representatives, National Government representatives, and invitees.



### 3. Community Session

Presentations to the general public followed the four main themes and were similar to those presented to the Leaders. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions and share information as well as build and enhance their overall level of awareness on issues within the Symposium's key themes. Environmental NGOs were provided with the opportunity to share information on their activities with interested participants throughout the Symposium, as well, in addition to collaborating on presentations to both the Community and Leaders sessions.

### 4. Leaders Session

Mayors and their representatives heard presentations on all the themes over the course of the three-day Symposium. Presentations on issues specific to each of the themes were given in Marshallese by local experts from MIMRA, EPA, MAWC, and others. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions, share their experiences, make requests, and provide recommendations on issues of priority and importance on their respective islands. These discussions culminated into the *National Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs*.

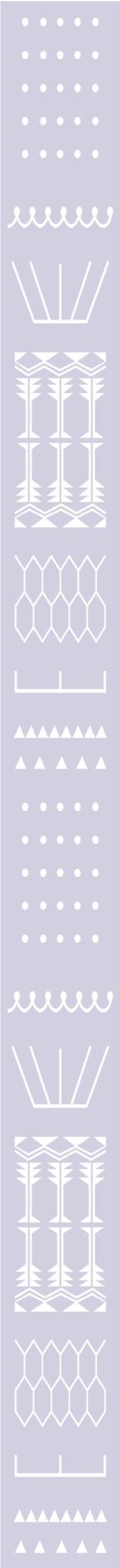
### 5. Outcomes

*The National Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs* stem from the National Oceans Governance Vision: **“As a large ocean nation with a rich history in sustaining and being sustained by the resources of the sea, we commit to ensuring that our resilience in the face of global oceans challenges endures for generations to come.”**

The *Guiding Principles* provide a set of policy directives to the national government to steer its activities at the national and local government level as well as communicate the RMI's priorities and activities at the international level. One key purpose of the *Guiding Principles* will be to serve as RMI's national submission of voluntary commitments to the United Nations Ocean Conference in June 2017.

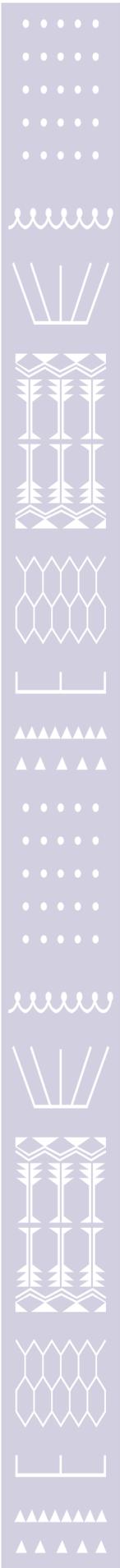
To advance the *Guiding Principles* into action and results, an Implementation Plan is under development and will serve as a benchmark for tracking progress on addressing priorities identified by the Symposium discussions. The *Guiding Principles* and the accompanying Implementation Plan together represent the National Ocean Policy that is the output of wide stakeholder participation through the Symposium. External resources and support will be necessary to realize full implementation of several priorities and the Policy will help to provide the necessary documentation and information to achieve that end.

In drafting and developing the Implementation Plan, care was taken not to duplicate existing national strategies and plans. *Reimaanlok*, for example, is a coastal conservation planning



framework currently being implemented in many of the outer islands. Several *Guiding Principles* can be implemented through the *Reimaanlok* process and the Implementation Plan points to the necessary steps to get started.

In addition, where efforts are currently underway in progressing the *Guiding Principles*, the Implementation Plan accounts for progress achieved to date and identifies further required actions and the appropriate lead agencies.



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## *OUTCOMES*

### **National Oceans Governance Vision Statement**

*As a large ocean nation with a rich history in sustaining and being sustained by the resources of the sea, we commit to ensuring that our resilience in the face of global oceans challenges endures for generations to come.*

#### *Precious Ocean* by Angelica Ditchen

*As deep as the ocean goes  
And as far as it gently flows,  
Precious as a rose.  
We must keep it like God had chose.  
The secrets it contains,  
We must not use in vain.  
For as dangerous as it could be,  
It could harm the entire sea.  
The ocean is precious as I would say,  
So keep in mind, if you may,  
That the trash we throw away  
Could affect our every day.  
The innocent creatures of the water,  
You must consider before you slaughter.  
For the ocean, you've already seen,  
Is something you can keep clean.*



# NATIONAL OCEANS SYMPOSIUM

## *SUMMARY*

The 1st National Oceans Symposium took place in Majuro, Marshall Islands, from 3-5 April, 2017. Participants included Mayors and representatives of all Local Governments as well as National Government officials, students, and members of the public. The Symposium was convened in two parallel sessions, one for the community and public-at-large and one for the Local Government Leaders and Representatives.

The Symposium centered on four main themes:

- ❖ Sustainable Fisheries
- ❖ Climate Change Impacts
- ❖ Marine Pollution
- ❖ Coral Reefs and Marine Protected Areas

Presentations were delivered by government officials of relevant authorities and line Ministries as well as by local environmental non-government organizations, academic institutions, international organizations, and individual experts. H.E. President Hilda Heine welcomed participants and Hon. Mattlan Zackhras, Minister in Assistance, served as Chairman of the Symposium.

A separate Poster and Poetry contest amongst elementary, high school, and college students also contributed to the Symposium's activities.

Outcomes of the National Oceans Symposium include "Guiding Principles" adopted by the Leaders' Summit and a "Summary of Community Sessions".

Collectively, these outcomes represent wide stakeholder input into national oceans governance issues and reflects a consultative process on understanding issues and making commitments to addressing those issues. Outcomes should be integrated into the work plans and programs of all agencies and entities with a role in supporting efforts to sustain and be sustained by the ocean and coral reefs of the Marshall Islands.

## **National Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs**

This document serves as a guiding set of principles to direct national decision-making and operations in support of needs and priorities identified by Local Government Leaders at the Symposium. Principles contained in this document should be operationalized through national agency and department work plans as well as programs and projects of non-government partners, through ongoing consultation with stakeholders. An Implementation Plan will be developed for Local Governments that outlines steps for advancing these Guiding Principles into action and results.

### **SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**

#### **Coastal Fisheries**

- ❖ Strengthen links between national and local government institutions, especially related to monitoring activities within waters under local government jurisdictions (5nm).
- ❖ Increase capacity of local governments in data collection programs.
- ❖ Commit to Reimaanlok process for management of coastal resources (including addressing fish poisoning events).
- ❖ Increase awareness on climate change impacts to coral reef systems.

#### **Oceanic Fisheries**

- ❖ Protect fisheries resource through better control and monitoring of fishing activities throughout the RMI EEZ as well as local government jurisdictions.
- ❖ Ensure availability and accessibility of information to support management decisions.
- ❖ Support local governments and communities in increasing their participation in RMI fisheries, including through extension of national-level management and development initiatives at the local government level.
- ❖ Strengthen information sharing mechanisms between national and local governments on fishing activities.



## Legal Framework

- ❖ Enact strong and effective national laws, regulations and local ordinances.
- ❖ Ensure that national monitoring, control, and surveillance efforts are properly resourced, supported, and coordinated.

## Human Trafficking in Fisheries

- ❖ Enact national laws to protect the rights of Marshallese seamen/vessel crew on vessels operating in Marshallese waters and on nationally-registered vessels.
- ❖ Enshrine human rights protection into national dialogues and fisheries policy to be communicated through regional and international fisheries forums (PNA, FFA, WCPFC).
- ❖ “Think locally, act locally” to protect vulnerable citizens through identification and reporting of suspicious activities to relevant law enforcement authorities.
- ❖ Ratify International Conventions focused on protection of human rights and prevention of human trafficking.
- ❖ Strengthen national enforcement and border patrol mechanisms.
- ❖ Promote awareness of the risks associated with fishing activities in port and focus on prevention programs.

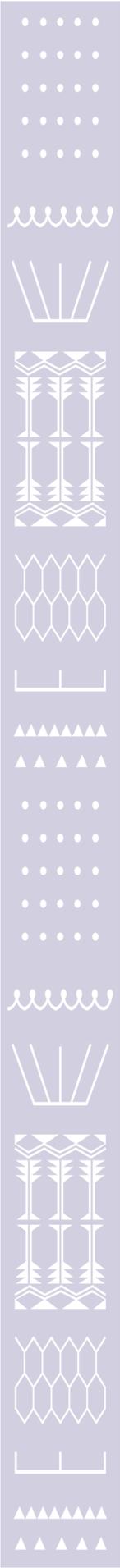
## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

### Impacts on Coastal Fisheries

- ❖ Ensure that herbivorous fish populations are maintained at sustainable levels.
- ❖ Explore the establishment of new fisheries projects (i.e. aquaculture, mariculture, FADs and post-harvest activities).
- ❖ Build new and strengthen existing partnerships with relevant institutions focused on understanding and mitigating climate change impacts on coastal resources.
- ❖ Strengthen monitoring programs of inshore coastal activities to ensure climate change impacts are accounted for.
- ❖ Enhance local conservation and management efforts, including through enacting of ordinances for open and closed fishing seasons, area closures, size and catch limits.

### Impacts on Oceanic Fisheries

- ❖ Incorporate known climate impacts and conditions (i.e. El Nino, La Nina) into fisheries management planning.



## Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

- ❖ Strengthen policy and technical capacity for Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) to improve environmental management and reduce vulnerability to climate change and natural hazards, including monitoring and enforcement of regulations, i.e. through Reimaanlok process.
- ❖ Ensure that climate change and disaster risk reduction considerations are central to marine resource conservation and management planning through close coordination with the National Disaster Management Office. All new projects and reviews of existing projects should include input from the NDMO.
- ❖ Ensure that necessary resources are available to support climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction activities, as they relate to marine resource conservation and management projects.
- ❖ Protect the coral reef environment to enhance resilience against storm surge, sea level rise and other coastal hazards.
- ❖ Provide training on the implementation of regulations for managing coastal ecosystems, coastal natural and man-made hazards (such as oil spills) relevant for sustainable development.
- ❖ Ensure that national laws and regulations adequately incorporate risk reduction and climate adaptation measures.
- ❖ Build capacity of communities to understand disaster-related risks and contribute to mitigation and adaptation activities.

## National Policy and the International Agenda

- ❖ Ensure the National Climate Change Policy Framework (NCCPF) adequately covers climate change impacts on oceans.
- ❖ Raise public awareness and knowledge of the relationships between climate and ocean health.
- ❖ Ensure that marine resource management and decision-making incorporates climate change impacts on ocean health.
- ❖ Seek to reduce carbon emissions resulting from Marshall Islands-registered vessels through appropriate national legal frameworks and international conventions (Sustainable Sea Transport).
- ❖ Enhance awareness on availability of national policies, plans, and other relevant documents for dissemination to Local Governments.



## MARINE POLLUTION

### Land Based Sources

- ❖ Develop early education programs on prevention of marine pollution.
- ❖ Engage and empower communities through clean-up and maintenance campaigns.
- ❖ Enact strong legislation and regulations to provide effective deterrents to marine pollution.
- ❖ Continue to raise awareness in the international community of the adverse impacts of nuclear waste, radioactive and other contaminants, shipwrecks and World War II relics with a view to ensuring that resources are made available to assist with cleanup efforts in the Marshall Islands.
- ❖ Establish mechanisms to address stockpiles of used oil (or other forms of hydrocarbons), i.e. removal, disposal, etc.
- ❖ Support outer island communities' efforts to promote and implement responsible removal and disposal of used lead-based batteries.
- ❖ Support Local Government efforts in developing capacity for regular water quality testing.

### Oil Spills and Ship Groundings

- ❖ Ensure national legislation provides for effective deterrents (i.e. heavy fines, prison) and the ability for all stakeholders (i.e. landowners) to take legal action.
- ❖ Strengthen mandates of all relevant national agencies and departments (MIMRA, Ports Authority, EPA, Local Governments, Ministry of Justice) to coordinate and share resources directed at preventing and addressing incidences of ship-based marine pollution.
- ❖ Promote a “culture of compliance” amongst local communities and visitors such that there is a strong willingness to respect and protect RMI waters.
- ❖ Exercise leadership in regional forums on the development of mechanisms to address vessel-based marine pollution.

### Waste Management

- ❖ Explore options for establishing cost-effective recycling programs in the outer islands, including provision of necessary training and capacity building.
- ❖ Ensure consultation between major urban centers and outer islands prior to establishment of new or relocated dump sites in the outer islands, to take advantage of “lessons learned” from waste management in the urban centers.
- ❖ Promote and where appropriate, decree a return to use of traditional biodegradable products to replace plastic, paper, and other man-made materials.

- ❖ Strengthen proactive and long-term waste management planning to avoid the need for costly mitigation measures.

### **Marine Invasive Species**

- ❖ Strengthen the national legal framework to help deter introduction of marine invasive species.
- ❖ Raise community awareness and empower local communities to prevent, monitor, detect, and report marine invasive species.
- ❖ Assist with data collection efforts in all Local Governments on marine invasive species.

## **CORAL REEFS AND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

### **Reimaanlok, RMI Protected Areas Network, Micronesia Challenge & RMI Shark Sanctuary**

- ❖ Continued support to Reimaanlok and ensuring community initiatives related to coastal and ocean management are consistent with Reimaanlok processes and principles.
- ❖ Support institutional and resource capacity building to support resource management.
- ❖ Develop appropriate mechanisms for sustainable financing to support resource management (PAN) across the RMI.
- ❖ Enhance technical assistance to local governments to maximize benefits from conservation programs.
- ❖ Invest in more research to develop sustainable livelihoods projects and explore market opportunities.
- ❖ Encourage local communities to commit to Reimaanlok process and become a RMI PAN site.
- ❖ Harmonize development and conservation of coastal fisheries.
- ❖ Improve the integration of traditional and modern management strategies.
- ❖ Enhance monitoring and enforcement efforts via local ordinances.
- ❖ Establish a RMI Challenge/National Endowment Fund to support Local Government conservation activities, including provision of scholarships to eligible students.

### **Traditional Knowledge**

- ❖ Ensure that traditional knowledge continues to inform the development of conservation and management initiatives and ordinances at the local government level.



## Gender Roles

- ❖ Acknowledge and support the roles that women play in subsistence activities related to harvesting, preparation, conservation, and management.
- ❖ Ensure that women's participation in community level fisheries initiatives is promoted and supported, including initiatives such as capacity building, decision making, project development, and education.
- ❖ Strengthen relationship between local governments and non-governmental institutions with a view to ensuring support for local community initiatives.

# ***SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SESSIONS***

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The Community Event provided a forum for discussion on the four thematic areas: sustainable fisheries, climate change, marine pollution and coral reefs and marine protected areas. The participants included traditional leaders, community leaders, local leaders, national leaders, government officials, civil societies, student groups, NGOs, regional and international partners.

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## **Key issues and outcomes were as follows:**

- ❖ The need to enhance outreach and awareness efforts and improve dialogue with local governments, respective communities, and traditional leaders to inform management.
- ❖ The need to improve research and data collection on coral reef habitats, impact of pollution and climate change as a basis to compare trends in multiple locations and through time.
- ❖ The need to address fisheries data gaps and developmental issues such as human trafficking, updating of the legislations, regulations and local ordinances, strengthening of national MCS efforts and supporting the Reimaanlok process.
- ❖ Positive feedbacks were provided by the community for the poster sessions produced and presented by the students of the College of the Marshall Islands. The audience was impressed of the quality and professional attitude displayed by CMI students. It resulted in a display of the multiple possibilities offered by a local educational institution to study its local marine environment.
- ❖ The Swim Majuro Declaration 2023 was presented by the RMIEPA and was endorsed in principle by Majuro Atoll Local Government. The initiative looks to restore Majuro lagoon and ocean side, by 2023, to be fit for recreational purposes, including swimming, fishing, and fish consumption thus ensuring the younger generations regain connection to their culture and tradition.





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**Resolution No. 2017-001**

**A RESOLUTION**

**TO REQUEST MIMA TO APPROVE THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES  
TO SUSTAIN AND BE SUSTAINED BY OUR OCEAN AND CORAL REEFS**

**WHEREAS**, the 1st National Oceans Symposium was held on Majuro Atoll 3-5 April, 2017, which gathered stakeholders from all levels of government and civil society to inform the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on priorities, key areas of concern and desired outcomes arising from the Republic's participation in global forums on ocean-related issues;

**WHEREAS**, the National Oceans Symposium focused on four (4) thematic areas relating to Sustainable Fisheries, Climate Change, Marine Pollution, and Coral Reefs and Marine Protected Areas;

**WHEREAS**, the Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs resulted from discussions of the aforementioned thematic areas during the National Oceans Symposium, which will serve as the foundation for support and assistance in our collective efforts to conserve and manage our oceanic resources;

**WHEREAS**, following the adoption by the Government and endorsement by the Marshall Islands Mayors' Association, a National Implementation Plan will be developed to assist in implementing the Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Marshall Islands Mayors' Association hereby unanimously adopts the Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs;

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the President of the Marshall Islands Mayors' Association is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this Resolution to Her Excellency President Hilda C. Heine, Ed. D, and her Cabinet to demonstrate the support of the Local Governments to guide the Government's efforts in regional and international forums on oceans and ocean-related issues.

APPROVED:



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Hon. Ota Kisino  
President, Marshall Islands Mayors Association

Date: 4/18/17

APPROVED:



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Hon. Veronica Wase  
Secretary, Marshall Islands Mayors Association

Date: 4/18/17

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## KOKKADUDU EO ELAP



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### ***1. Jidik melele kon mokta jen an komman***

Lomnak eo bwe en wor juon RMI National Ocean Symposium (NOS) ak kweilok elap kon lojet eo an Majel in kar itok jen ippen H.E. President Hilda Heine ilo Oktoba 2016. Kottopar eo ej bwe en wor juon waween jerbak eo im ej tol ak karok jen iumwin pein national stakeholder (ro rej jen aelon kein im elap konaer) ro me emaron tol ak lelok kapilok nan ritol ro an RMI ilo aer bok konaer ilo kweilok ko relap an lalin kake lojet eo im aolep men ko rejelet lojet eo. Unin konono ko emen relap an Symposium in kar: “Sustainable Fisheries” ak waween eonod nan kojparok, Coral Reefs and Marine Protected Areas ak wod ko im jikin ko emoj kamo eonod ie, Marine Pollution ak ettoon in lojet, and Climate Change Impacts ak jorreen ko rej walok tok jen an ukooktak mejatoto.

### ***2. Waween an jerbak***

MIMRA eaar tol ilo pepe ko im kotbalbal ko an NOS eo, einwot ra eo an kien im emoj kojeno lok ilo Majel in bwe en eddoiki im lolorjaki lojet eo im men ko ie. Juon Planning Committee ak doulul in ripepe ro kar ejaake nan eddoiki jerbak ko bwe en wor laajrak in jerbak ko im konono ko nan kweilok eo, bwe en alikkar aolep men ko rej bok jikin ilo kweilok eo, im bwe en toprak kottopar ko an kweilok eo. Rimeletlet ro jen ilikin Majel in kar kur tok er nan jipan kakobaba melele im kein jerbak ko jet, im rej ro raar itok ilo etan Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) eo, Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) eo, College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) eo, Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), University of Guam Marine Lab, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) eo, im Pew Charitable Trust eo. Jiai ko ikkijeen pija im jeje poetry kar bareinwot bok jikin ippen jikuul ko ad jen elementary, high school, im college, im men ko raar wiin kar kwaloki ilo aolepen iien Symposium eo.



Symposium eo kar kojeno lok nan ruo menan ak jikin kweilok ko: Kweilok eo epellok nan aolep armej im Kweilok eo epellok nan wot aolep ritol ro. Kweilok kein ruo, eo im ej nan aolep armej im eo juon nan wot aolep ritol ro kar jimor komman make iaer ilo juon wot iien.

### 3. *Kweilok eo epellok nan aolep armej*

Konono ko ijin kar loor aolep unin konono ko emen im kar einlok wot konono ko kommani ilo kweilok eo an ritol ro. Aolep armej ro raar bok konaer kar pellok nan er bwe ren komman kajjitok im kakkobaba ko, bareinwot kalok im kolaplok likio in jela ko aer kake men ko konono kaki ilo unin konono ko emen an Symposium eo. Environmental NGO ko ak ra ko ejjab an kien im rej jutak kon melan ko ipelaakin Majel in kar lelok aer iien bwe ren maron bwebwenato kon jerbak im makutkut ko aer ippen aolep ro remonono ilo aolepen iien Symposium eo, bareinwot, raar bok konaer ilo konono ko ilo kweilok eo epellok nan aolep armej im kweilok eon an wot aolep ritol ro.

### 4. *Kweilok eo epellok nan wot aolep ritol ro*

Mayor ro im ro raar itok ilo etaer kar ronjaki konono ko jen aolep unin konono ko emen an ilo raan ko jilu an Symposium eo. Konono ko kake apan ko im rejelet juon wot unin konono an Symposium eo kar kwalok ilo kajin Majel jen ippen rimeletlet ro ad jen MIMRA, EPA, MAWC, im jikin ko jet. Ro raar ped ilo kweilok in kar wor aer iien nan komman kajjitok, kwalok enjake im jela ko aer, kajjitok jipan, im komman kakkobaba kake men ko im emoj kojeno lok bwe remenin aorok ilo ene ak aelon ko aer make. Konono kein kar maron kobaiki ilo *National Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs* bok eo.

### 5. *Kottopar ko*

*National Guiding Principles to Sustain and be Sustained by Our Ocean and Coral Reefs* eo kar jebar jen National Oceans Governance Vision eo: **“Einwot juon lal eo elap lojet eo an im ej mweie kake bwebwenato in an kojparok im bok kojparok jen men ko bwinnin lojet eo, jej kalimmur bwe ad maron unnare peid make en deploki apan ko rellap an lalin im en wonmanlok wot nan epepen ko rej itok.”**

Men eo naetan *Guiding Principles* ej letok jet tol ko nan kien eo iolap nan aer kojebwebweiki makutkut ko an ilo kien eo iolap im kien ko reddik, bareinwot kwalok kottopar ko im makutkut ko an Majel in ilo kweilok ko rellap itulikin Majel. Un eo elap an *Guiding Principles* ej nan jipan kien eo an Majel ilo an jaake maanlok kallimur ko an nan United Nations Ocean Conference ilo Juun 2017.

Bwe *Guiding Principles* en bok jikin im komman toprak, juon Implementation Plan ak pepe emoj jino ejaake nan jerbak einwot juon benchmark ak kokalle nan jonak e toprak ko an jerbak ko raorok im rej itok jen konono ko an Symposium. *Guiding Principles* im



Implementation Plan eo rej jimor itok ilo etan National Ocean Policy eo im ej mottan output ak jermal ko an stakeholder ro jen Symposium eo. Kein jermal ko im jipan ko jen itulik naaj bar menin aorok nan lukkuun jerbale elon kottopar ko im Policy eo enaaj jipan ilo an bour ak look e im kalikkar melele nan topar jemlok eo.

Ilo an jino ejaak im komman Implementation Plan eo, kar kojparok wot bwe en jab bar komman ejja kotbalbal im pepe ko emoj ejaaki moktalok. *Reimaanlok*, nan waanjonak, ej juon coastal conservation planning framework ak waween jerbale parijet ko im ej bok jikin ilo aolep outer island ak aelon ko ilikin Majuro. Jet iaan *Guiding Principles* remaron in jerbale ilo *Reimaanlok* eo im Implementation Plan eo ej kalikkar bunton ne ko rekkar nan jinoe.

Kakkobaba wot, ijoko ewor jermal rej bok jikin im rej itok ilo etan *Guiding Principles*, ekwe Implementation Plan eo ej lale toprak ko emoj topari tok nan rainin im ej kalikkar ta jermal ko jet remenin aorok bwe ren bok jikin im ra ta ko rej rekkar bwe ren tol kajjojo jermal.



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**TOPRAK KO**

## Jibadbad im Kottopar

*Enwot juon lal eo elap lometo eo an im emweie kin men ko bunnin ilo wawein  
kejeparok im bok an mour jimor jen jeramman ko jen lojet eo an, innem kimij  
kallimur in lorlorjake bwe kitare eo ippem ijelmen menin mellijjon ko rejelet  
lometo eo an lalin naaj ekeke wot iumin epepen kein rej pedo tok.*

### Lojet Eaurok by Angelica Ditchen

Enwot an mulal lometo  
Im enwot an ettolok ijoko ej topari,  
Aurok in ej enwot juon rose.  
Jej aikuuj in kejeparoke enwot ke Anij ear kelete.  
Menin ittino ko ie,  
Jen jab kejerbale im kakkure.  
Enwot ke ekauwatata,  
Emaron kakkure aolep malo.  
Lojet eo eaurok enwot ao ba,  
Kin menin kwon kemejmeje ne komaron,  
Menoknok ko jej juloki,  
Remaron in jelet raan ko ad kajojo.  
Menin mour ko remman ilojet,  
Kwon lemnak kaki mokta jen am mani.  
Kinke lojet emoj am bar loe,  
Ej juon men eo kwo maron drepj an erre.



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***KEMELELE  
ILO TU KADU***

National Oceans Symposium eo kein kajuon ear bok jikin ilo Majuro, Marshall Islands, jen 3-5 April, 2017. Ro raar bok kunaer ekoba Mayor ro im ro raar jede ilo etan Local Government ko ekoba National Government official ro, ri jikuul, ro jen jukjuk in ped. Symposium eo ear komman ilo ruo mottan ko raar bok jikier ilo juon wot iien, juon nan jukjuk in ped im aolep armej, im juon nan Ri Tel ro jen Local Government ko kab ro raar jede ilo etaer.

Symposium eo ear kenono kin emen unin tel ko:

- ❖ Kejeparok ilo Ad bok Jeramman jen Lojet
- ❖ Anijwiwi ko jen Oktak in Mejatoto
- ❖ Paijin im Etonon in Lojet
- ❖ Wod im Jikin Kejeparok (Mo) ko Ilojet

Presentation ko raar komman jen government official ro jen ra im line Ministry ko ekoba jen drouluul ko ilikin kien rej jerbale pelaak ko peḷaakid, jikin jikuul ko, drouluul ko jen likin, kab ri kapeel ro kajojo. H.E. President Hilda Heine ear karuwaineneik aolep ro raar bok kunaer im Hon. Mattlan Zackhras, Minister-in Assistance, ear jermal enwot Chairman eo an Symposium eo.

Rijikuul ro jen elementary, high school im college ko rekar bok kwonaer ilo Symposium eo ilo juon poster im poetry contest.

Toprak ko jen National Oceans Symposium eo ekoba drilep in jermal ko rekar wepeen ilo kwelok eo an Ri Tel ro jen Local Government ko im bareinwot juon komelele ikijien makitkit ko ilo kwelok ko an Community.

Toprak kein rej kitubuuḷ kalamenlokjen ko an Ri Tel ro im community eo jimor non an drelon ilo kotobar ko an Kien ikijeen lojet ilo ad bok melele im komman bunten ko non jelmae aban kein. Toprak kein rej aikuij drelon ilo jermal im monakjen ko an ra im opij ko im ewor aer eddo ikijien lojet im wod ko ipelaakin Majol in.

**Laajrak in Jibadbad ko rej Tel koj bwe jen maron Kejeparok im Bok ad mour jen Lojet eo ad im Wod im Pelaak ko**

Pepa in ej jerbak enwot juon kein jiban eo ej kelaajrak jet bunten im jibadbad ko nan jiban jokalet ko an ri tel ro kab makitkit ko nan jiban menin aikuij im jibadbad ko ilontata raar maron alikkar jen Ri Tel ro an Local Government ko ilo Symposium eo. Jibadbad ko rej ellaajrak iloan pepa in rej aikuij in komman im bok jikier jen ra ko an kien ekoba ilo jibadbad ko an department ko im ilo prikraam im pirojaak ko an ro mottad itulik in kien, ilo kenono ippan aolep ro tellokier. Juon karoken Jibadbad in jinoe enaaj ejaak im komman nan Local government ko im enaaj kelaajrake bunten ko nan iunmaan lok Jibadbad kein bwe ren jino emakit im wor toprakier.

**KEJEPAROK ILO AD BOK JERAMMAN JEN LOJET**

**Menin Jeramman ko jen lojet (Malo ko)**

- ❖ Kokajurlok jerbak ippan dron ikōtaan ra ko an Kien eo iolap im local government ko, elaptata ikijaan etale makitkit ko rejelet iloan malo ko an local government ko (5nm).
- ❖ Kelaplok jonan maron ko an local government ko ikijaan pirokraam in aini melele ko, [ilo an etal jiban jen Kien eo iolap].
- ❖ Lorlorjake jibadbad im kottopar ko iumin Reimaanlok eo ikijaan kejeparok im kilen kajebwebweiki menin jeramman ko ilo lojet eo bwe ren jerbak (ekoba jiban ilo tore ko ej wor armej rej jorraan jen kadrek eek im men ko jet).
- ❖ Kelaplok katakin im kellewetak ko kin an oktak in mejatoto jelet wor, malo im menin mour ko jet ilo lojet eo.

**Menin jeramman ko jen lojet (Meto ko)**

- ❖ Kejeparok eek im menin jeramman ko jen lojet ilo ejake im kommani makitkit ko repolel lok ekoba kokmanmanlok jerbak in etale ko nae jerbak in eonod ilo pelaak in RMI EEZ eo, ekoba pelaak ko an local government ko bwe en wor kejeparok nani. Kokajur lok jerbak in leto letak melele ikōtaan national im local government ko ikijaan aolep jerbak ak makitkit in eonod ko rej komman bwe ren emman lok.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe en wor melele im pidodo bok melele nan jiban kommani jokalet ko an ri tel ro.

- ❖ Lelok wawein jiban ko nan local government ko ekoba jukjuk in ped ko kajojo bwe en laplok aer bok kunaer ilo jermal in eonod ko ilo RMI, ilo an drepakpak lok pein kien eo iolap ilo kajebwebweiki jermal kein ekoba ilo lorlorjake jermal in komman menin wonmanlok ko an local government ko bareinwot.
- ❖ Kokajur lok jermal in leto letak melele ikotaan national im local government ko ikijaan makitkit im jermal in eonod ko.

## Karoken Kien

- ❖ Ejake kakien im karok ko rejimwe im rekkar an kien eo iolap ekoba ejaak local ordinance ko ak kakien ko an local government ko bareinwot.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe eddo im jermal ko an kien ilo kejeparok, etale im waje meto ko ren polel im emman lok jekjekier ikijaan kein jermal im ri jermal jimor ekoba bwe en melak ilo wawein kommani im lorlorjaki jermal im eddo kein.

## Jorraan in Koot Armej ilo Eonod

- ❖ Ejaake kakien ko bwe ren kejeparok jimwe im maron ko an ri majel ro rej jermal ion waan eonod ko rej eonod iloan malo ko an majel ekoba ion wa ko rej jeje im register iumin majel.
- ❖ Kadrelon jimwe im maron ko an armej bwe ren ped im wor kenono kaki ilo kwelok ko an kien ekoba bwe kakien ko rejelet jermal in eonod ren wor kojjele im karon kaki ilo iien kwelok ko rejelet jermal in eonod an woden bwil kein ekoba ko jet an pelaak in lalin enwot (PNA, FFA, WCPFC).
- ❖ “Bedbede kalmenlokijen im makitkit ko jen iloan majel wot” nan kejeparok ri majel ro mottad bwe ren jab jorraan elkin an armej elolo ak wor eno ippaer kin makitkit ko rejumae kakien im karok ko bwe ren ripooti jorraan kein nan ra im jikin ko tellokier.
- ❖ Kawepene International Convention ko rej jibadbad im jurake kejeparok jimwe im maron ko an armej, ekoba bobrae jorraan in koot im kibel armej ro remojno jen aer walok
- ❖ Kokajur lok jermal ko an ro rej waje aelon kein ekoba jekjek im repeltan ko rej loori ilo jermal in kejeparok im bobrae kein.
- ❖ Kelaplok jermal in katakin im kellewetak ko Ikijaan ta menin kauwatata ko rej walok ilo jermal im makitkit ko an eonod ilo jikin po ko innem kottopar bwe en ejaak pirokraam in kejeparok im bobrae ko.

## ANIJWIWI KO JEN OKTAK IN MEJATOTO

### Anijwiwi ko ilo menin jeramman ko jen lojet (malo ko)

- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe menin mour ko rej mona ujoj in lojet ren jab maat im lap eonodi.
- ❖ Ejake jet pirojaak in eonod ko rekaal (i.e. Taap eek im jermal ko eierlok wot).
- ❖ Ejaak bujen jemjera ko rekaal im kokajur lok jermal in ippan dron ko ilo ad melele kin oktak in mejatoto im jermal ko nan jiban bobrae im kejbarok jeramon ko ad jen lojet.

- ❖ Kokajur lok pirokraam in waj im etale ko nan makitkit ko rej komman ion kappe ko nan lorlorjake bwe jekjek im wawein ko rej walok jen oktak in mejatoto ren bar dreelon ie.
- ❖ Kokajur lok jibadbad im kottopar rejelet jermal in kejeparok ekoba ejaak ordinance ko rej kalikare tore ko epellock im kilok iien eonod ekoba jikin ko ewor mo ie, im jonan ebbok.

## **Anijwiwi ko ilo menin jeramman ko jen lojet (Meto ko)**

- ❖ Kadrelone jekjek im wawein ko jela kaki (enwot El Nino, La Nina) bwe ren dreelon ilo jermal in ejaake karok im jibadbad ko rejelet menin jeramman ko ilojet.

## **Komman Oktak im Maan Japopo nae Jorraan**

- ❖ Kokajur lok jonan maron ko an kakien ko ekoba jikin jermal bwe ren dreelon im uwaan Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) bwe en emman lok jermal in kejeparok pelaak ko im kadrikdrik lok ad jorraan jen oktak in mejatoto, ekoba jorraan ko jet, ekoba ekoba kokajurlok jermal in waj im etale ko kab lorlorjake an jermal kakien ko bareinwot enwot ilo jermal ko iumin Reimaanlok.
- ❖ Lorlorjake jibadbad ko ikijaan oktak in mejatoto ekoba ko jet kin maan japopo bwe ren bed iolaplap ilo jermal in kejeparok menin jeramman ko jen lojet eo ekoba ilo jermal in ejaake jibadbad im kottopar ko ilo kelaplok buru kuk im jermal ippan National Disaster Management Office eo. Aolep pirojaak ko rekaal ekoba jermal in etale pirojaak ko rej komman kio bwe ren kadrelon jabdrewot melele ko jen NDMO eo.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe en wor jaan nan jiban makitkit ko rejelet jibadbad ko nan komman oktak ko ilo an walok oktak in mejatoto kab ko jet ikijaan jermal in maan japopo ko jen jorraan im iien idrin ko ilo aer bed im erom uwaan jermal in kejeparok menin jeramman ko ilo lojet im malo ekoba pirojaak ko rej komman nan lorlorjaki bareinwot.
- ❖ Kejeparok pelaak ko an wod ko bwe ren kajur lok im mijjia ilo aer jelmae ipweep in no jen lan ko, utiej lok in lojet eo, kab menin kauwatata ko jet rejelet parijet im kappe ko.
- ❖ Komman kamminene im iien ekatok kin karok im kakien ko rejelet kilen kejeparok malo ko iturin parijet im kappe ko, jen wawein ko jet rej komman jorraan jen pelaak eo make ak ko jet rej walok jen komman ko an armej (enwot oil spill ko) im bwe melele ko rejelet komman menin wonmanlok ko rejimwe im jejjet.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe kakien im karok ko en bwe jonan aer kitbuuj im kakiene jermal in maan japopo im kadrikdrik lok menin uwata jen jorraan ko rellap ekoba jekjek ko rej uwaan lok wawein ko kommani ilo an walok oktak in mejatoto.
- ❖ Kelaplok jonan an jukjuk in bed ko melele kin menin uwata ko rej walok jen jorraan ko rellap ekoba kommane ijoko kunaer ilo makitkit im jermal ko rejelet kadrikdrik an maron walok menin uwata kein im jekjek ko jet ikijaan oktak im maan japopo nae jorraan ko.

## **Kakien Ko im Monakjen in Jermal ko an Lalin**

- ❖ Etale National CC Policy Framework eo nan lipjorjore bwe en bwe jonan an kitbuuj im kadrelon apan im jorraan ko walok jen oktak in mejatoto jelet lojet im malo ko.
- ❖ Kelaplok an aolep armej jela im melele kin wawein an oktak in mejatoto kab waimourur im erre eo an Lojet jelet im ekkejil ippan dron.

- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe jermal in kejeperok menin jeramman ko jen lojet ekoba jermal in komman karok ko ikijaan ren bareinwot kakobaik apan im jorraan ko rej uwaan lok oktak in mejatoto ilo an jelet waimourur im ejmour eo an lojet im malo ko.
- ❖ Pukpukwot wawein kadrikdrik lok paat ko retonon jen injin ko an tima im waan ejerakrok ko jet rej jeje etaer iumin flag eo an Marshall Islands ilo kejeperal enbwinin im nememe in kakien ko rejimwe im rekkar enwot ko iumin (Sustainable Sea Transport).
- ❖ Kelaplok an armej jela bwe ewor karok, jibadbad kab pepa ko jet rekkar mweien kien bwe men kein ren bar driwojlok nan local government ko.

## PAIJIN IM ETONON IN LOJET

### Jikin Ko Rej Komman Katonon

- ❖ Ejake pirokraam in katakin ko imaan tata ikijaan wawein kejeperok im bobrae lojet im men ko ie jen aer paijin im jorraan jen etonon ko.
- ❖ Kelaplok an jukjuk in bed ko bok kunaer ilo jermal in karreo ko ekoba ilo pirokraam in kejeperok im bobrae ko rej komman jen iien nan iien.
- ❖ Ejaak kakien im karok ko rejimwe im jejjet nan lorlorjake bwe en driklok an walok jorraan in kakkure im katonone lojet im malo ko.
- ❖ Wonmanlok wot im karon lalin kin jorraan ko walok jen paijin in nuclear ko im menin paijin ko jet rekauwatata, jen wa ko rej bed ipulen lojet, ekoba kein tarinae ko jen Bata eo an Lalin Kein Karuo, ilo kalmenlokijen in ke ewor wawein jiban ko repellok nan jiban jabdrewot jibadbad im kottopar ko nan karreoiki Aelon Kein jen menin jorraan kein.
- ❖ Ejaak wawein ak karok ko nan jerbale im na mejlan apan eo kin an ejjelok jikin jokpiiji oil ko remoor (ak men ko jet rej komman hydrocarbon ko), nan kemakit im jolok menin kauwatata kein im ko eierlok wot.
- ❖ Jiban im kokajur lok jibadbad im kottopar ko an jukjuk in bed ko ilo aelon ko likin im jino jermal in kemakit ilo jekjek ko remman im ekkar ikijaan aini im juloki battery ko remoor im ewor lead ie.
- ❖ Jiban lok jibadbad im kottopar ko an Local Government ko ilo jermal in kakolkol im etale dren in idraak ko aer.

### Oil Spills and Ship Groundings

- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe kakien ko an kien en wor kaje im bakkin ko rejimwe im jejjet ie bwe en driklok an wor ri komman jorraan (enwot komman kaje im iien kalibuuj ko rellap) ekoba komman bwe aolep armej ro wawein eo ejelet er (enwot armej ro aer jikin eo) ren maron bok kunaer im komman jermal in liakake lok ko ak wawein ko jet iumin kien.
- ❖ Kokajur lok kakien ko rej kemelete eddo im jermal ko an aolep ra im department ko an kien (MIMRA, Port Authority, EPA, Local Government ko, Ministry eo an Justice) bwe ren jermal ippan dron im leto letak maron ko aer ikōtaan dron ikijaan jermal in kejeperok im bobrae an walok paijin im etonon ko nan lojet eo jen tima im wa ko jet.

- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe en “lap an armej loor kakien ko” ak “culture of compliance” ilo jukjuk in bed ko ekoba ri lotok ro im bwe en lap an aolep armej konan kejeparok im bobrae an walok jorraan nan lojet im malo ko an ri Majel.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe ri tel ro ilo kwelok ko an pelaak in wodren bwil kein ren ejaake jet karok im kakien ko rej na mejlan jorraan in paijin im etonon lojet jen tima im wa ko jet.

## Repeltan Aini Kobij

- ❖ Komman ek katok ko nan ejake jokalet ko rejimwe im rekkar bwe en maron jutak pirokraam in recycle ko remman im jejjet nan aelon ko likin ekoba lorlorjake bwe en wor pirokraam in kamminene im kelaplok jonan jela im kapeel ko aer bareinwõt ilo pirokraam kein.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe en wor iien kwelok ko ikōtaan center ko iolap kab aelon ko likin mokta jen an ejaak im jutak jikin jokpiij ko rekaal ak elane rej jikin kein rej emakit lok nan aelon ko likin bwe jen maron in kortokjen “wawein ko jaar ekatok jeni mokta lok” jen jermal in aini im kakonkoni kobij ko ke raar komman ilo center ko.
- ❖ Rejan im kellewetak elane ekkar, juon karok eo ej rejan armej bwe ren bar rool lok im kejerbal men ko remaron moor im ijelokin pojrak jen aer kejerbal men ko rej komman jen plastic, paper im kab mweiuk ko jet rej komman in armej.
- ❖ Kelaplok jibadbad im kotmene ko ilo ejake bunten im wawein ko rejelet jermal in jokbiij ilo jet jekjek ko raetok jetnakier im kalmenlokijen ko aer nan lorlorjake bwe en ejjelok bunten im wawein ko ellap wonen kommani ilju im jeklej ilo jermal in bobrae im kejeparok ko jen jorraan.

## Menin Mour Ko Jen Likin

- ❖ Ejaake monakjen im bedbed in kakien ko rekajur nan jiban bobrae an dreton wawein ko iumin MIS.
- ❖ Kelaplok an jukjuk in ped ko jela im melele im kokajur im jiban er waje, jela ke ewor ekoba ripoote wawein ko rej uwaan MIS.
- ❖ Kelaplok an jukjuk in ped ko jela im melele im kokajur im jiban er waje, jela ke ewor ekoba ripoote wawein ko rej uwaan MIS.

## WOD IM JIKIN KEJEPAROK (MO) KO ILOJET

### Reimaanlok, RMI Protected Areas Network, Micronesia Challenge & RMI Shark Sanctuary

- ❖ En jab jemlok jiban ko nan Reimaanlok im lorlorjake bwe jibadbad im kottopar ko an jukjuk in ped ikijaan wawein kejebwebweiki parijet im malo ko ren loor repeltan im karok ko iumin Reimaanlok im jibadbad im kottopar ko iumin bareinwot.
- ❖ Jiban ilo jermal in komman kaminene ikijaan menin ekatok ko rekkar im jimwe im rejelet wonmanlok im jeramman ko an jukjuk in ped ko .
- ❖ Ejaake jet repeltan jermal ko rekkar im jijjet ikijaan jermal in jaan bwe ren jermal ipelakin RMI in.

- ❖ Kelaplok jermal in jiban ko ak technical assistance nan local government ko bwe jen lap ad bok menin jeramman ko jeni jen pirokraam in kejeparok im bobrae ko rej komman.
- ❖ Kelaplok jermal in ek katak ko bwe en maron ejaak pirojaak ko rejimwe im ekkar nan jokkin mour ekoba ekatak kin iaal in bok jeramman.
- ❖ Rejan jukjuk in ped ko bwe ren laplok aer bok kunaer ilo jermal ko iumin Reimaanlok im erom uwaan RMI PAN site eo.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe jermal in komman menin wonmanlok ko kab jermal in kejeparok im bobrae ko ren jermal ippan dron ikijen menin jeramman ko jen lojet.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe wawein im bunten ko iumin manit im menin kapeel ko an raan kein ren maron jimor jermal ippan dron.
- ❖ Kokajurlok jibadbad im kottopar ko rejelet jermal in etale im lorlorjake kakien ko ilo komman local ordinance ko ikijaer.
- ❖ Ejaake juon RMI Challenge/National Endowment Fund nan jiban makitkit in kejeparok ko an Local Government ko ekoba ejaak jaan in jiban nan ri jikuul ro rekkar.

### **Kapeel ko ad makmake**

- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe kapeel ko ad makmake ren wonmanlok wot im lelok melele ilo an komman jermal in kejeparok ko im makitkit kin bunten im repeltan ko ekoba kakien ko an local government ko.

### **Eddo Ko An Emman im Kora**

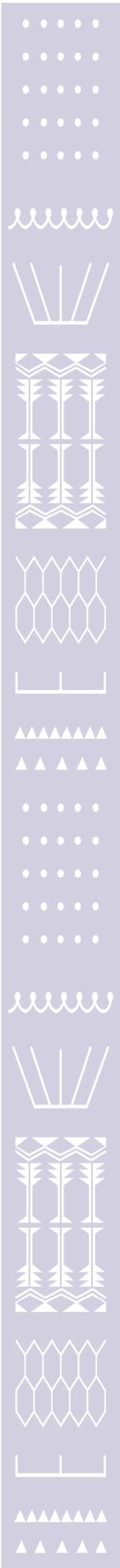
- ❖ Kile im jiban jermal im eddo ko an kora ilo makutkut ko ikijeen ebbok leen jeramon ko, maanjappopo, kejparok, im repeltan.
- ❖ Lorlorjake bwe an kora bok kunaer ilo makitkit ko rejelet jermal in eonod ilo jukjuk in ped ko en laplok im wor jiban nane bareinwōt, ekoba ilo makitkit ko jet enwot iien kamminene, komman pepe, pirojaak in wonmanlok ko, kab jelalokijen.
- ❖ Kokajur lok buru kuk ikōtaan local government ko im drouluul ko ilikin kien ilo kotmene bwe en wor lorlorjake im jiban makitkit ko an jukjuk in ped ko.

# ***KEMELELE ILO TU KADU IN IKIJEN KWEILOK KO IPPEN JUKJUK IN PED***

Ilo kwelok eo non jukjuk im ped ekar lon kenono ko ikijien emen unin tel ko: Kejeparok ilo Ad bok Jeramman jen Lojet, Anijwiwi ko jen oktak in mejatoto, Paijin im etoonon in lojet, im Wod im jikin kejparok (Mo) ko ilojet. Ri Tel ro ilo Mani, Kien eo lolap, Local Government ko, drolul im jukjuk im ped ko, rijikuul ro, im ro mottad jen ilikin rekar koba tok ilo ien in.

## **Menin aikuij im tobrak ko rej einwot in:**

- ❖ Aikuij eo non kalaplok an armij melele im kakamonmonlak wawein ad leto letak melele ibben local government ko, jukjuk im ped ko, im Ri Tel ro ad ilo Mani ikijen repeltan.
- ❖ Aikuij eo non kakajoorlak ekatok ko im wawein ad ain melele ikijen wod ko, etoonon in lojet im oktak in mejatoto ilo ad etale jikin ko jen ien non ien.
- ❖ Aikuij eo non kokajur lok jermal in ain melele ikijen lojet im human trafficking, kakomanman lak kakien im karok ko ekoba local ordinance ko, kakajoorlak jermal in lale makitkit in eonod ko im jiban jermal in Reimaanlok.
- ❖ Jukjuk im ped eo ekar kanooj in tok limo im emonono kin poster ko an ri-jikuul ro an College of the Marshall Islands ilo aer emman im tiljek aer komani. Poster ko rekar kalikar an jikuul eo maron komman elon kain ekatak kin malo ne ad.
- ❖ RMIEPA ekar walontak kin juon kean naetan “Swim Majuro Declaration 2023” eo im emoj kajedreiki iben MALGov. Kean in ej reimaanlok nan an erre eo im po lomen malo in Majuro ilo yio ne 2023 bwe aolep ren maron jeramon jen e ilo ad maron tutu iaar, eonod, im drebij manit eo ad.





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## JUON RESOLUTION

### NAN KAJJITOKKOK NĀN MIMA NĀN KAWEPENE KON EO EJ KELAAJRAKE JIBADBAD IM KARŌK KO REJELET KEJEPAROK IM WĀWAIN BŌK JERAMMAN JEN LOJET EO EKOKA WŌD IM PELAOK IN MALO KO IE

**ENWŌT KE**, National Oceans Symposium eo kein kajuōn ear kōmman ion Majuro Atoll ilo 3-5 raan in April 2017, eo im ear maroñ kakobaiki tok aolep ro tellokier jen elōn mweñan ko jen Kien ekoba jukjuk in ped ko ñan karoñ im rejañ Kien eo an Republic eo an Marshall Islands ikijāan menin jermal ko imaan tata, ekoba apañ im jorrāan ko abonono kaki im tokjen ko ren tōprak ilo an Republic eo bōk kunan ilo kwelok ko an lalin ikijāan menin koñoño ko rejelet lojet eo;

**ENWŌT KE**, National Oceans Symposium eo ear kalmenlokijen kin emen (4) unin tel ko rej uwaan lok Kejeparok ilo Ad bok Jeramman jen Lojet, Oktak in Mejatoto, Etonon eo an Lojet ekoba Paijin, im Wōd im Jikin Mo ko;

**ENWŌT KE**, kon in ej kelaajrake Jibadbad im Karōk ko ñan Kejeparok im Wāwain Bōk Menin Jeramman jen Lojet eo ad ekoba Wōd im Pelaok in Malo ko ie raar alikkar jen koñoño ko raar kōmman ikijāan unin tel ko ilo iien kwelok eo an National Oceans Symposium eo, renaaj ped im jermal enwōt pedped in wāwain lelok jibañ im jermal ippān dron ñan kejeparok im kejobwebweiki menin jeramman ko jen lojet eo;

**ENWŌT KE**, elkin an weppen jen Kien eo im Marshall Islands Mayor Association eo, juōn kon kin Moñakjen im Repeltan Jinoe Jibadbad im Kōttōpar ko im renaaj ejaak ñan jibañ bwe en ijino kon eo ej kelaajrake Jibadbad im Karōk ko ñan Kejeparok im Wāwain Bōk Menin Jeramman jen Lojet eo ad ekoba Wōd im Malo ko ie;

**KIN MENIN EN ALIKKAR**, bwe Marshall Islands Mayor Association eo ej kiō errā im kawepene ilo juōn wōt buru im lemnak bwe en bōk bwe en mweien kon eo ej kelaajrake Jibadbad im Karōk ko ñan Kejeparok im Wāwain Bōk Menin Jeramman jen Lojet eo ad ekoba Wōd im Malo ko ie;

**EN BAREINWŌT ALIKKAR BWE**, President eo an Marshall Islands Mayors Association eo ej kiō etal maroñ im kappe eo ion bwe en tilmaake juōn lelkan Resolution in ñan Her Excellency President Hilda C. Heine, Ed. D, ekoba Cabinet eo an bwe ren kwalok kin rie in jen Local Government ko ñan jibañ tel im iun maan lok jermal in kijejeto ko an Kien eo Iolap ilo kwelok ko an pelaok in wōdren bwil kein kab pelaok in lalin bareinwōt im rejelet im uwaan lok menin koñoño ko kin lojet im malo ko ie.

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Hon. Ota Kisino  
President, Marshall Islands Mayors Association

Date: 4/18/17

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Hon. Veronica Wase  
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