Background

Kiribati’s PAs:

1. Established as part of Government Initiatives e.g. Kiritimati and Southern Line Islands (1975), PIPA (2006) and Nooto Ramsar site (2013)

2. To assist and support Communities (new) e.g. with KICS with declaration of Kiribati EEZ as Shark Sanctuary (2016) and Community-based Mangrove Management Area (CbMMA) -2016
Government Driven Protected Areas

Decision making body

Cabinet

Develop & facilitate the process of establishing and managing PAs

Government

Partners (Local NGOs, Regional and International)

Establish, implement and manage Protected Areas

Government & Partners
Community Driven Protected Areas

Decision making body: Cabinet

Develop & facilitate the process of establishing and managing PAs:
- Government
- Island Council

Establish, implement and manage Community-based Management Areas:
- Community, NGOs, etc
Progress towards Aichi Target 11
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Total Protected Area

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![Map of Phoenix Islands and Surrounding Area](image-url)
FIGURE 6 BEFORE AND AFTER THE FISHING BAN

Heavy fishing activity was detected by Global Fishing Watch in PIPA from January to October 2014, before the ban was enacted. Fishing activity was nearly non-existent in the first 10 months following the closure of PIPA to commercial fishing. Data was collected through October 15.*
KIRIBATI EZZ AS A SHARK SANCTUARY
CHALLENGES

• Population Increase
  – More pressure on resource
  – Harvesting unsustainably
  – Resource exploitation
  – Poaching & illegal entry

• Budget constraints
  - Weak enforcements
  - Limited or under resource / tools

• Introduction of other potential invasive species
  Little fire ants etc
Poaching vs Protected Species
Bio-security concerns
Invasive species control & eradication

- Feral Cats
- Rats (Ship rats, Polynesian)
- Yellow Crazy ants
Land & Sea based wastes vs tourism
Eco-tourism vs marine pollution
Eco-tourism vs illegal landing
Awareness vs Reporting
Difficulty to monitor/surveillance
Lessons learnt & opportunities

• Strengthen synergy and coordinated efforts between key stakeholders/players involved in PAs (JET, Partners etc)
• Public awareness and working with the public at all levels even High Level like MPs and Cabinet
• Sign boards with clear boundary marks at PAs
• Let the Public know that they are owners of the PAs
• Align workplan and activities to with NBSAPs, Regional and International SAPs, etc
• Share updates with donor and implementing partners
Main resourcing

External funding
- Multilateral funding (GEF)
- Bilateral funding - NZAID (MFAT), EU, etc

Government of Kiribati

PIPA Trust Fund
Capacity gaps & needs

• Limited Resources to support the implementation, management and enforcement of PAs
  • Financial, Human, Tools/Equipment
• Limited Skills and knowledge to monitor and manage PAs
• High cost due to isolation of PAs
• Gaps in legislations e.g. Ordinances need to be updated
Future Planning

• Expansion of PAs
Future Planning

• Proposed Center to accommodate PIO and PIPA Conservation Trust Office to serve the promotion of PIPA in Tarawa.
• Develop PIPA Management on Ecotourism
• Develop Management plan for PAs in Kiritimati
• Project development to seek support on eradication/control of IAS and field monitoring/surveillance equipment/tools
• Conduct public awareness to all levels on PAs
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