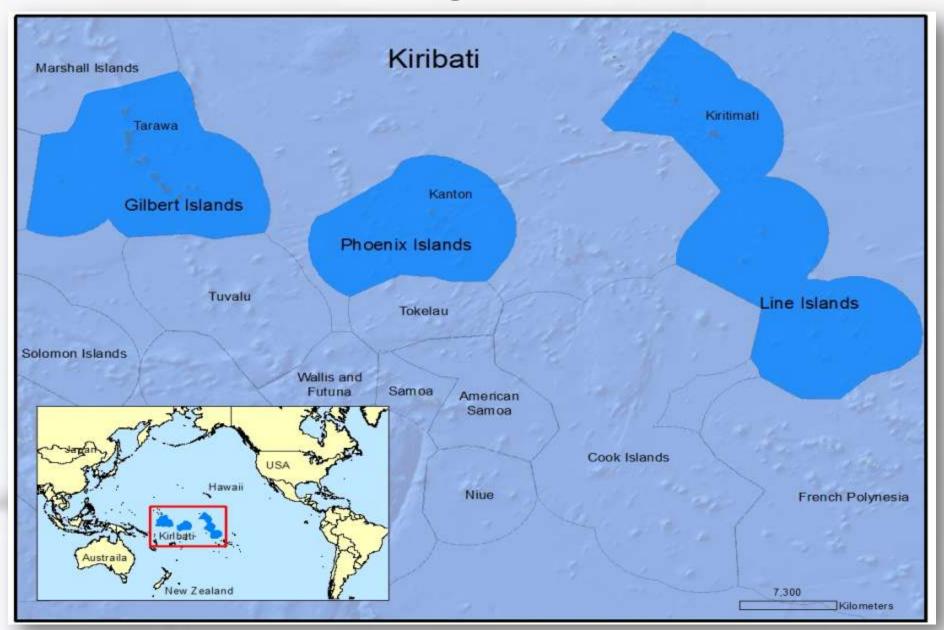




Presentation Outline

- Background
- New designated Ramsar site
- Threats and Challenges
- Approaches and Responses
- Lessons learnt
- Achievements

Background



- Kiribati is Party to Biodiversity related Conventions:
 - CBD; Ramsar Convention; WHC
- Three island groups namely: Gilbert, Line and Phoenix
- Atoll nation with scattered islands spreading throughout the ocean
- Phoenix Group is designated as Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA)
 - Government initiative in collaboration with NEA & CI
- Atolls are merely 3 4 meters above sea level rise
- South Tarawa is the capital and heavily populated island
- North Tarawa is where Ramsar Site for Kiritibati located.





1st Consultation with ETC where decision on proposed Ramsar Site for Kiribati is made in 2007



Total number mangrove seedlings planted at Noto Village - 20th October 2007:

Lo cation	Plot N°	Total number of seeds planted:
South - Noto Village	1 South	630
South of Noto village	2 South	630
South of Noto Village	3 South	702
South of Noto Village	4 South	702
North of Noto Village	1 North	1107
North of Noto Village	2 North	630
Total number of planted seeds		4401









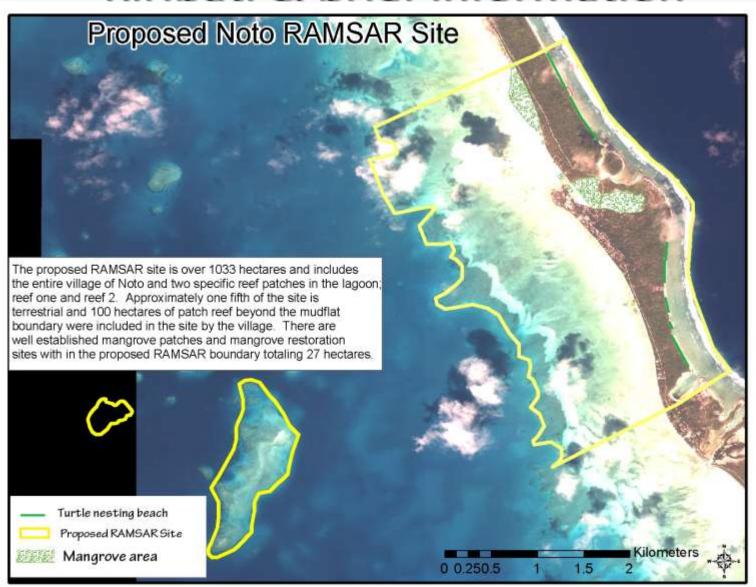
Turtle tagging carried out with monitoring by local counterpart from Nooto.

YEAR	No# Turtle
2007 -	5
2008 -	6
2009 -	5
2010 -	7
2011 -	8
2012 -	2



ECD staffs rescuing a tagged Green turtle (1.3m) captured in Nooto





Updates on the Ramsar Project

Threats and challenges encountered during the project implementation

- Algae bloom, lagoon littering and boat channel
- Limited monitoring by Community members
- Ad hoc number of mangrove planting activities done by the villagers Approaches and responses used to solve the threats and challenges countered.
- Scheduled consultation and awareness raising with community and Island council
- Engagement of mangrove experts to conduct study for more sites suitable for mangrove planting at Ramsar site
- What are the project achievements after using or incorporating approaches and responses stated in 2?
- Community knowledge and support improved resulting in increase of island coastal resilience toward Climate Change
- Restoration and recovery of marine biodiversity for livelihood and conservation purposes
- Capacity building for local counterparts and extension of mangrove coverage at Ramsar site



Threats and Challenges

- Limited community support during the implementation of the project due to limited funding
- Marine and Land system people owned most of these properties and it hard to control destructive activities. E.g. mangrove cutting
- Lack of support from Council level when it comes to the implementation of the project because of funding is not sufficient.
- Lack of awareness at community level or understanding on the importance of Ramsar Convention.



Approach and Responses:

- Awareness raising is a top priority through community awareness program, school and competitions. Not just on Nooto or North Tarawa but Tarawa and Nation wide
- Involving everyone in decision making beside ETC and Nooto community.
- Encouraging ETC and Nooto community to give support and be part of the project through volunteering work. E.g. turtle monitoring, mangrove replanting, and patrol their 2 protected off-shore reefs to discourage the practiced of destructive fishing methods .e.g. splashing.



Achievements or Updates

Everyone involved in decision making and awareness activities

Community involved voluntary in mangrove monitoring with 2007 survived seedlings





Strong commitment and support from the community given to the project

ECD staff removing algae attached to mangrove seedlings in Nooto



Achievements or Updates:

Over 10,000 Red Mangrove seedlings already planted by Nooto Community since 2007 up to date

After many consultations, the community became more supportive and willing to assist with the implementation of this project.



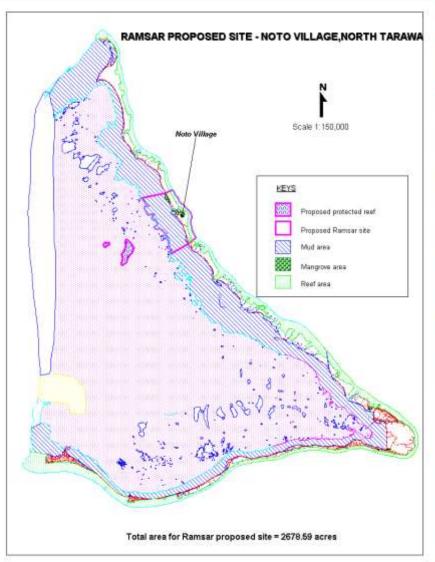


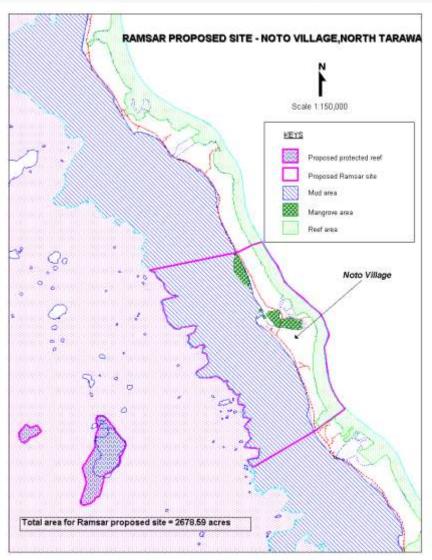
Plot 1 North of Nooto with 1107 seedlings planted with T form

Over 1000 seedlings recently replanted by this family



Achievement: 1st RAMSAR site of Kiribati







Achievement



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NOTIFICATION

The Secretarist of the Convention on Westlands (Narmar, tran, 1971) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Furnign Affairs and immigration of the Republic of Kirlbati and has the hencur to refer to the following:

The Secretarist has been extremely gratified to receive from the Convention Depositary, UNESCO, the news that stiffact has accorded to the Convention and has designated "Ne"oto - North Taraway" for the List of Westands of International Importance.

The terretarial is pleased to attach to this Notification a pockage of information on the Convention. Upon request, Notifier copies of these documents will be sent. In addition to apper documents, an indemise library of documentation, including all afficial Convention documents, is available on the Convention's web utilities www.coman.

Upon accession, each Centracting Party is invited to designate a national governmental agency to act at the Administrative Authority of the Convention in the country. The Administrative Authority is the focal point for communication with the Ramus Secretariat, and the main agency reignander for the implementation of the treaty. The transport is active to the property of the property of the property of the property of the Convention Secretaria sents digitalize copies of these muterials directly to the Administrative Authority. It is hoped that the Administrative Authority will consult and cooperate with an image other government agreeties and non-governmental visit lations as possible in order to ensure the best possible insults in achieving the goals of the Asserted Convention.

It would therefore be appreciated if the name and address of this authority in Kirbati could be transmissed to the Secretarial Shrough official/diplomatic channels.

The Convention Secretarist looks forward to seeing Kiribati take an active rule among the Contracting Parties and looks forward to a continuing fluitful relationship.

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Kiribati was acceded to Ramsar Convention on 30th April 2013.

"Nooto-North Tarawa" had designated for the List of Wetlands of International importance.



Conclusion:

- Partners, projects and team to make this happened:
 - RAMSAR Small Grant Fund (SGF)
 - SPREP
 - Government of Kiribati through ECD-MELAD
 - Eutan Tarawa Council & Nooto Community
 - International Societies for Mangrove Ecosystem (ISME)
 - Program of Work on Protected Area (PoWPA) project
 - Kiribati Adaptation Program (KAP) Office