

## KIRIBATI

### *1.1 Introduction*

**Year of ratification** 2000

#### **Organisation submitting the report**

- Ministry of Environment and Social Development.
- Ministry of Education, Training and Technology.

### *1.2 Identification of cultural and natural heritage properties*

#### **The status of national inventories**

- This is an ongoing activity yet to be completed.

#### **The preparation of a Tentative List**

- A Tentative List has been prepared and approved by the Government.

#### **Nominations and the nomination process**

- No nominations have yet been prepared.
- Line Islands Project includes some potential sites.

### *1.3 Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage*

#### **Integration of heritage and planning**

- Environment Act 1999.
- Fisheries Ordinance 1979 amended in 1983.
- Wildlife Conservation Ordinance 1975.
- Closed District Ordinance 1936.
- Co-operation between Ministry of Works and the Cultural Centre.

#### **Participation of local communities**

- Local communities are involved in conservation activities.

#### **Tourism Development**

- No information provided.

#### **Financial measures and budget allowance**

- Culture and environment have special budget.

#### **Professional**

- No information provided.

#### **New and improved services**

- A 10 years programme has been developed to address cultural and environmental conservation issues at a national level.
- Kiribati Ministry Board meets twice a year.

#### **Issues to be addressed**

- There is a lack of expertise (no archaeologist, anthropologist, environmental specialist and oral historian).
- Training needed in cultural and natural heritage.
- Public awareness of cultural and natural heritage needs to be increased.

### *1.4 International co-operation and fund raising*

#### **National and International Fund Raising**

- The Japanese Government funded the preparation of relics and sites.
- \* International Assistance from WHF: none.

### *1.5 Education, information and awareness-building*

#### **Information and awareness measures**

- This has been addressed in the 10 years programme.

### *1.6 Conclusions and recommended actions*

#### **Conclusions and proposed actions**

- There is an urgent need of assistance to promote the Millennium Island. In this regard, Kiribati will seek support from UNESCO and other regional countries in promoting Millennium Island as one of the cultural and natural sites in the Pacific.
- Assistance required from UNESCO and other donor agencies to prepare Tentative List and inventories of all natural and cultural sites.
- Following the Capacity Building workshop at Apia, Samoa, February 2003, a regional follow up workshop has been proposed.