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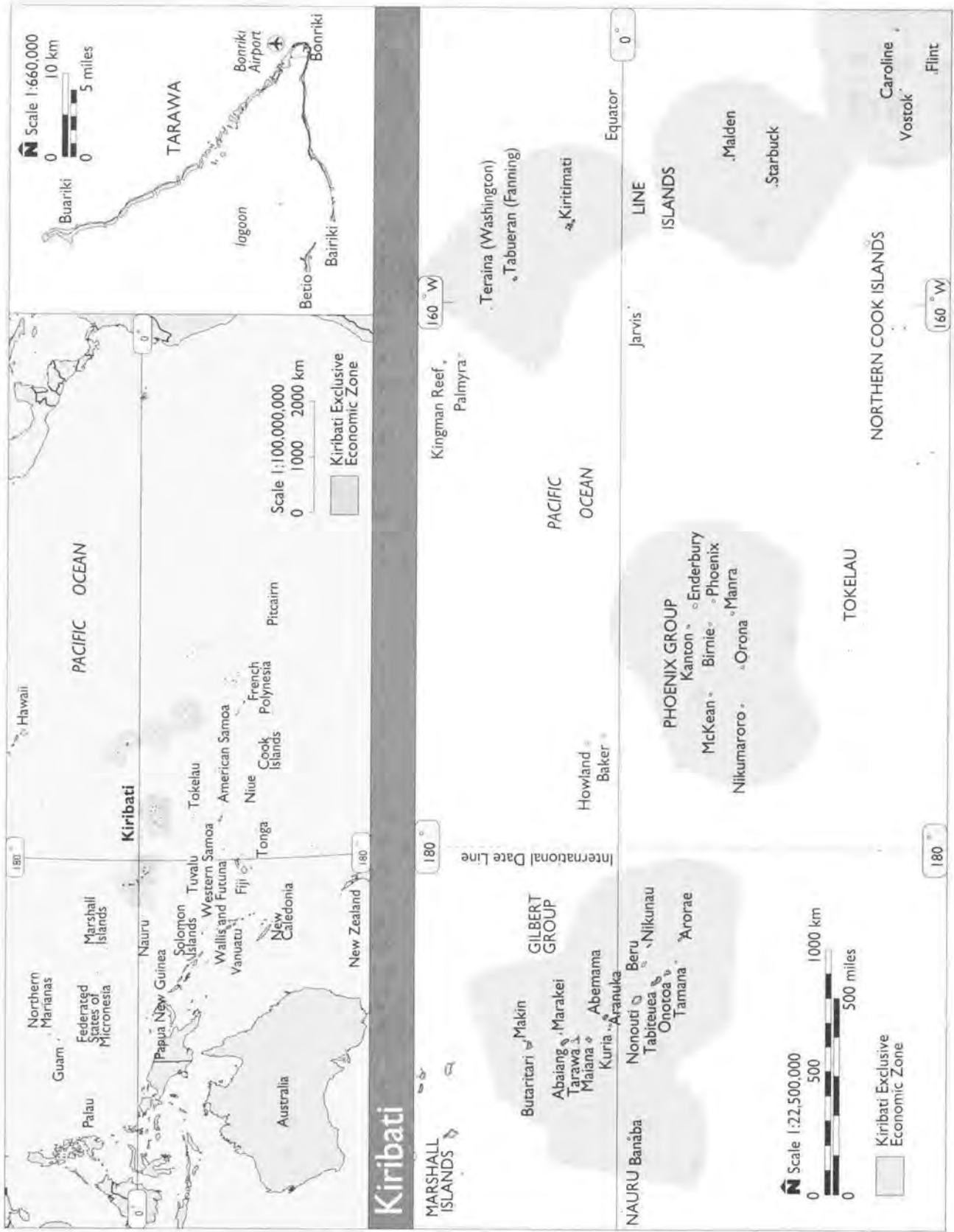
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# Foreword

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This document represents a concise report on the state of the environment for Kiribati. It was prepared as a component of the National Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS) Project. The NEMS Project was instigated to address sustainable environmental development and planning issues in a number of Pacific Island countries, namely Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Western Samoa. It was funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented through the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as part of a broader assistance project called Pacific Multi Island (PMI): Planning and Implementation of Pacific Regional Environment Programme, which concentrates on regional and in-country institutional strengthening and training of environmental managers.

The State of the Environment Report for Kiribati is a comprehensive reference document on the current status of Kiribati's environment which should act as a benchmark against which changes to the environment can be gauged. The report summarises the current state of knowledge about the environment of Kiribati in areas such as the terrestrial environment, marine resources, cultural and archaeological resources, socio-economic

environment and outlines environmental challenges facing Kiribati. The State of the Environment Report also provides an important vehicle for raising awareness of the community to the importance of environmental issues and how these should be integrated into future decision-making processes.

I would like to thank Craig Wilson, Environmental Advisor to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Development, Government of Kiribati for his work in preparing this State of the Environment Report. SPREP looks forward to working with Kiribati and with other regional and international organisations in tackling the environmental issues identified in this State of the Environment Report.



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