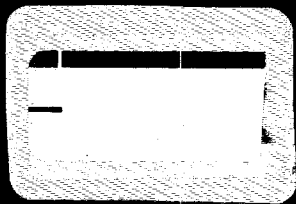


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great pleasure that I present the Marshall Islands Statistical Abstract to my people in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. This is the first issue of a statistical publication which from now on will be published annually by the Government of the Marshall Islands.

This work fills a gap which has existed in the area of our statistical publications since 1981 when the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics ceased publication. This Bulletin was published by the Statistical Division of the Office of Planning and Statistics at the TTPI Headquarters in Saipan as a part of its centralized statistical functions for the Trust Territory as a whole. Hence it was the main source of statistical information on the Marshall Islands.

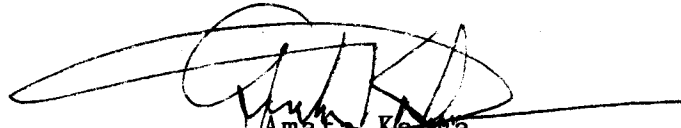
Since 1981, owing to the separation of the Trust Territory into three self-governing political entities, all statistical functions have been transferred from the TTPI Headquarters to each of these entities.

With this transfer each such entity was required to establish its own statistical unit and services.

A Statistical Division has been in existence since 1982 in our Office of Planning and Statistics. The work so far done by this Division, although modest due to the dearth of trained statistical manpower, includes the quarterly compilation of a Consumer Price Index for Majuro and, with assistance from ESCAP, the estimation of our Gross Domestic Product for the period 1981-84. Also, as a basis for the establishment of a centralized system of collection, compilation and publication of statistical data, a Census Act has been passed by the Nitijela. A statistical Bill has been drafted and is expected to be passed shortly.

In the context of a national effort in planned economic development such as ours, the need for a comprehensive centralized system of statistical collection and publication can hardly be overemphasized. Such a system is necessary not only for the proper formulation and evaluation of development plans in our public sector but also for meeting the needs of the private sector which is expected to play a major role in the development of our economy. We hope to be able to develop in the near future a statistical service which would adequately meet these needs.

I consider the present publication as an important contribution towards this effort. I wish to congratulate Chief Secretary Oscar deBrum, and Chief Planner H.M. Gunasekera and his staff for their commendable efforts in compiling this Statistical Abstract.



Amata Kabua
President,
Republic of the Marshall Islands

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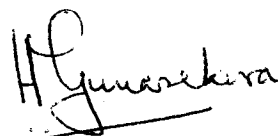
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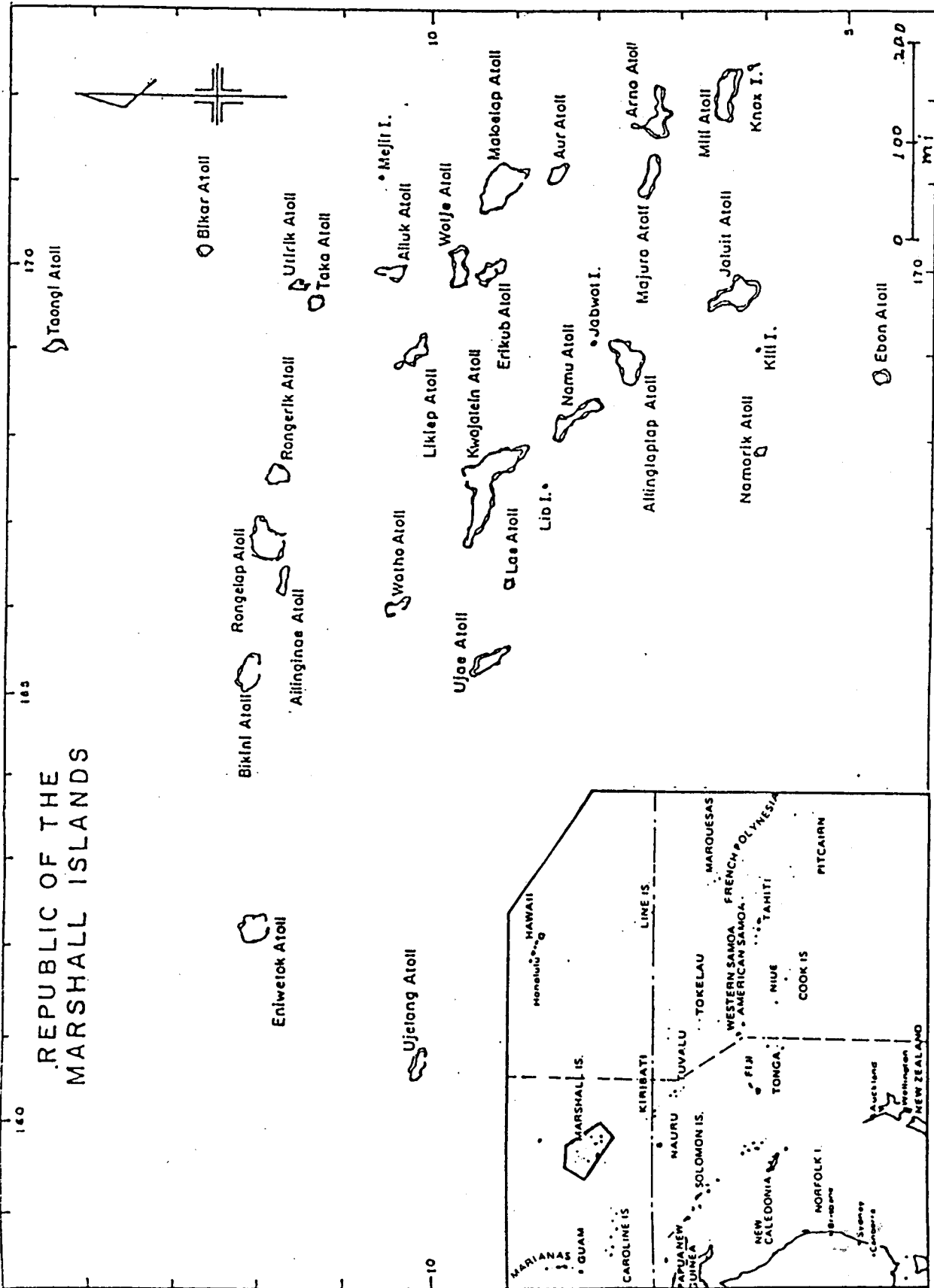


Oscar deBrum
Chief Secretary



H.M. Gunasekera
Chief Planner

December 30, 1985



MAP OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

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1. CONVERSION FACTORS

1 acre	= 0.40467 hectare
1 square mile	= 2.58999 square kilometer
1 gallon(U.S.)	= 3.7854 liters
1 inch	= 2.5400 cm
1 lb.	= 0.4536 kilogram
1 short ton	= 0.9072 metric ton
1 barrel	= 158.99 liters
Degrees Fahrenheit	= 32 + 1.8 x degrees Celsius

2. SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

.. or n.a.	= not available or not applicable
-	= nil or less than half of the measuring unit
\$	= U.S. Dollars
(000's)	= thousands of a given unit
(\$000's)	= thousands of U.S. dollars
FY	= fiscal year (October 1 - September 30)
CY	= calendar year
POL	= petroleum, oil, lubricants
KWH	= kilowatt-hour
MWH	= megawatt-hour
cif	= cost, insurance, freight
fob	= free on board

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TABLE 1.1 RESIDENT POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BY SEX, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1954-1980

Year	Male	Female	Total
1920	5,196	4,604	9,800
1925	5,030	4,614	9,644
1930	5,505	4,907	10,412
1935	5,480	4,966	10,446
1954	6,808	6,412	13,220
1955	7,192	7,068	14,260
1956	7,089	6,895	13,984
1957	6,751	6,480	13,231
1958	7,175	6,753	13,928
1959	7,357	6,933	14,290
1960	7,607	7,300	14,907
1961	7,851	7,548	15,399
1962	7,855	7,855	15,710
1963	8,849	8,514	17,363
1964	9,278	8,927	18,205
1965	9,042	9,020	18,062
1966	9,321	8,918	18,239
1967	9,658	9,267	18,925
1968	9,968	9,030	18,998
1969	10,065	9,263	19,328
1970	11,310	10,770	22,080
1971	11,710	11,150	22,860
1972	12,040	11,490	23,530
1973	12,335	11,800	24,135
1974	12,670	12,120	24,790
1975	13,070	12,510	25,580
1976	13,450	12,890	26,340
1977	13,830	13,270	27,100
1978	14,220	13,660	27,880
1979	14,640	14,080	28,720
1980	15,851	15,022	30,873

Source: Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1980, Vol.III No.2; 1980 Census of Population, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

- Notes: 1) The data for 1920, 1925, 1930 and 1935 relate to counts as of October 1 of the year indicated.
 2) Data for 1967, 1973 and 1980 are actual census counts: April 1, 1967; September 18, 1973 and September 15, 1980. For other years prior to 1970, the numbers are estimates based on partial census counts, summaries of administrative records or a combination of these methods. For the period since 1970 the estimates are projected from the 1973 census data, using the (modified) component-cohort method of population projection. Estimated data relate to June 30 of the year indicated.
 3) Figures do not include residents of Kwajalein Missile Range.

TABLE 1.2 POPULATION AND POPULATION GROWTH BY ATOLLS AND ISLANDS, 1958, 1967, 1973 AND 1980

Atoll/Island	Census Year				Average Annual Growth Rate		
	1958	1967	1973	1980	1958-67	1967-73	1973-80
Ailinglaplap	1,288	1,195	1,100	1,385	-0.8	-1.4	3.3
Ailuk	419	384	335	413	-1.0	-2.2	3.0
Arno	1,037	1,273	1,120	1,487	2.3	-2.2	3.2
Aur	241	361	300	444	4.6	-3.0	5.8
Bikini	-(a)	-(a)	75	-(a)	-	-	-
Ebon	819	836	740	887	0.2	-2.0	2.6
Enewetak	-(b)	-(b)	-(b)	542	-	-	-
Jabat	-	-	70	72	-	-	0.4
Jaluit	1,098	1,113	925	1,450	0.2	-3.0	6.6
Kili	267	309	360	489	1.6	2.6	4.5
Kwajalein(c)	1,284	3,540	5,469	6,624	11.9	7.5	2.8
Lae	165	131	154	237	-2.5	2.7	6.4
Lib	44	142	98	98	13.9	6.0	-
Likiep	636	430	406	481	-4.3	-1.0	2.5
Majuro	3,415	5,249	10,290	11,791	4.9	11.9	2.0
Maloelap	454	494	432	614	0.9	-2.2	5.2
Mejit	346	320	271	325	-0.9	-2.7	2.6
Mili	412	582	538	763	3.9	-1.3	5.1
Namorik	523	547	431	617	0.5	-3.9	5.3
Namu	482	597	493	654	2.4	-3.1	4.1
Rongelap	264	189	165	235	-3.6	-2.2	5.2
Ujae	167	191	209	309	1.5	1.5	5.7
Ujelang	172	251	342	-(d)	4.3	5.3	-
Utirik	198	269	217	336	3.5	-3.5	6.4
Wotho	71	-	61	85	-	-	4.9
Wotje	361	396	425	535	1.0	1.2	3.3
Not Specified	-	-	19	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	14,163	18,799	25,045	30,873	3.2	4.9	3.0

Source: Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics, TTPI, Vol.III, No.2, 1980; 1980 Census of Population, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

- a) Bikini people relocated to Kili Island.
- b) Enewetak people relocated to Ujelang Atoll.
- c) Excluding residents of Kwajalein Missile Range.
- d) Enewetak people returned to Enewetak Atoll.

TABLE 1.3 POPULATION BY ETHNIC ORIGIN, 1980

Country		Total
Marshallese		29,816
Other Pacific Islanders		
of which:	of FSM	201
	Palauan	29
Asian		98
of which:	Filipino	76
	Japanese	7
European		7
Other single ethnic groups		44
Single ethnic group		30,499
Multiple ethnic group		8
Not specified or not reported		366
TOTAL		30,873

Source: 1980 Census of Population, U.S. Bureau of Census.

TABLE 1.4 POPULATION BY PLACE OF BIRTH, 1980

Place of Birth	Number
Marshall Islands	29,852
Guam	7
Northern Mariana Islands	14
Kosrae	110
Palau	35
Ponape	98
Truk	38
Yap	5
Japan and Okinawa	5
Philippines	74
United States	182
Elsewhere	239
TOTAL	30,873

Source: 1980 Census of Population, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 1.5 LAND AREA AND POPULATION DENSITY BY ATOLLS AND ISLANDS, 1973 AND 1980

Atoll/Island	Land Area (Square Miles)	Population Density (per sq.mi.)	
		1973	1980
Ailinglaplap	5.670	194	244
Ailuk	2.070	162	200
Arno	5.000	224	297
Aur	2.170	138	205
Bikini	2.320	32	-
Ebon	2.220	333	400
Enewetak	2.260	-	240
Jabat	0.220	318	327
Jaluit	4.380	211	331
Kili	0.360	1,000	1,358
Kwajalein	6.330	864	1,046
Lae	0.560	275	423
Lib	0.360	272	272
Likiep	3.960	103	121
Majuro	3.753	2,742	3,142
Maloelap	3.790	114	162
Mejit	0.720	376	451
Mili	6.150	88	124
Namorik	1.070	403	577
Namu	2.420	204	270
Rongelap	3.070	54	77
Ujae	0.720	290	429
Ujelang	0.670	510	-
Utirik	0.940	231	357
Wotho	1.670	37	51
Wotje	3.160	134	169
TOTAL	66.013	379	468

Source: Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics, TTPI, Vol. III, No.2; 1980 Census of Population, U.S. Bureau of the Census.