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## Press Release

### Support for Abemama island's marine resources' sustainability

**1/27/2021:** In December, a team from the Fisheries completed a two-week visit to Abemama island (16 November to 5 December 2020). The trip was aimed at securing the Island Council's full support to establish a mini hatchery for giant clams, conducting practical workshops on sandfish farming, and monitoring seaweed coordinated by an earlier team.

The establishment for a mini hatchery on the island is a necessity for the island's mass production of giant clams, which also addressed stock enhancement programs. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed by the Island council as a proof and show of their support towards the construction and maintenance of the island's mini-hatchery.

The sandfish farming trainings were conducted during maneaba consultations and were based on safeguarding existing sandfish farms with the hope of expanding it across the island. Mr Tiimi Takaria said, "The workshops conducted have given us the opportunity to learn more about sandfish farming and have given us more insights on enhancing our economic earnings and food security." Fisheries' Officer Mr Rennie Raymond said the maintenance practical was carried out while the team searched for more suitable sites for sandfish farming.

Monitoring conducted at Baretoa and Tabontebike villages showed an escalation in the number of seaweed as a result of villagers' attentive care and ongoing monitoring. The villagers recommended provision of diving masks, fins and cleaning brushes to aid monitoring and cleaning of seaweed, with the active participation of Fisheries extension staff to minimize mortality of seaweeds and motivate farmers in selected communities' involvement towards the monitoring program. These provisions will also assist villagers in initiating various fisheries development for the island's marine food security against the impacts of climate change.

The trip was supported by the Food Security project which is funded by the Global Environment Facility - Least Developed Countries Fund (GEF-LDCF) through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and managed by the Environment and Conservation Division under the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development.

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## Boutokan Abemama ibukin Kawakinan aia Mari mai Taari

**1/27/21:** E kawara Abemama ana tiim te Tabo n Akawa are i Tanaea n te maan ae uoua te wiiki man 16 n Novembwa 2020 nakon 5 n Ritembwa 2020 ibukin karaoan te boraraoi iaon katean te tabo n kabwebwe, karaoan kataneiai iaon kaikawaan te ntabanebane, ao ai tuoan tiwiita ake a kabwebweaki imwain rokon te tiim.

E noraki bwa akean taabo n kabwebwe iaon Abemama bon ana kainano te abamwakoro aio riki ibukin boutokan marin Abemama ae te were. Katean te auti ni kabwebwe bon teuana maibuakon karikirakean ana tania ni maiu te abamwakoro aio. E tiainakin te boraraoi iroun te Kauntira n kaota nanoia ma aia boutoka nakon tararuaan auti n kabwebwe are e na kateaki.

Te angarerei iaon kamaiuan ma kaikawakin ntabanebane a bon karaoaki rinanon maroro iaan mwaneaba. E taekinna Tiimi Takaria bwa angareirei aikai a bon oota ma te wanawana ibukin kateimatoan anga n karekemwane ao tararuaan aia tania ni maiu kain te abwamakoro. E reitia n taekinna Rennie Raymond are e ira te tiim bwa a bon karaoaki naba mwakuri ibukin taabo n kabwebwe are ana wantonga te karikirake aio. E bon reke naba ana tai tiim n tatarai riki taabo n kabwebwe.

Te tutuo nakon taabo ni kabwebwe tiwita ake i Baretoa ma Tabontebike, a kuneaki iai teimatoan marurungin tiwita ake a tia n unikaki, are e a oti mai imwin aia tararua kain te kaawa. Inanon kawaran mwaneaba ma kaawa, ao a bon kaotaki naba rabakau ma anga iaon kawakinan taabo n kabwebwe ma te kantaninga are e na teimatoa te abamwakoro iaon rabakau aikai ibukin boutokan tararuaan ma taniaan marin abaia.

E mwanenaki te mwananga aio man te karikirake ae te Tania ni Maiu are e a boutokaki man te Global Environment Facility-Least Developed Countries Fund ao te United Nation Development Programme are e a kairaki karaoana man te Botaki n Mwakuri Ibukin te Enwaromenta, Aaba, ao Karikirakean te Ununiki n mwangana are te Otawanin.

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Figure 1: full council meeting



Figure 3: preparation for pen construction



Figure 2: signing of MOU by mayor



Figure 4: Deployment of sandfish at pen site





Figure 5: seaweed monitoring at Tabontebike Figure 6: seaweed at causeway site



Figure 7: Tabiang consultation for sandfish