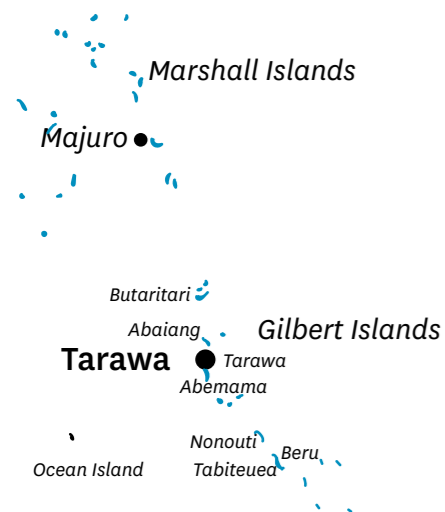




# Kiribati Language Week | Sunday 9 July – Saturday 15 June

The overarching theme for the 2022 Pacific Language Weeks was sustainability, which aligned with our Pacific Languages Strategy and fed into the UNESCO Decade of Indigenous Languages to sustain and revitalise heritage languages. This theme of sustainability has resonated strongly with our Pacific communities, who have agreed to carry it over for Pacific Language Weeks 2023.

**Kiribati is made up of 33 islands, with 20 inhabited. But spreads across 3 million square kilometre economic zone of the ocean.**



## Kiribati



**Kiribati's population is 116,300**

### Quick facts

Kiribati is one of New Zealand's smallest trading partners. With their major exports being fish, copra and seaweed.

The world's largest declared Marine Protected Area is found in Kiribati. The Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA) is also the sole UNESCO World Heritage Site in the country.

### Everyday words you can use in person and in emails

Kiribati	English
<i>Mauri</i>	<i>Greetings/Hello</i>
<i>Ti a bo</i>	<i>Goodbye</i>
<i>Taiaoka</i>	<i>Please</i>
<i>Ko rabwa (singular) Kam rabwa (plural)</i>	<i>Thank you</i>
<i>Ni kaineti ma au meeri are ma i mwaina...</i>	<i>As per my previous email...</i>
<i>Ko uara?</i>	<i>How are you (singular)?</i>
<i>Kam uara?</i>	<i>How are you (dual /plural)?</i>
<i>Kabwara te bure</i>	<i>Sorry</i>