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# SEVENTH PACIFIC REGIONAL SAR WORKSHOP

*Theme: SAR governance, coordination, response & prevention*

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## KIRIBATI ISLANDS

## COUNTRY REPORT

**2017**

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Google earth

Gilbert Islands

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# General Information



Kiribati consist of 33 islands and scattered over a vast area of ocean in the Pacific.

Capital : TARAWA  
Population : 112,423 (2015)  
Land Area : 811 km<sup>2</sup>  
Sea Area : 3.5 million km<sup>2</sup>



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# SAR Governance

- SAR committee established on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017
  - Marine Division
  - Kiribati Police Maritime Unit
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Aviation
  - Meteorological office
  - Air Kiribati Airline
  - Coral Sun Airline
  - Broadcasting Publications Authority
  - Attorney General Office





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# SAR Coordination

- National Coordination Authority
  - Marine Division
  - Marine Guard 24/7
  - Police Maritime Unit
  - National Stake holders (ship owners)
  - National Stake holders (airlines)



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# SAR Response

Marine Division Coordinates All SAR case

- SAR case confirmed
- Radio broadcasting by Marine guard (urgent message to vessels in our waters, vhf, hf radio)
- Informed VMS operators (Police Maritime Unit, Ministry of Fisheries)
- Radio broadcasting by Kiribati Radio (AM)
- Chartering domestic vessels
- Chartering domestic aircraft
- Informed RCC Nadi



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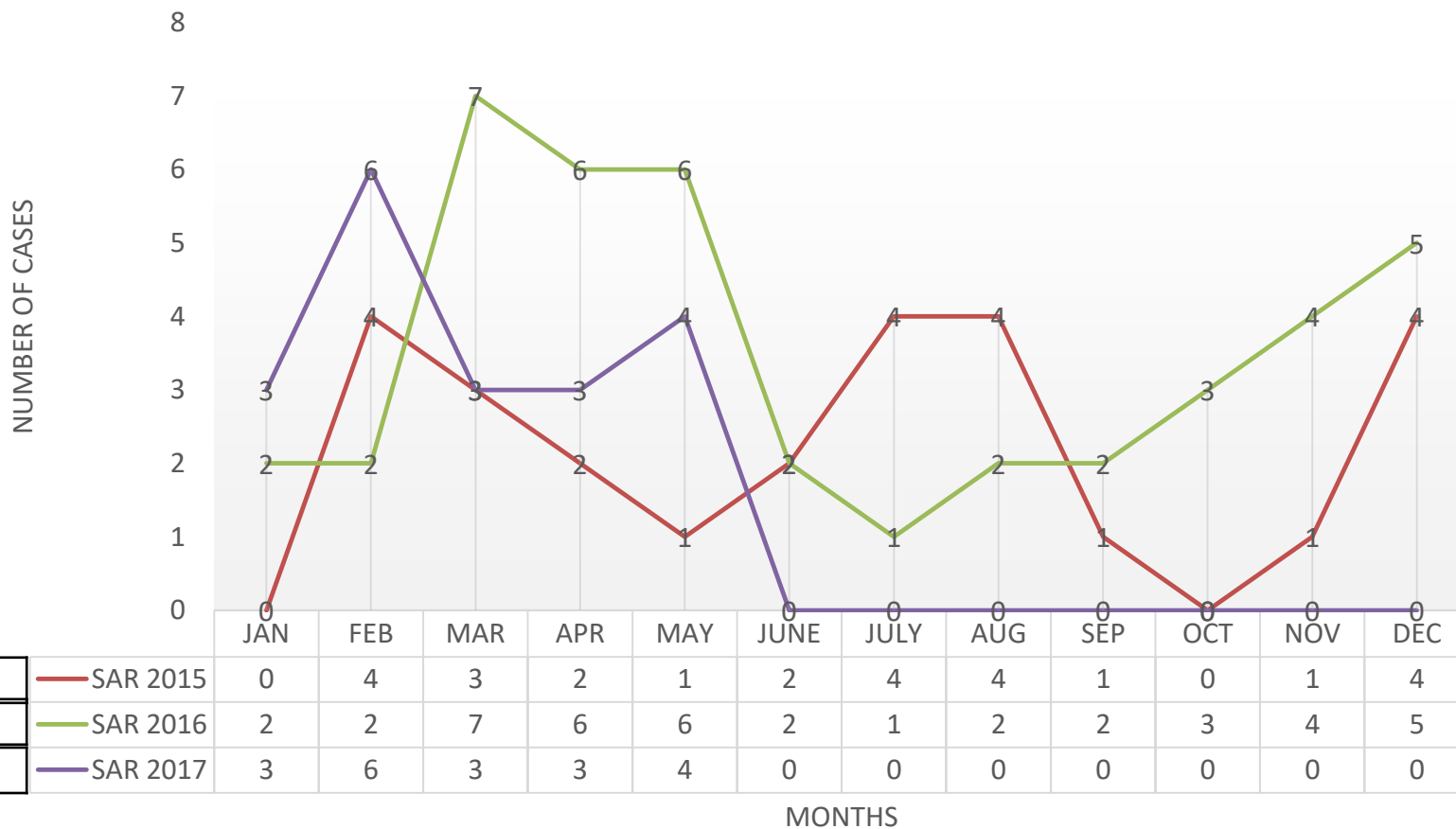
# SAR Prevention

- Safety awareness to the general public conducted by the Ministry of Fisheries & collaborating with the Marine Division (NZ AID)
  - Through radio announcement
  - Road-side show
  - Local Newspapers, Posters and flyers
- Small vessel regulation to be in place once the new Maritime Act 2017 is passed for the second reading in Parliament this year.

# Summary of SAR Cases : 2015 - 2017

Year	Total No. of Cases	No. of Persons involved	No. of cases found	No. of survivors	No. of cases lost	No. of lives lost	Remarks
2015	26	81	25	80	1	1	Mostly small open boats with outboard motors / overdue / low on fuel / technical engine failures
2016	41	117	37	115	4	2	Mostly small open boats with outboard motors / overdue / low on fuel / technical engine failures/ Dive fishing/ MOB
2017 (to date)	19	120	19	119	0	1	Mostly small open boats with outboard motors / overdue / low on fuel / technical engine failures/catamaran Santo loane damaged hatch cover due to bad weather

## Kiribati SAR Cases 2015, 2016, 2017







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# Other Information of Interest

- (legislation)
  - Small vessel regulation await for the new maritime act 2017.
- (penalty)
- (compliance)
  - Require small patrol boat to conduct the Search and Rescue Operations more efficiently within Short Distances from shore
  - for policing the small fishing boat to have the required safety equipment as per small vessel regulation (eg. EPIRB...)
- (targeting)
  - Introduction of Maritime Safety Awareness through primary education to minimise loss of life at sea



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**Thank You all for your continuing  
support for the people of Kiribati**

**Wish you ALL  
TE MAURI, TE RAOI ao TE TABOMOA  
(HEALTH, PEACE and PROSPERITY)**