

# Scientific team earmarks important Marine Protected Area

## Mili survey bonus for atoll's future

### SEA SENSE

A team of 14 marine scientists from the Marshall Islands and five other countries recently completed a survey of the marine life and natural resources of Mili Atoll. Under the leadership of Dr. Silvia Pinca of CMI, the team spent two weeks aboard the MIMRA ship Lentanir surveying nearly every region of the atoll.

Special attention was paid to the northeast corner of Mili, which is the site of a proposed Marine Protected Area. The data collected from the survey will serve as important baseline information on the biodiversity and abundance of marine resources for years to come. The field trip was held with the generous support of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Marshall Islands Marine Resource Authority.

Scientists and fishermen around the world are begin-

ning to designate more and more Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) as a key strategy in fisheries and resource management. However, many of the MPAs throughout the world have been implemented without the benefit of first assessing the resources of the area, making it difficult to monitor reserve effects. Mili Mayor Lenn Lenja and a landowner Ben Chutaro, who accompanied the team of scientists on the expedition, showed great foresight in their desire to assess the marine resources of the atoll in the early stages of MPA development.

The team was treated with generous hospitality by the residents of both Takewa and Lukanor, where they

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stayed for several nights camping near the school-houses.

It will take the team several weeks to analyze the data they collected and to publish a final report, but the early results of their survey suggest that Mili currently supports an abundance of marine life that is of great value to fishermen, tourists, and scientists alike.

Some disappointment was expressed by the team at the lack of sharks seen during the survey. The team suggested that shark fishing around the area was probably the cause.

The scientists spent a few days in Majuro after the Mili expedition regrouping and preparing for the next phase

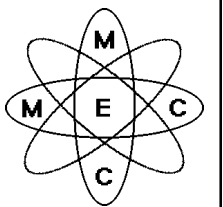


Survey team member Melba White holds one end of a tape measure during a dive at Mili Atoll.

of their research which is now taking place in Rongelap and Ailinginae, where they are conducting similar surveys based from the new liveaboard diving vessel Oleanda. The results of their survey will be made available soon, and hopefully they will be useful to the communities who are charged with the difficult task of conserving and protecting the marine resources that are such an important part of the future of the Marshall Islands.

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The electrical utility bills for **JUNE 2003** have now been processed and are ready for collection to all consumers who have not provided the Marshalls Energy Company with a Post Office box number. Consumers should collect their bills between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday. All consumers are reminded that as stated on their bill, services will be disconnected that are 30 days in arrears. Should a consumer have any questions regarding their account they should contact the billing staff at the Small Island office between the above mentioned hours or call 625-3507.



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**BILL IN JAROM KO AN JUUN 2003 EMOJ AIR DREDRELOK**, nan ro im ejelok air Post Office box joi im itok nan Office eo an M.E.C. nan buki bill kein ba kaki ikotaan awa in jermal ko 8:00 jibon im 4:00 awa jota, Mandre nan Blaidre. Kakemijmij aolep customer ro bwe ilo bill in jarom ko emoj kalikare bwe bill ko aikuij in kolla iumin wot 30 ran. Im ne ewor kajitok naj bill ko bar einwot aikuij in kebaak Office eo ilo ejja awa ko wot ba kake ilo ak call e telephone nombra 625-3507.

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If any person has any information relating to theft of electricity or motor tampering or has any questions about this announcement please contact MEC at 625-3507. Thank you.

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Einwöt an walok ilo Title 31, Marshall Islands Revised Code, Jöpta 1, Section 60, bwe ej juön menin kaje ñan jabrewöt ro renaj make köllaak air jarom ilo jabrewöt line in jarom ko ak bok air jarom ilo jabrewöt wäwen im jab jen mälim in köllaak air wäwen kömadmöd ko jet jen MEC. Jabrewöt eo naj jibe an kömmni wäwen kein röjelat kakien in naj bed ilo kalbij an jab le jen 6 allön im/ak naj bakkün \$100.00 dala.

Jejet ilo kar Epröl, 1989 eo, MEC enaj jaakelok aolep ro renaj bok jen air kömmni wäwen kein ikjen jarom ibben ro jet ak uköt mita ko im koot jarom ñan obij eo an Attorney General eo an REPMAR im Department eo an REPMAR Police ñan air kömmni jermal in kaje ko air. Bareinwöt MEC enaj tümj jarom jen ijoko im MEC ej lo ke jarom ko ie kar kömadmöd an dri köllak jarom ro.

Jabrewöt eo ewör an meleme kin wäwen in ikijjen koot jarom ak ewör an kajitök kin köjelä in en joiu im kebaak MEC ilo 625-3507. Kom Emmol.

**IN THE HIGH COURT**  
**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of ) Probate Case No. 2003-024  
**NOAHA LEMNEK** )  
decedent, ) **ORDER FOR NOTICE OF**  
By: Neibar Bijai, ) **HEARING ON PETITION**  
Petitioner. ) **FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN**  
 ) **ADMINISTRATRIX**

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of Noaha Lemnek, deceased, that a hearing on the Petition of Neibar Bijai for her appointment as Administratrix in this matter has been set for the 25th day of September 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the Majuro Courthouse.

Any person having any claim against the estate or having any opposition to the appointment of Neibar Bijai as administratrix may contest the petition by filing a written objection to the petition, stating the claim or objection, with the Clerk of Courts, Box 378, Majuro, MH 96960, and with the Public Defender's Office, Box 88, Majuro, MH 96960 on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 24th day of September, 2003. Any persons, including creditors, who fail to submit a written objection or claim by 5:00 p.m., September 24, 2003, shall be forever barred from claiming any interests or rights in the estate of Noaha Lemnek.

Ikijjen Men Ko Mweien ) Probate Action No.2003-024  
**NOAHA LEMNEK,** ) **KOJELA KON IEN RONJAKE**  
Eo Emej, ) **KAJITOK EO NON JITON**  
Jen: ) **JUON DRI BOK EDDO AK**  
Neibar Bijai, Dri-Kajitok. ) **DRI LALE MEN KO MWEIEN**  
 ) **NOAHA LEMNEK**

#### KOJELA

Kojelä ñon jabrewot armij ro im rej kile bwe ewor aer ilo men ko mweien Noaha Lemnek, eo emoj an mij, bwe ien roñjake kajitok eo an Neibar Bijai non jitoñ e bwe en e eo ej bok eddo in im dri lale men ko mweien Noaha Lemnek innem emaroñ in file an naan in claim ak jumae ko ibben Clerk eo an Court, ilo Box 378, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH 96960, im iben Office eo an Public Defender, ilo Box 88, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH 96960 ilo ak mokta jen 5:00 awa jota, 24 raan in Jeptomba, 2003. Jabrewot armij ro, ekoba dri-kamuriri ro, im renaaj likjab jen air lemantak naan in jumae ko air ilo jeje ilo tore in ba kake, naj kabojrak ir jen air koman air claim tokelik ikijjen men ko mweien Noaha Lemnek.

Jabrewot armij eo ewor an claim nae men ko mweien Noaha Lemnek ak ej jumae an Court naj jitoñ Neibar Bijai bwe en e eo ej bok eddo in im dri lale men ko mweien Noaha Lemnek innem emaroñ in file an naan in claim ak jumae ko ibben Clerk eo an Court, ilo Box 378, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH 96960, im iben Office eo an Public Defender, Counsel eo an Petitioner in, ilo Box 5190, Ebeye, Marshall Islands, MH 96970 ilo ak mokta jen 5:00 awa jota, Jeptomba 9 ran, 2003. Jabrewot armij ro, ekoba dri-kamuriri ro, im renaaj likjab jen air lemantak naan in jumae ko air ilo jeje ilo tore in ba kake, naj kabojrak ir jen air koman air claim tokelik ikijjen men ko mweien Ibendron Lemtok Joab.

**IN THE HIGH COURT**  
**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of ) Probate case #E2003-004  
**LEMTOK JOAB** )  
decedent, ) **NOTICE OF HEARING ON**  
By: ) **THE PETITION FOR**  
Ejla Ajen, Petitioner. ) **APPOINTMENT OF AN**  
 ) **ADMINISTRATOR**

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of Lemtok Joab, deceased, that a hearing on the Petition of Ejla Ajen for his appointment as Administrator in this matter has been set for the 10th day of September, 2003, at 9:00 am at the Ebeye Courthouse, Kwajalein Atoll.

Any person having any claim against the estate or having any opposition to the appointment of Ejla Ajen as administrator may contest the petition by filing a written objection to the petition, stating the claim or objection, with the Clerk of Courts, Box 5944, Ebeye, MH 96970, and with the RMI Public Defender's office, Box 5190, Ebeye, MH 96970 on or before 5:00 p.m. September 9, 2003. Any persons, including creditors, who fail to submit a written objection by 5:00 p.m., September 9, 2003, shall be forever barred from claiming any interest or right in the estate of Lemtok Joab.

Ikijjen Men Ko Mweien ) Probate Case #E2003-002  
**LEMTOK JOAB,** ) **KOJELA KON IEN RONJAKE**  
Eo Emej, ) **KAJITOK EO NON JITON**  
Jen: ) **JUON DRI BOK EDDO AK**  
Ejla Ajen, Dri-Kajitok. ) **DRI LALE MEN KO MWEIEN**  
 ) **LEMTOK JOAB**

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Kojelä ñon jabrewot armij ro im rej kile bwe ewor aer ilo men ko mweien Lemtok Joab, eo emoj an mij, bwe ien roñjake kajitok eo an Ejla Ajen ej non jitoñ e bwe en e eo ej bok eddo in im dri lale men ko mweien Lemtok Joab, emaroñ in file an naan in claim ak jumae ko ibben Clerk eo an Court, ilo Box 5944, Ebeye, Marshall Islands MH 96970, im ibben RMI office eo an Public Defender, Counsel eo an Petitioner in, ilo Box 5190, Ebeye, Marshall Islands, MH 96970 ilo ak mokta jen 5:00 awa jota, Jeptomba 9 ran, 2003. Jabrewot armij ro, ekoba dri-kamuriri ro, im renaaj likjab jen air lemantak naan in jumae ko air ilo jeje ilo tore in ba kake, naj kabojrak ir jen air koman air claim tokelik ikijjen men ko mweien Ibendron Lemtok Joab.

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