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The Marine Division is one of the five divisions within the Ministry of Communication, Transport, and Tourism Development. The Marine Division is headed by the Director of Marine who has the responsibility of overseeing the day to day running of Marine Guard Beacons, Reef Blasting (boat passage), Search and Rescue, and Marine Safety Authority.

The Director of Marine has senior staffs that are directly responsible to the daily activities of the five mentioned units. The Marine Surveyor is one of the senior posts within the Marine Division and has a direct responsibility of supervising Marine Guard, Beacons, and Reef Blasting.

The Marine Division does not have a specialized unit in the field of Hydrographic, yet it is the most needed area as Kiribati islands are scattered in a large ocean of 3.6 million square kilometers. The specific work related to this work is currently undertaken by the Marine Surveyor with the support from the Director and other five units.

Recommendation:

Kiribati will value and welcome any assistance to improve Marine Division staff capacity in the Hydrographic in the form of short training or attachment (internship).