



The Republic of the Marshall Islands Nationally Determined Contribution

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Introduction

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (**RMI**) is committed to the full, effective, and transparent implementation of the Paris Agreement in accordance with its provisions and the relevant Decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (**COP**) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (**CMA**).

RMI hereby communicates to the UNFCCC:

- an update to its existing Nationally Determined Contribution (**NDC**) pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Paris Agreement that includes a revised and more ambitious binding 2025 target; and
- a new NDC pursuant to Decision 1/CP.21 paragraph 23 that includes:
 - a new binding 2030 target;
 - a new indicative 2035 target;
 - a reaffirmation of its aspiration to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 at the latest;
 - up-front information in tabular format to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding;
 - a commitment to produce a National Adaptation Plan; and
 - a commitment to submit an Adaptation Communication to the UNFCCC.

RMI reserves the right to conduct further domestic consultations with a view to improving this NDC in accordance with Article 4.11 of the Paris Agreement.

The context and long-term vision for this NDC is set out in RMI's *Tile Til Eo* 2050 Climate Strategy, September 2018. A copy of that strategy is annexed.

Nationally Determined Contribution

In the context of the necessary means of implementation being available, the Republic of the Marshall Islands:

- commits to a quantified economy-wide target to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases (**GHGs**) to **at least 32% below 2010 levels by 2025** and to **at least 45% below 2010 levels by 2030**;
- communicates an indicative target to reduce its emissions of GHGs by **at least 58% below 2010 levels by 2035**;
- reaffirms its aspiration to achieve **net zero GHG emissions by 2050 at the latest**;
- commits to producing a **National Adaptation Plan (NAP)** by the end of 2019 at the latest that sets out short, medium and long-term milestones to adapt to the impacts of climate change and transition to climate resilience, suggests implementation measures and includes a plan to generate the necessary financing;
- commits to submitting an **Adaptation Communication** to the UNFCCC by 2020 at the latest;
- commits to a **gender-responsive and human rights-based approach** in all NDC-related planning, programming and implementation; and
- commits to using the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (**IPCC**) guidelines in the future.

Information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding

| Parameter | | Information |
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| Timeframe / periods for implementation | | Start year: 2020 End year: 2025 |
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| Type of commitment | | Absolute economy-wide emission reduction target (excluding LULUCF) |
| Reference point or base year | | 2010 base year (~185 Gg CO ₂ -e) |
| Estimated quantified impact on GHG emissions | | <p>Commitment to reduce GHG emissions to at least 32% below 2010 levels by 2025 and to at least 45% below 2010 levels by 2030</p> <p>Indicative target to reduce GHG emissions by at least 58% below 2010 levels by 2035 and an aspiration to achieve net zero GHG emissions by 2050 at the latest</p> |
| Coverage | % National emissions | ~100% |
| | Sectors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electricity Generation - Domestic Transportation - Other (Cooking and Lighting) • Waste <p>(Note: emissions from sectors not listed are negligible)</p> |
| | Gases | <p>Carbon dioxide (CO₂)</p> <p>Methane (CH₄)</p> <p>Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)</p> <p>(Note: emissions of GHGs not listed are negligible)</p> |
| | Geographical boundaries | Whole of country |
| Intention to use market-based mechanisms to meet targets | | No |
| Land sector accounting approach | | N/A |
| Metrics and methodology | | Consistent with methodologies used in RMI's Second National Communication (1996 IPCC Guidelines). |

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| Planning process | RMI's updated NDC was developed as part of the process to produce and adopt RMI's <i>Tile Til Eo</i> 2050 Climate Strategy, September 2018. |
| Fair and ambitious | <p>RMI's emissions are negligible in the global context (<0.00001% of global emissions).</p> <p>Given its extreme vulnerability and dependence on external support, RMI's proposed targets are ambitious compared to those proposed by other countries.</p> <p>RMI's NDC is consistent with a trajectory to achieve net zero GHG emissions by 2050 at the latest.</p> |