

Country Profile: Kiribati

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Country Resources

Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
VMAPO 1:1,000,000 Scale Vector Data	NIMA	1:1,000,000	1992	4

Thematic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
The World 1:30,000,000 Scale Topographic Map Series 1145 (NGA)	DMA	1:30,000,000		2

Global Census Archive: GIS Census Data

East View Geospatial has an ongoing effort to add GIS census data to our Global Census Archive program. Please contact us for the status and availability of Kiribati census resources.

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Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Soviet Military City Plans	VTU GSh	Varies	1944 - 2003	3,020
Soviet Military 1:100,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:100,000	1947 - 1999	24,897
Soviet Military 1:200,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:200,000	1949 - 2009	17,799
Soviet Military 1:500,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:500,000	1953 - 1998	3,093
Soviet Military 1:1,000,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:1,000,000	1948 - 1994	1,089

Nautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
NGA Nautical Charts POD Certified (All Scales)	NGA	Varies	1943 - 2013	4,517

Aeronautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Joint Operations Graphic (JOG 1501A) 1:250,000 - Aeronautical	DMA	1:250,000	1958 - 2007	4,204
Tactical Pilotage Chart (TPC) 1:500,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:500,000	1967 - 2006	598
Operational Navigation Chart (ONC) 1:1,000,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:1,000,000	1969 - 2001	243
Jet Navigation Chart (JNC) 1:2,000,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:2,000,000	1971 - 1999	117
Global Navigation and Planning Chart (GNC) 1:5,000,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:5,000,000	1981 - 1999	27

Note: East View Geospatial is continuously sourcing new resources that may not yet be listed in Global Explorer. Please contact us if you have geodata needs beyond what is listed above and we will be happy to discuss available off-the-shelf and custom solutions.

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Kiribati comprises the Gilbert Islands (including Banaba), the Phoenix Group, and the Line Islands (including Kiritimati), formerly part of the British Gilbert and Ellice Islands. The state became Kiribati in 1979 and its map base is derived from British mapping carried out immediately before and after independence. The **Directorate of Overseas Surveys** (now **Ordnance Survey International (OSI)**) mapped Marakei at 1:12,500 scale in 1972, and a series of 1:25,000 scale orthophotomaps was completed for the rest of the Gilberts in the period 1977-82. These maps are full-color, uncontoured, and use the Transverse Mercator projection, International ellipsoid, with UTM grid. Other larger scale mapping of the most important islands was carried out, with 19 sheets at 1:2,500 scale published for southern Tarawa, and four 1:1,250 scale plans covering Betio. There are plans to update the Tarawa 1:2,500 scale series with new aerial coverage and to generate digital coverage. 1:50,000 scale coverage of Kiritimati and Tarawa was also published in the 1980s, with the main island revised several times since and a two sheet general map of Kiribati was issued in 1984 at 1:2,000,000 scale. A second phase of British mapping activity in the 1990s covered unmapped islands in Kiribati and resulted in maps of islands in the Line and Phoenix groups at 1:25,000 or 1:10,000 scale, Banaba also being covered in a new map at this scale.

The national mapping agency established with British aid is the **Kiribati Land and Surveys Division (KLSD)**, which maintains dyeline mapping of different atolls, scales depending upon the size of the islands, and which has jointly published more recent maps in the photomap series. **KLSD** has also started to compile digital data for the islands of Kiribati.

Soviet military topographic mapping of Kiribati exists at the following scale: 1:1,000,000 (12 sheets complete coverage, published 1964-1965). This product is available in print, digital raster and digital vector GIS formats from **East View Geospatial**.

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Thematic

Almost no thematic mapping is currently available for Kiribati. Land resource mapping of Kiribati from **DOS** was compiled in the 1960s. Recent cooperative initiatives have begun to broaden the thematic coverage and the **South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)** has published small-scale bathymetric maps, and large-scale coverage of the Tarawa in its bathymetric series. The group as a whole appears on (Admiralty Chart 731) published by the British **Hydrographic Office (HO)**.

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