

# Unique water supply challenges on Kiritimati Island

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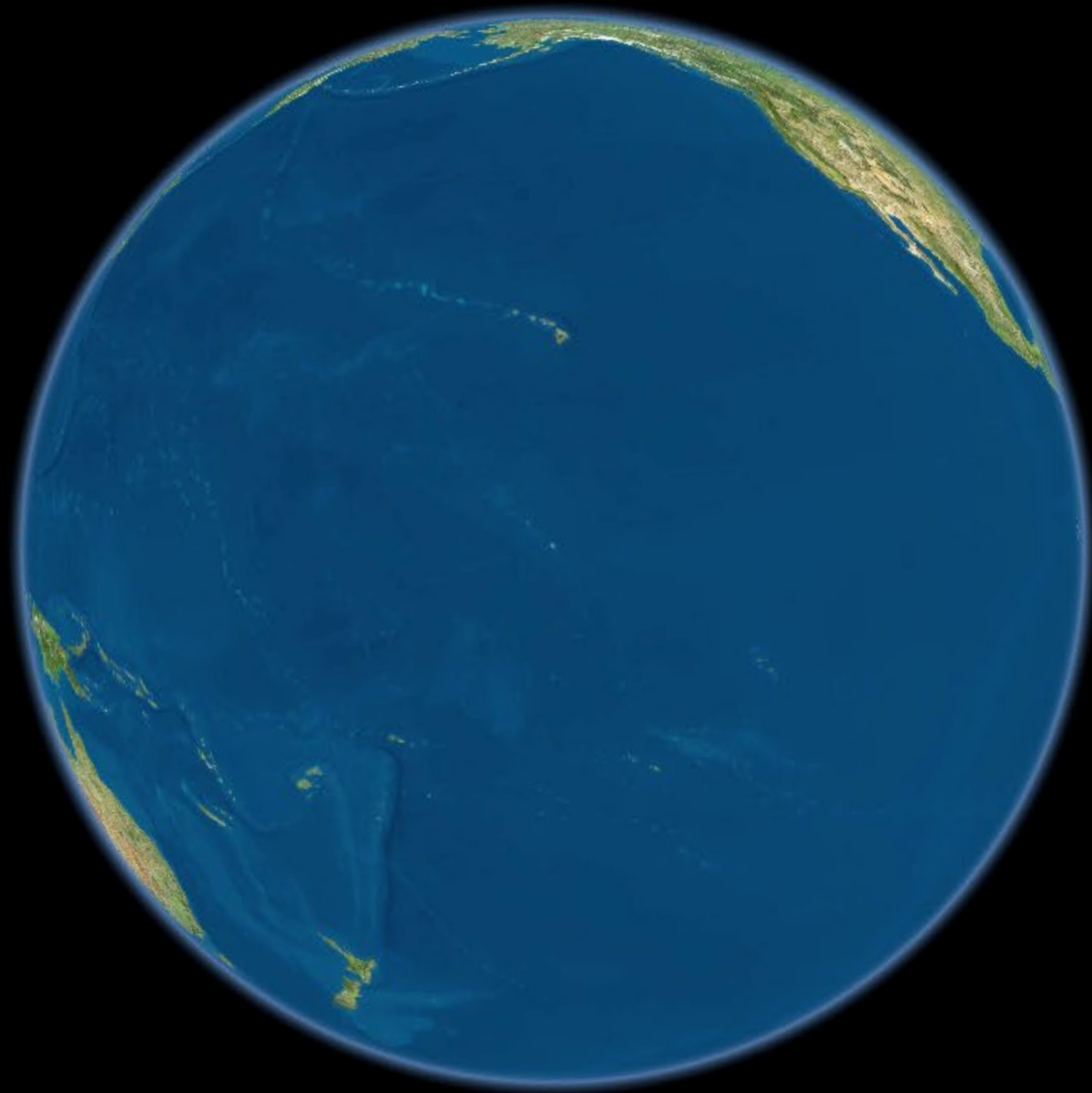
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- Largest coral atoll in the world (~390 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Largest island in Kiribati
- Most variable annual rainfall of any inhabited Pacific island
- Limited, vulnerable though quality groundwater resources



- Significant population increase expected
  - 2,000 new land leases released in 2017
  - Population of ~7,500 to double – triple in the next 10 – 20 years







# Logistics



1 ship every 3 – 6 months

- 6 – 12 month lead time for parts

No flights since April 2020

2 – 3 week boat trip to Tarawa

Few locally-available supplies

Constructed own office and accommodation

Project delivery model reworked to better utilise local capacity



**Tarawa**

3,288 km

**Kiritimati**

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3.5 million km<sup>2</sup>

2,256 km

3,450 km

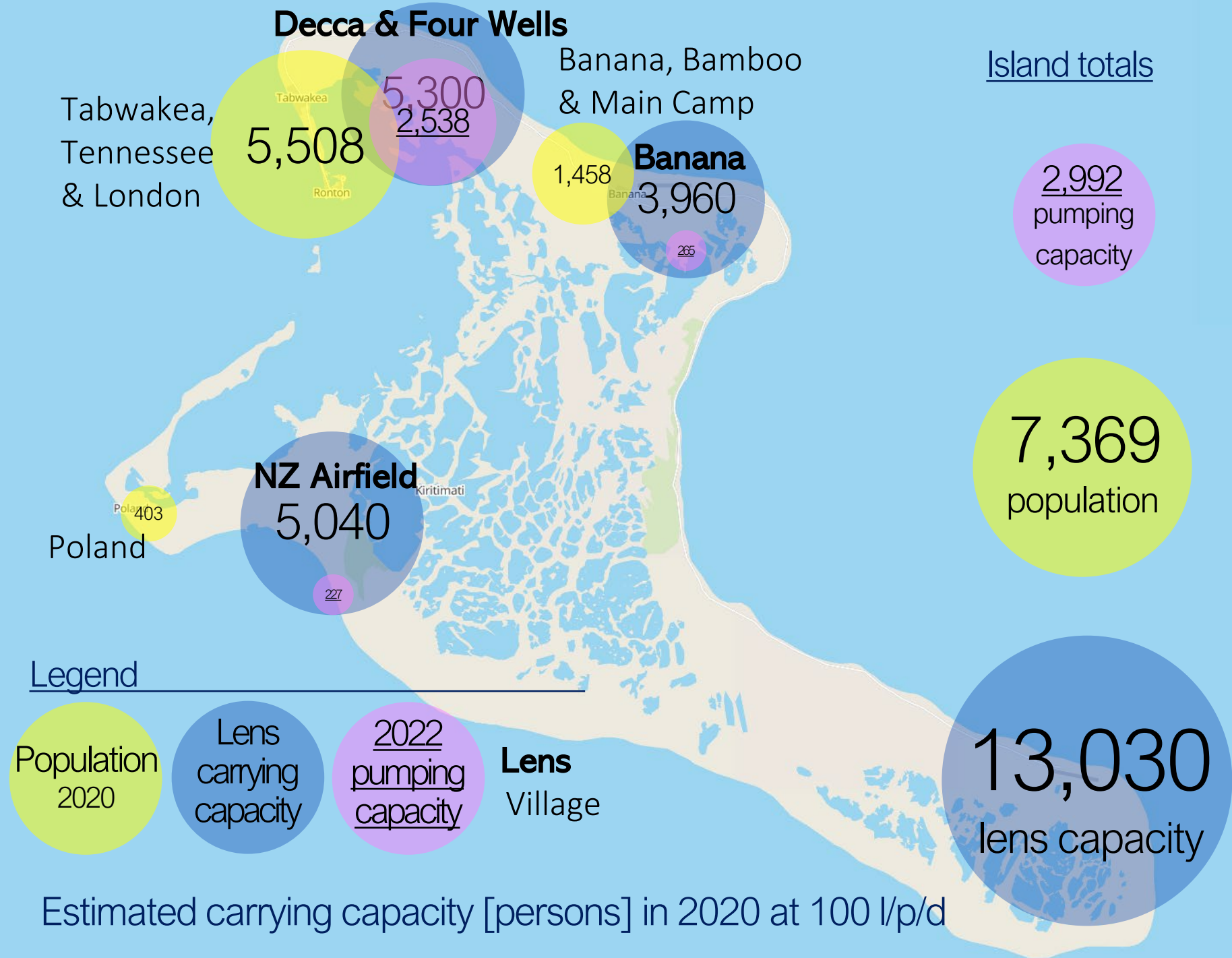
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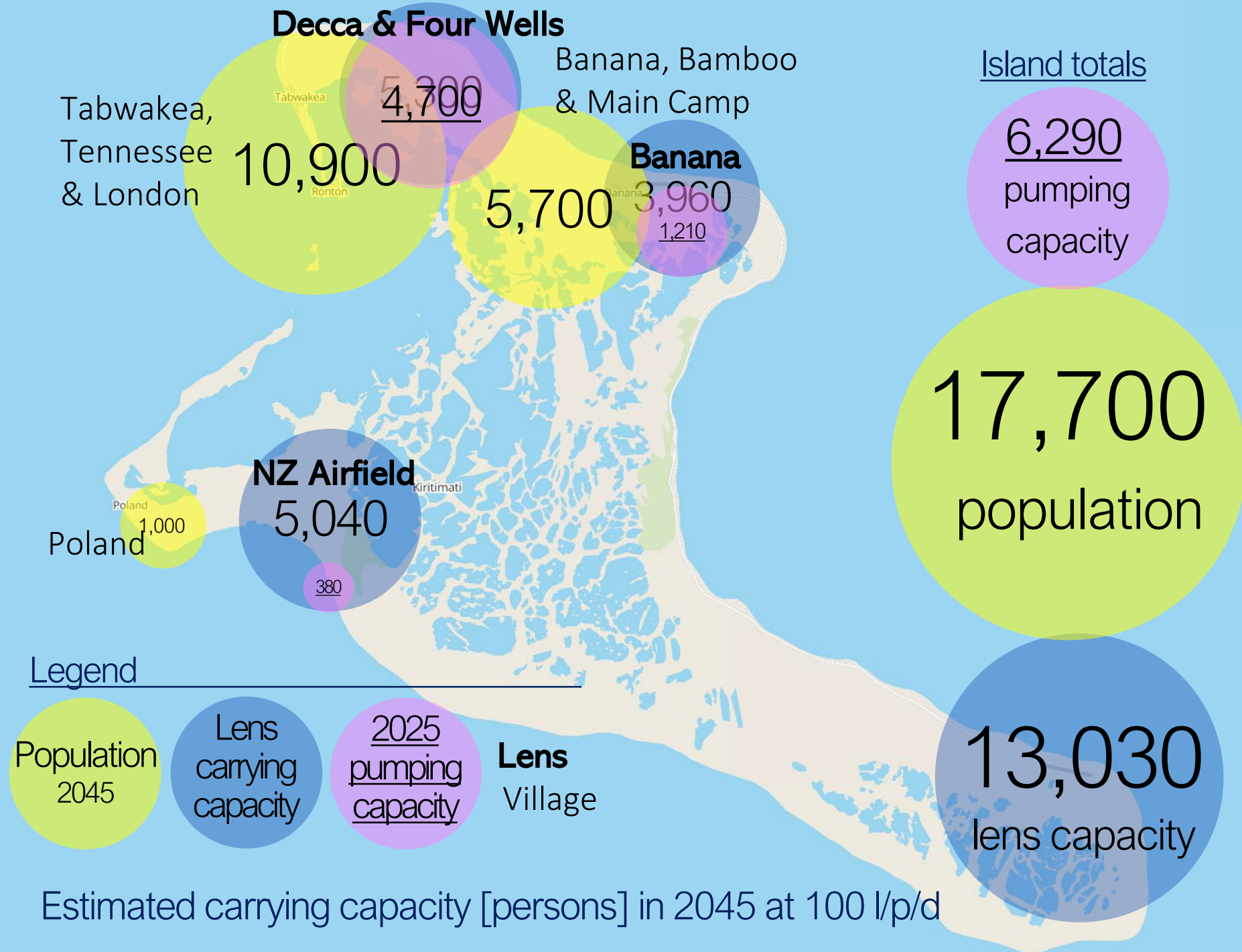
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# Carrying capacity in 2020



# Carrying capacity in 2045

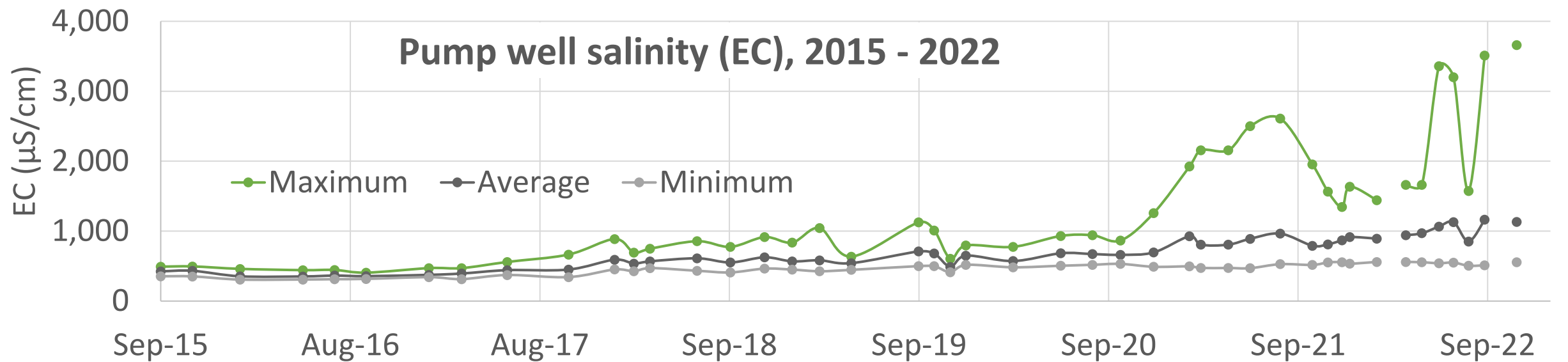
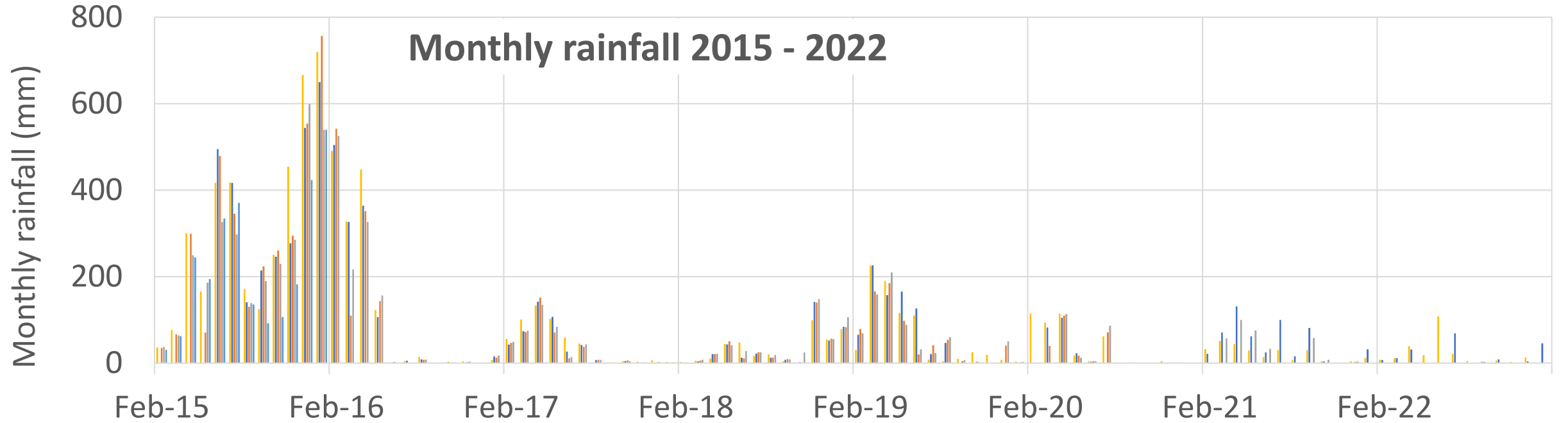


# Filling the demand supply gap

Source	Cost/p/d	Complexity	Source reliability	Technical reliability
Rainwater	Low - high	Low	Low	High
Groundwater	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Desalination	High	High	High	Low

- Not viable
- Fully utilise
- Fill the gaps

# Rainwater recharge





Kiritimati Island

18 February 2014



Kiritimati Island

18 June 2014

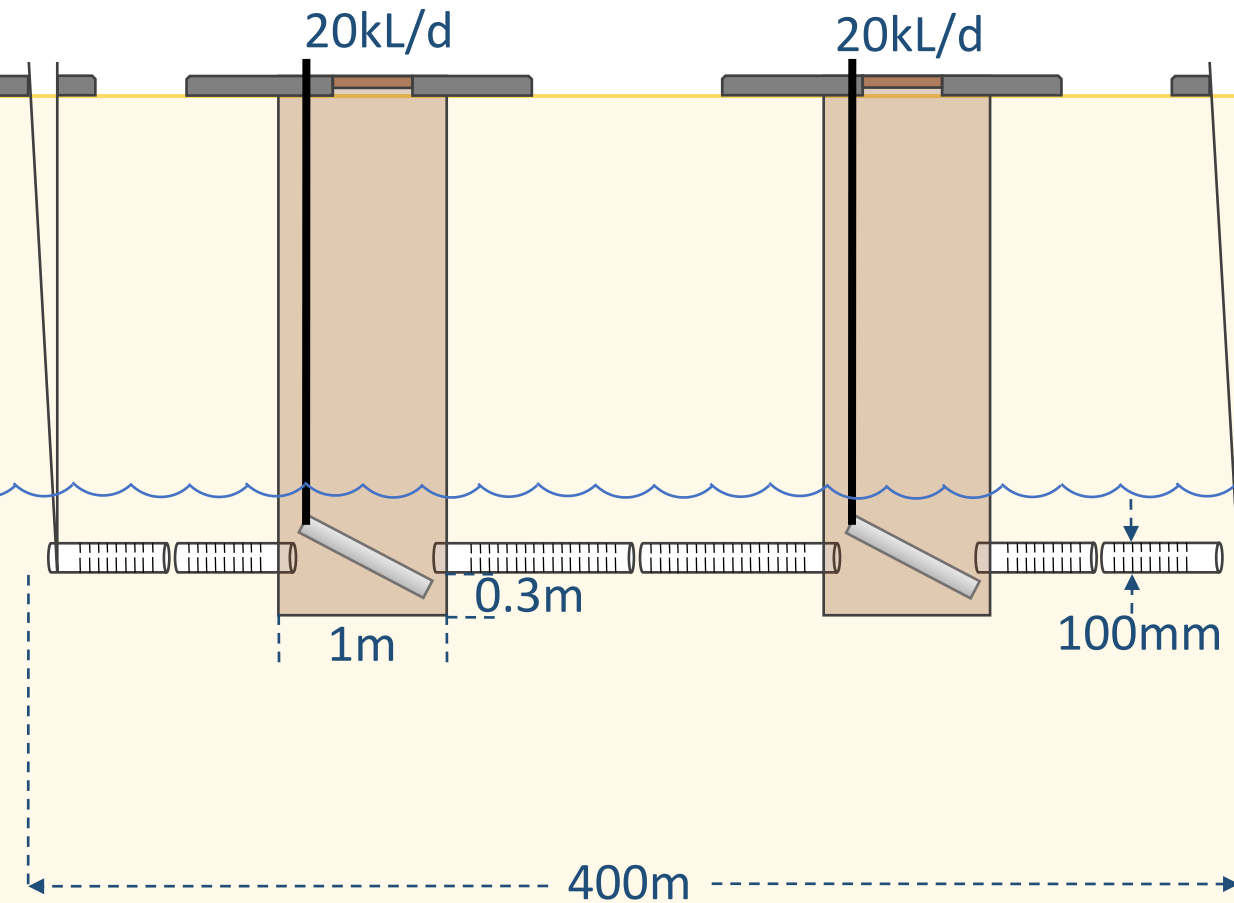
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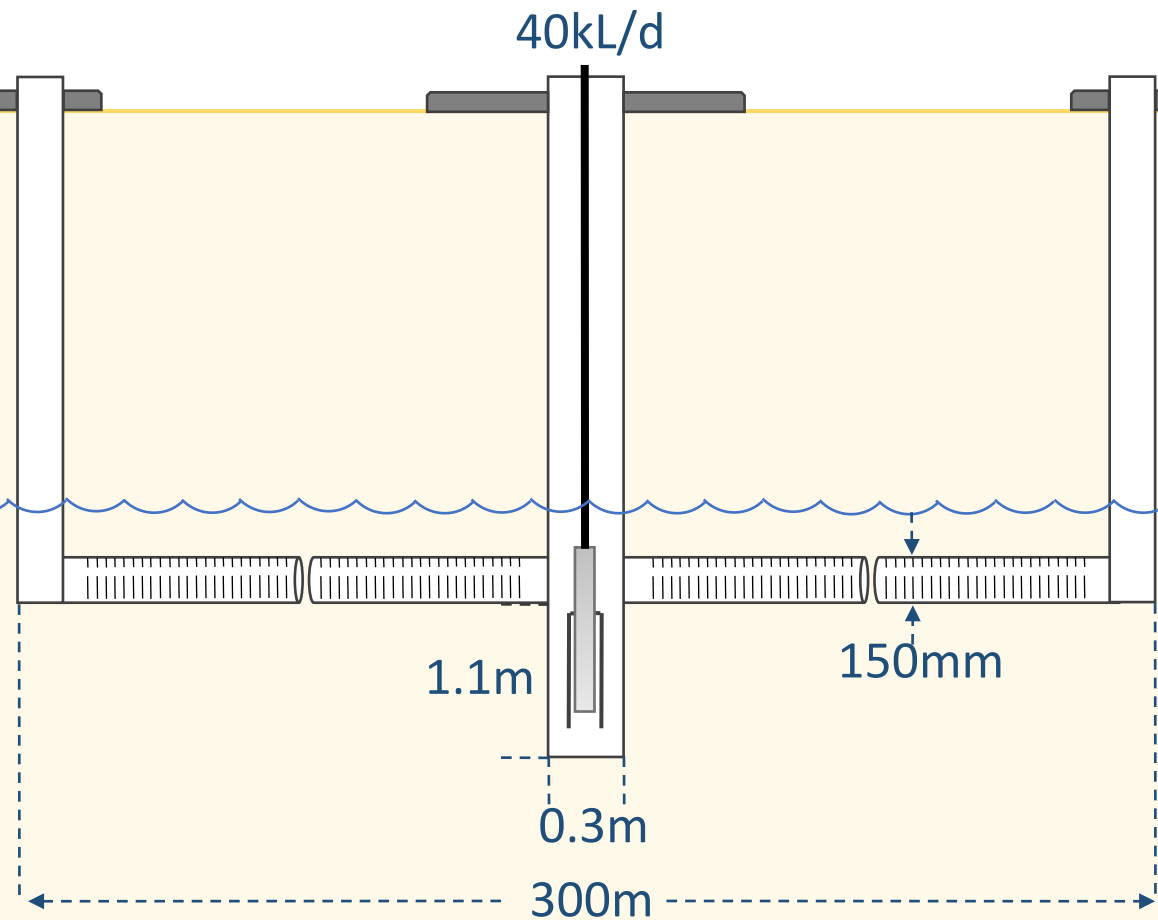


# Reworked groundwater gallery designs

Old



New



# Pump power supply options

<u>Power supply</u>	Upfront	Avg. annual O&M	20-yr lifecycle	Power supply reliability	Technical reliability	Water supply reliability
Wind	\$18k	\$0.22k	\$20.7k	Med	Hi	Med
Solar	\$24k	\$0.55k	\$30.8k	Hi	Med-Hi	Hi
Grid	\$32k	\$0.58k	\$39.2k	Med	Hi	Hi
Solar-battery hybrid	\$31k	\$1.29k	\$46.2k	Hi	Med-Hi	Hi
Petrol or diesel	\$5k	\$3.55k	\$49.2k	Hi	Hi	Hi
Solar-grid hybrid	\$45k	\$0.60k	\$52.4k	Med-Hi	Hi	Hi



# Centralised disinfection vs. decentralised treatment



Previous chlorinators all failed within a few years (some within months)

O&M, supply chain and logistical issues

Unable to ensure residual chlorine due to intermittent water supply

Potential electrolytic chlorination using local salt – future project

Boiling most common form of HHWT

Reallocation of resources to market assessments, intelligence creation and demand generation for HHWT



# Kam rabwa ao tekeraoi ami bong!

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