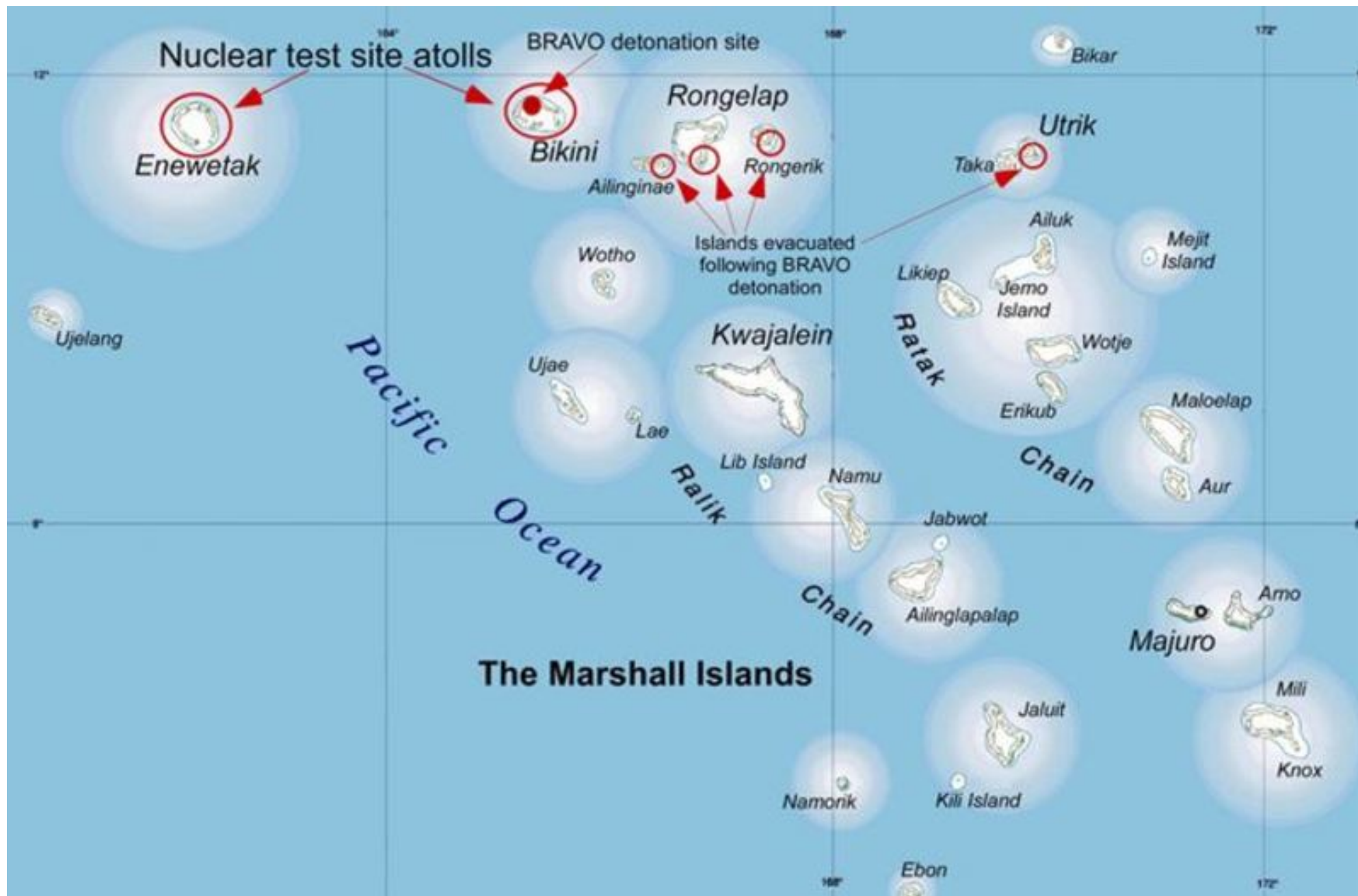




NTA Network

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Marshall Islands National Telecommunications Authority:

est. in 1987 in Majuro, but privatized in 1991

Ebeye branch was est. in late 1988

Marshall's ISP and manager of .mh ccTLD

began with primarily telephony services (voice, fax, PBX, etc.); GSM services implemented in 1994; dial up internet (768 kbps D/512 kbps U) internet introduced in 1997 via satellite - age of dial-up

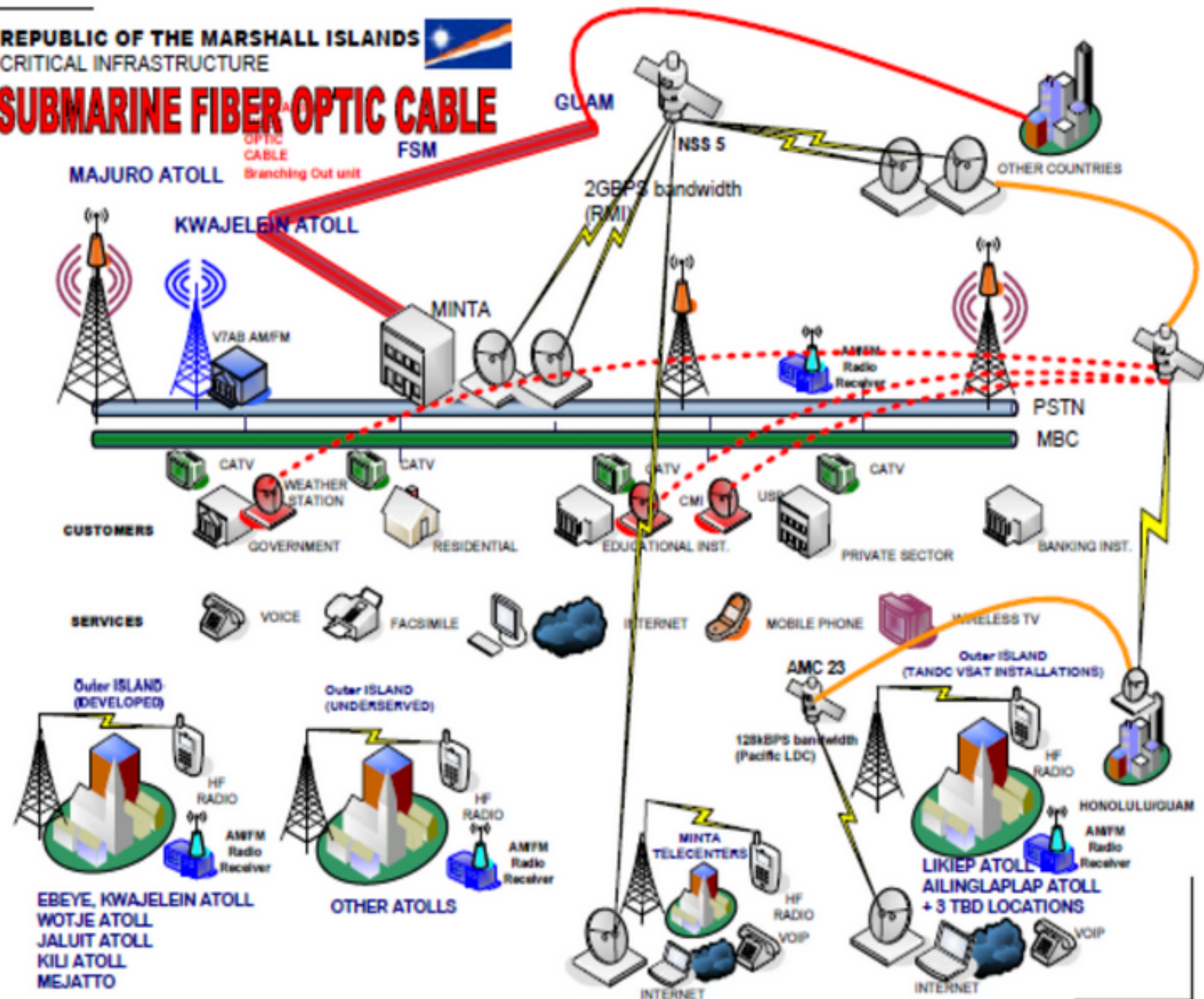
In 2010, Majuro and Kwajalein Atoll were connected to the Internet via the HANTRU-1 undersea fiber cable originating in Guam



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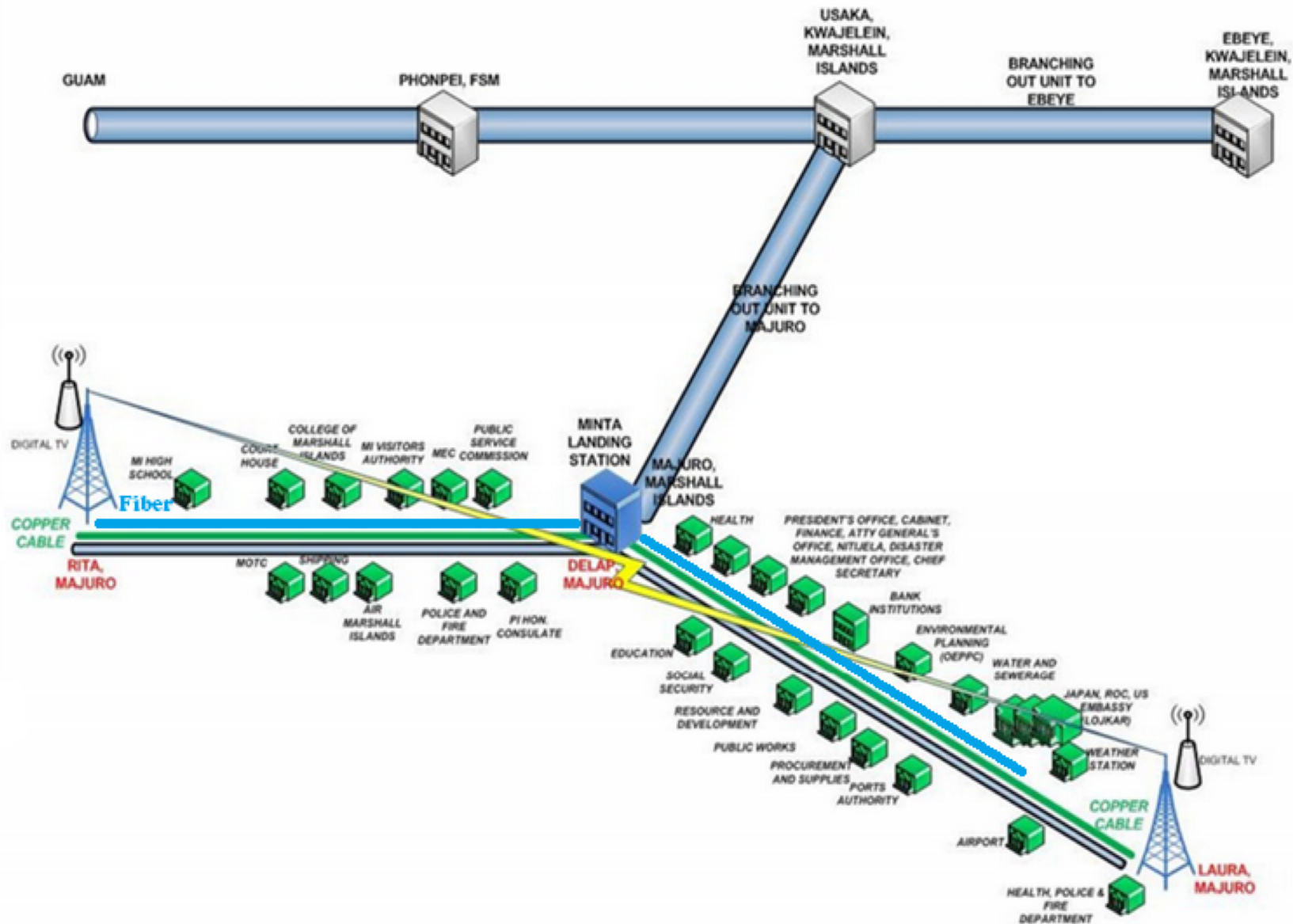


SUBMARINE FIBER OPTIC CABLE



RMI Submarine Fiber Optic Cable connectivity diagram

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NTA Network

Network consists of:

Core routers, switches (dual stack, ipv6 ready); NS's - currently in the process deploying DNSSEC; updating ICANN data

ICANN L-Root instances; installed in mid 2017

Cache engine installed to conserve international bandwidth

GSM 2G/4G LTE

DSLAMs, OLTs, Wireless Point to Multi-Point access

Soft switch for POTs lines

Satellite - Servicing the outer islands



I.T. Dept Roles

Service and Maintenance to:

Core, Distribution, and Access Networks

Datacenter Server management- All servers in datacenter are in a virtual environment. Mail, DNS, AAA, Billing, and virtual clients for remote desktop services.

Support for the access network includes ADSL/VDSL/GPON, LTE, WiFi, and IP based telephony.

No such thing as a day off;



NTA-Telephony Services

Traditional landline service is still the primary form of communication for many;
Servicing over 3,000+ landline for residents and businesses/government entities
Recently NTA has started migration from the legacy switch(Nortel DMS) to an IP-based softswitch

NTA Internet Services

ADSL/VDSL/GPON

DAMA(Demand Assigned Multiple Access)

Voice, Data, GSM

WiFi

LTE

PtMP for last mile deployment



Traffic Trends

Current total International bandwidth at 4Gbps;

Bandwidth consumption for the whole country at peak is roughly half

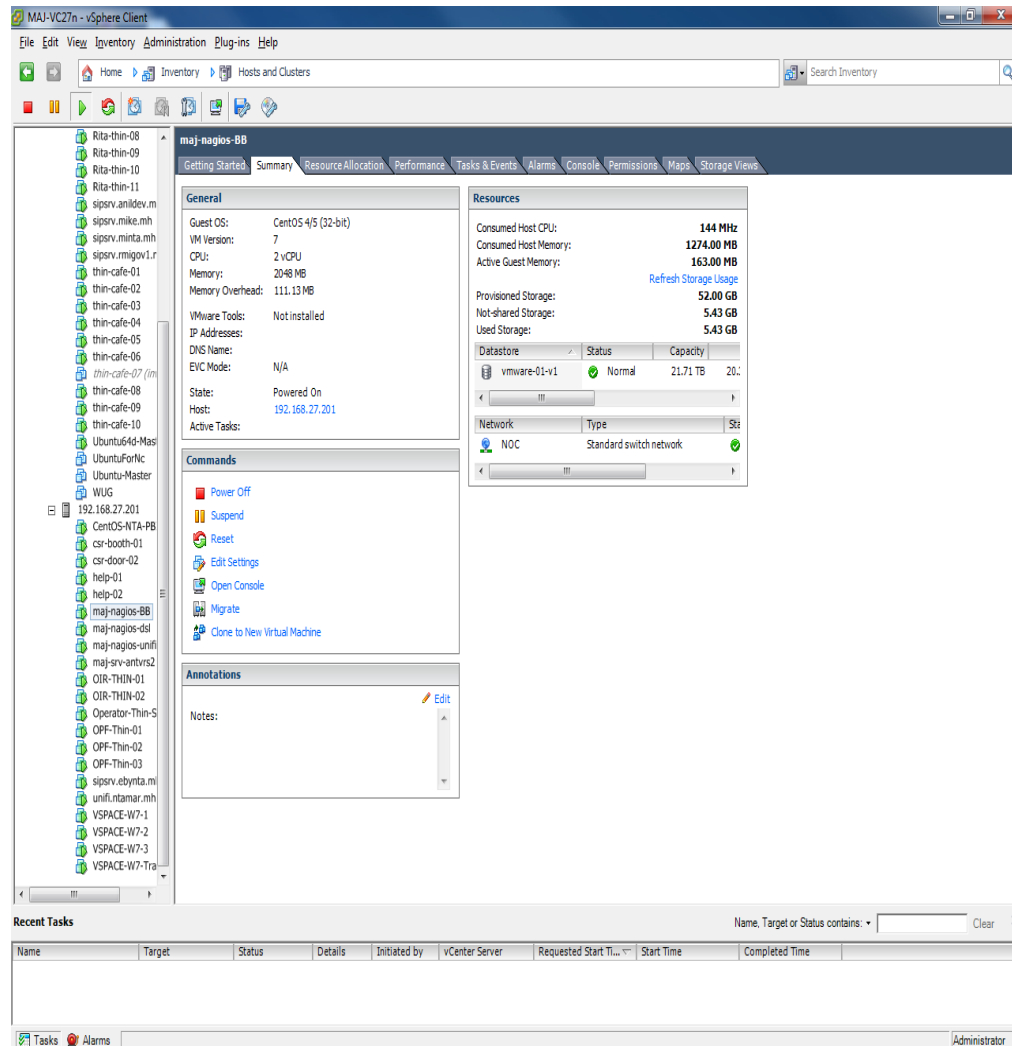
Residential and Business - ADSL/VDSL/GPON and last mile solutions are used to extend our services the customer.

Our traffic analysis shows the top 5 going to Netflix, Youtube, Microsoft, Facebook, Akamai





NTA Data Center:



Servers for:

Mail, DNS, Radius, LDAP,
and virtual clients for
various applications

VoIP Services

Desktop As a Managed
Service

Monitoring Tools:

- WUG
- [Cacti](#)
- Zabbix
- [Nagios](#)

GSM 2G/4G

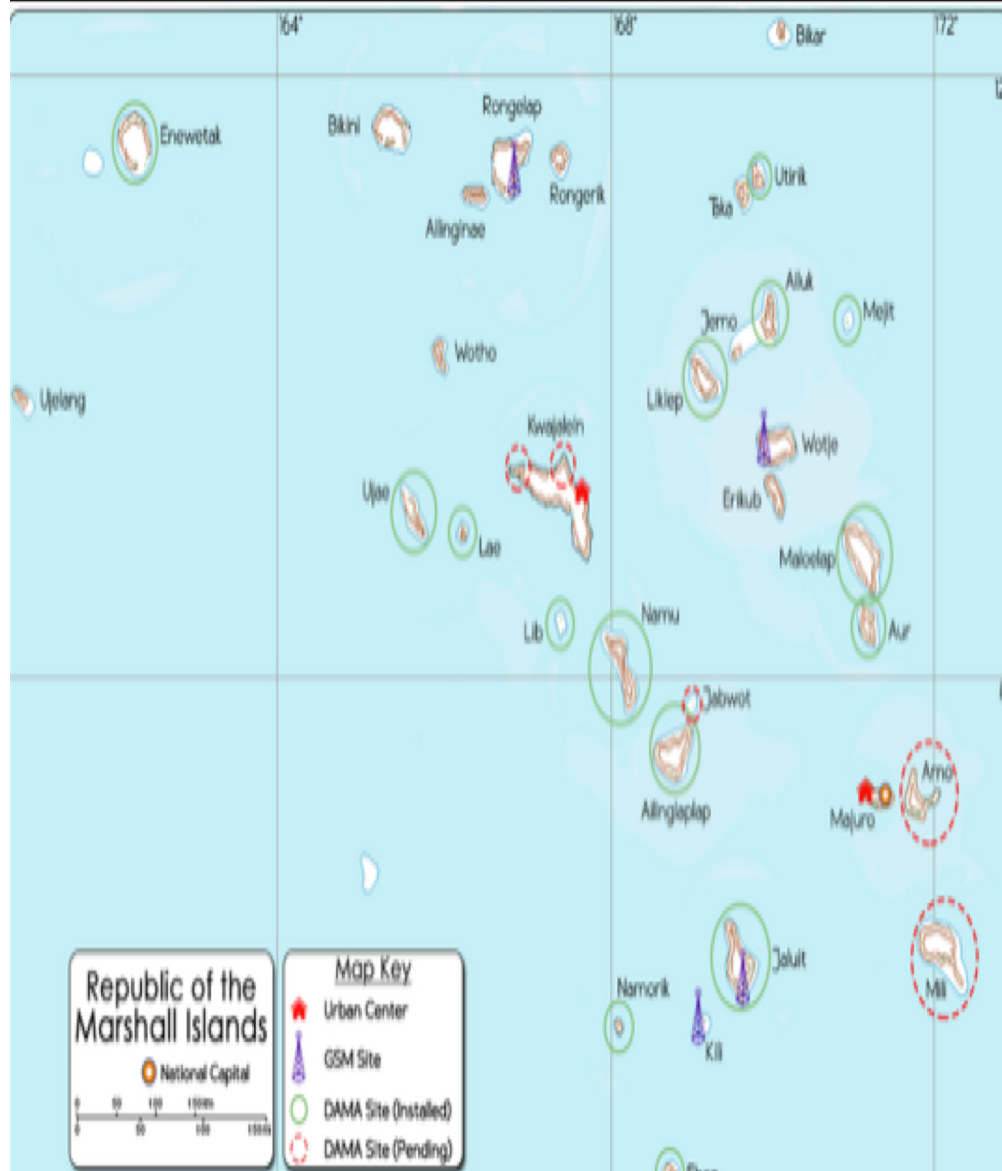
GSM service available on the islands of Majuro, Ebeye, Jaluit, Wotje, and Kili by way of 2G voice

Data service by way of LTE is only available on the islands of Majuro and Ebeye



DAMA Map

Project Commission Dates



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|---|---|
| 1. <u>Woja</u> - <u>Ailinglaplap</u> - August 2011 | 11 <u>Lib Island</u> - Dec. 2013 |
| 2. <u>Jeh</u> - <u>Ailinglaplap</u> - August 2011 | 12 <u>Ujae</u> - Oct. 2012 |
| 3. <u>Beran</u> - <u>Ailinglaplap</u> - August 2011 | 13 <u>Ailuk</u> - Nov. 2012 |
| 4. <u>Bouj</u> - <u>Ailinglaplap</u> - August 2011 | 14. <u>Tarawa</u> - <u>Moloelap</u> - Dec. 2013 |
| 5. <u>Namu</u> - August 2011 | 15. <u>Aerok</u> - <u>Moloelap</u> - Dec. 2013 |
| 6. <u>Utrik</u> - September 2011 | 16. <u>Mejit</u> - June. 2012 |
| 7. <u>Likiep</u> - September 2011 | 17. <u>Aur</u> - <u>Aur</u> - Oct. 2012 |
| 8. <u>Namdrik</u> - September 2011 | 18. <u>Tobal</u> - <u>Aur</u> - Oct. 2012 |
| 9. <u>Ebon</u> - September 2011 | 19. <u>Lae</u> - Oct. 2012 |
| 10. <u>Jaluit</u> - November 2011 | Pending:
<u>Wotho</u> , <u>Arno</u> , <u>Mili</u> , <u>Jabat</u> , <u>Santo</u> , <u>Mejjato</u> |

On-going Projects

Replace all legacy analog telephony switches to IP based solutions

Rollout of FTTx to residents and businesses

Extending LTE service to other islands

Migrating all copper connected customers on to fiber

Challenges

Copper cable is old and needs to be changed
most of the trouble tickets are due to very poor cable conditions

Provide more bandwidth for Outer Islands

With the way technology is moving, more and more we see the demand for bandwidth

Conclusion

Thank you!!

Questions??