

## REPORTING INSTRUMENT

### 1. Origin of the report Help

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## 2. Demographics [Help](#)

### **Demographics & Tobacco Use Sections:**

These sections of the progress report comprise questions regarding obligations under the WHO Framework Convention requiring that Contracting Parties monitor and/or collect data regarding the magnitude, patterns, determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke, including data sensitive to gender, youth and indigenous populations.

(a) Age and sex:  [Help](#)

Create Age Group

### **Question 2(a) is mandatory**

Please complete all sections of the table, including the year in which the data were collected. Use more than one table if necessary (e.g., if there are more than five age groups). Please provide the relevant documentation and sources used.

Year (latest available)	Age groups	Percentage of <i>male</i> population	Percentage of <i>female</i> population	Percentage of <i>total</i> population
2002	15 to 64	40.5%	59.5%	3,019

(b) Ethnicity (optional):  [Help](#)

Create Ethnic Group

### **Question 2(b) is optional**

If appropriate, please include ethnicity. Use more than one table if necessary (e.g., if there are more than five ethnic groups). Please report all ethnic groups reported in official statistics.

Name of ethnic group	Percentage of total population
Marshallese	90%

## 3. Tobacco use

i. Prevalence (ref. Article 19.2(a), Article 20.2 and Article 20.3(a))  [Help](#)

The Prevalence section refers to:

*Article 19.2:* Parties shall cooperate with each other in exchanging information through the Conference of the Parties in accordance with Article 21 including:

(a) information on the health effects of the consumption of tobacco products and exposure to tobacco smoke in accordance with Article 20.3(a)

*Article 20.3:* Parties recognize the importance of financial and technical assistance from international and regional intergovernmental organizations and other bodies. Each Party shall endeavour to:

(a) establish progressively a national system for the epidemiological surveillance of tobacco consumption and related social, economic and health indicators;

*Article 20.2:* The Parties shall establish, as appropriate, programmes for national, regional and global surveillance of the magnitude, patterns, determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke. Towards this end, the Parties should integrate tobacco surveillance programmes into national, regional and global health surveillance programmes so that data are comparable and can be analysed at the regional and international levels, as appropriate.

(a) Smoking tobacco:  [Help](#)

**Question 3i(a) is mandatory**

Use more than one table per section if necessary (e.g., you can use one table per age group). Please be sure to report the prevalence of smoking, not the number of smokers. Please provide the relevant documentation and sources used.

The definitions for daily smokers and occasional smokers are to be provided by the Parties. As the definition of daily and occasional smokers varies internationally, please ensure that you provide a definition relevant to your country.

Where possible, break this data into Male and Female.

	Age groups <sup>1</sup> (adults) 15 to 64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
<b>Males</b>				
Daily smokers <sup>2</sup>	407	Chew cigarette/Manufactured cigarette	2002	34.60
Occasional smokers <sup>2</sup>	66	Chew cigarette/manufactured cigarette	2002	4.9
<b>Females</b>				
Daily smokers <sup>2</sup>	77	Chew cigarette/manufactured cigarette	2002	4.40
Occasional smokers <sup>2</sup>	31	Chew cigarette/manufactured cigarette	2002	1.80
<b>Total (males and females)</b>				

<sup>1</sup> Preferably by 10-year categories; e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

Daily smokers <sup>2</sup>	484	Chew cigarette/manufactured cigarette	2002	19.80
Occasional smokers <sup>2</sup>	97	Chew cigarette/manufactured cigarette	2002	3.30

If available, please provide the average number of cigarettes smoked per day by the smoking population:

	Age groups <sup>3</sup> (adults) 15 to 64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
<b>Male smokers<sup>4</sup></b>	478	Manufactured cigarette	2002	11.90
<b>Female smokers<sup>2</sup></b>	402	Manufactured cigarette	2002	7.30
<b>Total smokers<sup>2</sup></b>	880	Manufactured cigarette	2002	9.60

(b) Smokeless tobacco, including snuff and chewing tobacco (optional):  [Help](#)

	Age group 15 to 64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
<b>Male</b>				
Daily users	130	chewing tobacco/Copenhagen	2002	10.60
Occasional users <sup>2</sup>	41	Chewing tobacco/Copenhagen	2002	3.10
<b>Female</b>				
Daily users	33	Chewing tobacco/Copenhagen	2002	1.80
Occasional users <sup>2</sup>	32	Chewing tobacco/Copenhagen	2002	2.10
<b>Total</b>				
Daily users	163	Chewing	2002	6.20

<sup>3</sup> Preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

		tobacco/Copenhagen		
Occasional users <sup>2</sup>	73	Chewing tobacco/Copenhagen	2002	2.60

(c) If prevalence data is appropriate and available for ethnic groups, please provide.  [Help](#)

**Question 3i(c) is mandatory if data is available**

Use more than one table if necessary (e.g., you can use one table per ethnic group). Please be sure to report the prevalence of smoking, not the number of smokers.

The definitions for daily smokers and occasional smokers are to be provided by the Parties. As the definition of daily and occasional smokers varies internationally, please ensure that you provide a definition relevant to your country.

	Ethnic group Marshalllese	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Daily users	Data aren't available	Data aren't available		
Occasional users <sup>2</sup>	tt	Data aren't available		

(d) If prevalence data is appropriate and available for youth groups, please provide.  [Help](#)

**Question 3i(d) is mandatory if data is available**

Please be sure to report the prevalence of smoking, not the number of smokers.

The definition of Youth Groups is to be provided by the Parties.

Prevalence definitions to be supplied by the Parties – e.g., at least one cigarette in the past 30 days.

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	Youth groups <sup>5</sup> Age group from 15 to 24	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence <sup>6</sup> (%)
Males	156	Manufactured Cigarette	2002	9.30
Females	16	Manufactured Cigarette	2002	4.3

<sup>5</sup> Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

<sup>6</sup> Parties should provide definition for youth smoking: e.g. at least one cigarette in the past 30 days.

ii. **Supply**  [Help](#)

The Supply section refers to:

*Article 20.4:* The Parties shall, subject to national law, promote and facilitate the exchange of publicly available scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information, as well as information regarding practices of the tobacco industry and the cultivation of tobacco, which is relevant to this Convention, and in so doing shall take into account and address the special needs of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition. Each Party shall endeavour to:

(c) cooperate with competent international organizations to progressively establish and maintain a global system to regularly collect and disseminate information on tobacco production, manufacture and the activities of the tobacco industry which have an impact on the Convention or national tobacco control activities.

*Article 15.4:* With a view to eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products, each Party shall:

(a) monitor and collect data on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade, and exchange information among customs, tax and other authorities, as appropriate, and in accordance with national law and relevant applicable bilateral or multilateral agreements.

*Article 15.5:* Information collected pursuant to subparagraphs 4(a) and 4(d) of this Article shall, as appropriate, be provided in aggregate form by the Parties in their periodic reports to the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with Article 21.

- (a) Licit supply of tobacco (ref. **Article 20.4(c)** and **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5**)  [Help](#)

**Question 3ii(a) is mandatory**

Please use as many categories of tobacco products as necessary. Use more than one table if necessary (e.g., you can use one table per product). Please provide the relevant documentation and sources used.

	Domestic production	Exports	Imports
Year (latest available)	0	0	2006
Quantity (specify product and unit; e.g. millions of cigarettes)	0	0	3,047,800 million pieces of cigarettes: Source: Office of Revenue and Taxation.

Note: licit supply = domestic production + (imports - exports)

- (b) Please provide information regarding duty-free sales volumes, if available.  
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**Question 3ii(b) is mandatory if data is available**

If available, please provide data on duty-free sales volumes in your country by type of product. Please provide the relevant documentation and sources used.

Data are not available at present

(c) Seizures of illicit tobacco (ref. **Article 15.4(a)** in accordance with **Article 15.5**)

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**Question 3ii(c) is mandatory**

Please use as many categories of tobacco products as necessary. Use more than one table if necessary (e.g., you can use one table per product). Please provide the relevant documentation and sources used.

	Year (latest available)	Quantity seized (specify unit, e.g., millions of pieces)
Cigarettes	2006	3,047,800
Other tobacco products (optional; please specify product) : Chewing Tobacco/Copanhegen	2006	45,240

(d) Please provide information regarding illicit or smuggled tobacco (optional) (ref. **Article 15.4(a)** in accordance with **Article 15.5**).  [Help](#)

**Question 3ii(d) is optional**

Please provide information on illicit or smuggled tobacco.

Data nare available or none

#### 4. Taxation [Help](#)

(a) Please provide your rates of taxation for tobacco products for all levels of government, and be as specific as possible (specify the type of tax: excise, VAT or sales, import duties) (ref. **Article 6.3**).  [Help](#)

(a) It is important that you are as specific as possible. Please list each tax separately and for each tax, specify the rate (or amount in the case of certain taxes - e.g., excise tax) and the base (i.e., what is the rate or amount applied to). If the tax is a percentage, please carefully detail to what amount this percentage applies. Nominal values should be given in local currency.

Tax on Cigarette: Sale tax: 35% of CIF; Import tax: \$1.00 per packet. (tax on Copenhegan: Sale tax: 35% of CIF; Import tax: \$2.75 per container. Total tax on cigarette collected during FY 2006 amounted up to \$184,790. Total tax on chewing tobacco (copenhagen) was \$103,648.

- (b) Please attach the relevant documentation (ref. **Article 6.3**). (Please provide documentation in one of the six official languages, if available.)  [Help](#)

(b) Please provide all relevant documentation for the rates of taxation in one of the official Conference of the Parties languages – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish, if possible.

- (c) Please provide retail prices for the three most popular brands of domestic and imported tobacco products in your jurisdiction, and the relevant year (ref. **Article 6.2(a)**).  [Help](#)

(c) Please provide all retail prices for the three (3) most popular brands of domestic and imported tobacco products in your jurisdiction. Please supply these prices for the latest available year in the capital city, from a retail outlet widely used by the local population. Nominal values should be given in local currency. Please specify the kind of tobacco (e.g., cigarette, bidi, chewing tobacco etc.) you are referring to as well as the brand name.

Cigarette: Benson & Hensen's retail price: \$4.50 per pack; Marlboro's retail price: \$3.50 per pack and Kool's retail price: \$2.99 per pack. Chewing tobacco's retail price(Copenhagen): \$2.00 per container

## 5. Legislative, executive, administrative and other measures [Help](#)

### **5. Legislative, executive, administrative and other measures.**

*This section of the questionnaire comprises questions regarding obligations under the WHO Framework Convention requiring that Contracting Parties adopt and implement legislation, regulation, executive or administrative or other measures or provisions.*

*In cases where legal measures have been taken to satisfy the terms of the Convention, copies of the legislation, regulation, executive, administrative or other measures should be attached to the completed questionnaire. In cases where legal measures have been taken in a form not amenable to reproduction and inclusion in your answers to this questionnaire, please provide as much detail about the measure (s) taken in the space provided.*

### i. Core questions [Help](#)

#### **All sections in 'Question 5i. Core Questions' are mandatory**

In this question you are to check the Yes or No boxes for each section. If you check the 'Yes' box you are required to submit a brief summary and relevant documents.

It should be noted that the measures identified below are not exhaustive, but reflect the spirit and intent of the Convention.

Please check yes or no. For affirmative answers, you are asked to attach a brief summary and the relevant documentation. (Please provide documentation in one of the six official languages, if available.)

Article	Pursuant to <b>Article 21.1(a)</b> , have you adopted and implemented legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures on:	Yes (please attach a brief summary and relevant documentation)	No

<b>Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco</b>			
<b>6.2(b)</b>	Prohibiting or restricting sales to and/or importations by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke</b>		<b>Full/Partial/None</b>	
<b>8.2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>	in indoor workplaces?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- government buildings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- health care facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- educational facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- private workplaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	in public transport?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	in indoor public places?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- cultural facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- bars and night clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- restaurants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If you responded "Partial" to the measures outlined in Article 8.2, please provide specific details of the partial ban here: Bars and night clubs are being referred to as disco places.			
<b>Regulation of tobacco product disclosures</b>			
<b>10</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>	<p><b>This section refers to Article 10 – Regulation of tobacco product disclosures.</b> (<a href="http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html</a>)</p> <p>In this section you need to advise if your country requires manufacturers and/or importers of tobacco to disclose information about contents. Yes/No. If Yes a brief description is required.</p> <p>Requiring manufacturers and/or importers of tobacco products to disclose to governmental authorities information about contents?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Illicit trade in tobacco products</b>			
<b>15.2(a)</b>	Requiring marking of packaging to assist in determining the origin of the product?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	and to assist in determining whether the product is legally for sale on the domestic market?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>15.3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>	Requiring that marking is in legible form and/or appear in its principal language or languages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>15.4(b)</b>	Enacting or strengthening legislation against illicit trade in tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>15.4(e)</b>	Enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from the illicit trade?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>15.7</b>	Licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sales to and by minors</b>			

<b>16.1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specify legal age: -13 to 18. The Act prohibits selling of tobacco to minors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16.2</b>	Prohibiting or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products to the public and especially minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16.3</b>	Prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>16.6</b>	Providing for penalties against sellers and distributors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16.7</b>	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Liability</b>			
<b>19.1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>	Dealing with criminal and civil liability, including compensation where appropriate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ii. **Optional questions**  [Help](#)

All sections in 'Question 5ii. Optional questions' are optional unless specified otherwise

It should be noted that responses to these questions are not required at the time of Group 1 reports, but may be answered at this time if applicable.

<b>Article</b>	Have you adopted and implemented legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures on:	Yes (please attach a brief summary and relevant documentation) <sup>7</sup>	No
<b>Regulation of the contents of tobacco products</b>			
<b>9</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>	Testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Regulating the contents of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Regulating the emissions of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<sup>7</sup> Please provide these documents in one of the six official languages, if available, and please specify sections of your legislation related to each "yes" response.

<b>Packaging and labelling of tobacco products</b>			
<b>11.1(a)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help	<b>This section refers to Article 11 – Packaging and labelling of tobacco products</b> ( <a href="http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html</a> ) This section requires a Yes/No answer on packaging and labelling of tobacco products. If a ‘Yes’ answer has been provided a brief description is required.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requiring that packaging and labelling do not promote a product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression?		
<b>11.1(b)</b>	Requiring that packaging and labelling also carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of tobacco use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11.1(b)(i)</b>	Ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11.1(b)(ii)</b>	Ensuring that the health warnings are rotating?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11.1(b)(iii)</b>	Ensuring that the health warnings are large, clear, visible and legible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11.1(b)(iv)</b>	Ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11.1(b)(v)</b>	Ensuring that the health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11.2</b>	Requiring that packaging and labelling contains information on relevant constituents and emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11.3</b>	Requiring that the warnings and other textual information appear on each unit package, and on any outside packaging and labelling in your principal language or languages?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help			
<b>This section refers to Article 13 – Tobacco advertising and sponsorship</b> ( <a href="http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html</a> ) This section requires a Yes/No answer on tobacco advertising and sponsorship. If a ‘Yes’ answer has been provided a brief description is required.  <b>Questions on Articles 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4(d) are mandatory</b>			
<b>13.2</b>	Instituting a comprehensive ban of all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	including on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13.3</b>	Applying restrictions, in the absence of a comprehensive ban, on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Restricting or instituting a comprehensive ban on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13.4(a)</b>	Prohibiting all forms of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship that promote a tobacco product by any means that are	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression?		
<b>13.4(b)</b>	Requiring that health or other appropriate warnings or messages accompany all tobacco advertising and promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13.4(c)</b>	Restricting the use of direct or indirect incentives that encourage the purchase of tobacco products by the public?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13.4(d)</b>	Requiring the disclosure to relevant governmental authorities of expenditures by the tobacco industry on advertising, promotion and sponsorship not yet prohibited?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13.4(e)</b>	Restricting tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship on radio, television, print media and other media, such as the Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13.4(f)</b>	Prohibiting or restricting tobacco sponsorship of international events, activities and/or participants therein?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have any additional legislation or other measures not covered in Question 5, you may provide additional details here:  [Help](#)

**6. Programmes and plans**  [Help](#)

**i. Core questions**  [Help](#)

It should be noted that the measures identified below are not exhaustive, but reflect the spirit and intent of the Convention.

	Yes (please attach the relevant documentation) <sup>8</sup>	No
Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? ( <b>Article 5.1</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If no, have some partial strategies, plans and programmes been developed and implemented? ( <b>Article 5.1</b> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you responded yes to either of the first two questions, which of the following do these strategies, plans and programmes cover? Please check, and provide a brief summary. (Please provide the summary in one of the six official languages.)

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<sup>8</sup> Please provide these documents in one of the six official languages, if possible.

<b>General obligations</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<b>5.2(a)</b>	A national coordinating mechanism or focal point(s) for tobacco control? The RMI has established a RMI Coordinating Committee to oversee and implement activities relating to tobacco use and product. It has not been approved yet but the Committee has developed legislations that are related to "Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke", "Packaging and labelling of tobacco products", "Regulation of the contents of tobacco products", Regulation of tobacco product disclosures and "Education, communication, training and public awareness". However, these legislations have yet to be approved by proper authorities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5.3</b>	Protection of policies from the commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry? The RMI (Republic of the Marshall Islands) Tobacco Coordinating Committee continues to work on policies and legislations to address the	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Education, communication, training and public awareness</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<p><b>This section refers to Article 12 –</b>  <i>Education, communication, training and public awareness</i>  <a href="http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html</a></p> <p>This section requires a Yes/No answer on education, communication, training and public awareness. If a 'Yes' answer has been provided a brief description is required including level of expenditure if possible.</p>		
<b>12(a)</b>	Broad access to effective and comprehensive educational and public awareness programmes on the health risks? Yes, the Ministry of Health has two programs within the Ministry to ensure public education, communication and public awareness initiatives are available for the general public and schools. The Health Promotion and the Cancer Registry Programs provide intervention materials on radio, pamphlets and also through the NCD (Non-Communicable Strategic Plan,	<input type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at adults and/or the general public? The intervention initiatives on public education and communication regarding tobacco are targeting the general public, youths, adults males as well as female.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at children and youth? The interventions on tobacco are also targeting minors from 12 to 17 or 18 years of age.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12(b)</b>	Public awareness about the health risks of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke, and about the benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles?  The Marshall Islands is planning toward starting a cessation program and tobacco free environment through the NCD STEP Strategic plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12(c)</b>	Public access to a wide range of information on the tobacco industry? This has not yet been really developed into a wide range of information on tobacco industry,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>12(e)</b>	Awareness and participation of public and private agencies and nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry in developing and implementing intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control? Recently, Marshall Islands has developed a multi-sectorial partnerships with nongovernmental organizations, community based organizations as well as few faith organizations.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<p><b>This section refers to Article 14 –</b>  <i>Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation</i>  <a href="http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/download/en/index.html</a></p> <p>This section requires a Yes/No answer on demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation. If a ‘Yes’ answer has been provided a brief description is required.</p>		
<b>14.1</b>	Comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices to promote cessation of tobacco use and adequate treatment for tobacco dependence? The Marshall Islands is working to promote cessation of tobacco use and treatment; however, it has not fully developed yet.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>14.2(d)</b>	Facilitation of accessibility and affordability for treatment of tobacco dependence including pharmaceutical products? Not develop at this point in time.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<b>17</b>	Promotion of economically viable alternatives for tobacco workers, growers and, as the case may be, individual sellers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Research, surveillance and exchange of information</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<b>20.1(a)</b>	Research that addresses the determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke as well as research for identification of alternative crops?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>20.4(b)</b>	Updated data from national surveillance programmes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ii. **Optional questions**  [Help](#)

<b>Education, communication, training and public awareness</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<b>12(d)</b>	Appropriate training or awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to persons such as health, community and social workers, media professionals, educators, decision-makers, administrators and other concerned persons? Awareness information on tobacco are presented through use of media, such as radio program and dissemination of pamphlets and newsmedia.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12(f)</b>	Public awareness of and access to information regarding the adverse health, economic, and environmental consequences of tobacco production and consumption? The response on 12(d) can be applied to this question.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<b>14.2(a)</b>	Design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as educational institutions, health care facilities, workplaces and sporting environments? Program such as cessation of tobacco has not really been developed in the Marshall Islands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>14.2(b)</b>	Diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services on cessation of tobacco use in national health and education programmes, plans and strategies, with the participation of health workers, community workers and social workers?  The NCD Strategic plan address activities pertaining to counseling of smokers. However, it needs to be developed to be able to treat and diagnose health problems caused by tobacco. Such NCD (non communicable diases) Strategic plan is in its infancy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>14.2(c)</b>	Establishment in health care facilities and rehabilitation centres of programmes for diagnosing, counselling, preventing and treating tobacco dependence? Has not been developo yet.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Protection of the environment and the health of persons</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<b>18</b>	Due regard to the protection of the environment and the health of persons in relation to the environment in respect of tobacco cultivation and manufacture within its territory? Cigarette and tobacco are manufactured and imported from abroad.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Research, surveillance and exchange of information</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Help</a>		
<b>20.1(b)</b>	Training and support for all those engaged in tobacco control activities, including research, implementation and evaluation?  Marshall Islands has not been involved in such research and surveillance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>20.2</b>	Programmes for national, regional and global surveillance of the magnitude, patterns, determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>20.3(a)</b>	A national system for epidemiological surveillance of tobacco consumption and related social, economic and health indicators?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>20.4</b>	The exchange of publicly available scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information, as well as information regarding practices of the tobacco industry and the cultivation of tobacco?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>20.4(a)</b>	An updated database of laws and regulations on tobacco control, and information about their enforcement, as well as pertinent jurisprudence?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 7. Technical and financial assistance [Help](#)

The goal of this section is to assist the Secretariat in facilitating the coordination of available skills and resources with identified needs.

Pursuant to **Article 21.1(c)**, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance (be it through unilateral, bilateral, regional, subregional or other multilateral channels, including relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions) for the development and strengthening of multisectoral comprehensive tobacco control programmes of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in any of the following areas:

	Assistance provided (please give details below)	Assistance received (please give details below)
Development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control? ( <b>Article 22.1(a)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? ( <b>Article 22.1(b)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12? ( <b>Article 22.1(c)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistical support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? ( <b>Article 22.1(d)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? ( <b>Article 22.1(e)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? ( <b>Article 22.1(f)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Other. Specify:		
<p>Additional details:</p> <p>If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration.</p> <p>Article 22.1(e): to identify the methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction in which it can be learned and use for controlling addiction.</p> <p>If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.</p>		

Pursuant to **Article 21.3**, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance to support developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in meeting reporting obligations?

Assistance provided <a href="#">Help</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (please give details below)	Assistance received	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (please give details below)
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Additional details:

If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration.

SPC (Secretariat of the Pacific Community).

If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.

Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed, for the financial and technical assistance provided or received?  [Help](#)

Yes (please give details below)

No

Additional details: Marshall Islands would need technical assistant in the developing of the report. However, we did not know how to acquire such assistance.

## 8. Priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control [Help](#)

What are the priority areas for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction? (Ref. **Article 21.1(b)**)

The prioty area is to complete the development of the Regulations to regulate the legislations that are stipulated in the Tobacco Act.

What, if any, are the constraints or barriers you have encountered in implementing the Convention? (ref. **Article 21.1(b)**)

A major barrier was tha the Tobacco Act was approved and signd just recently and now we are continuing to develop regulations addressing the legislations in the Act. However, in implementing the Convention, the involvement of the lawyer is imperative in the process and wera re working on getting them involved, otherwise, the barrier is lessen.

## 9. Additional comments [Help](#)

Please provide any relevant information not covered elsewhere that you feel is important.

**No additional comments**

## 10. Questionnaire feedback

- (a) Please provide feedback for improvement of the Group 1 questionnaire.  [Help](#)

I think the Group 1 questionnaires were good. They helped the person responsible to submit the report understand the situation and how to improve the way we implement the Convention.

- (b) Please provide input for the future development of the Group 2 questionnaire.  
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I do not have further comments. However, the questionnaires help the responsible reporter to understand more of how the implementation of the Convention should be carried out. I think the like of questioning was excellent and to the point.