



## 4.2 Introduction to Pacific Collections: Out of Date & Alternative Geographical Names



## Historical and alternative names of locations in the Pacific

Current name	Previous names
(Republic of) Kiribati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gilbert Islands</li> <li>- Kingsmill Islands</li> </ul>
Vanuatu	New Hebrides
Efate, Vanuatu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vate</li> <li>- Sandwich Island</li> </ul>
Hawaiian Islands	Sandwich Islands
(Kingdom of) Tonga	Friendly Islands
Samoa	Navigator Islands
Rapa Nui	Easter Island*
Nauru	Pleasant Island
Niue	Savage Islands
Cook Islands	Hervey Islands
Tahiti	Otaheite**
Tuamotu Archipelago	Paumotu Archipelago
Tokelau	Union Islands
Tuvalu	Ellice Islands
Kaniet Islands, Bismarck Archipelago	Anchorite Islands, Bismarck Archipelago
Papua and West Papua, Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Irian Jaya</li> <li>- Dutch New Guinea</li> </ul>
Papua New Guinea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- British New Guinea</li> <li>- Mandated New Guinea</li> <li>- Keiserwillheims land</li> </ul>
Torres Islands, Vanuatu	Vava
North Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea	Bougainville Autonomous Region, Papua New Guinea
Kosrae Island, Federated States of Micronesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kusaie</li> <li>- Ualan</li> </ul>
Pohnpei Island, Federated States of Micronesia	Ponape Island
Chuuk Lagoon, Federated States of Micronesia	Truk Lagoon
(Republic of) Palau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pelew</li> <li>- Belau</li> </ul>
Sonsorol Island, Palau	St Andrews Island
Banaba Island, Republic of Kiribati	Ocean Island
Wuvulu Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maty Island</li> <li>- Matty Island</li> <li>- Tiger Island</li> </ul>
Admiralty Islands	Manus Islands*

**\*This name is an alternative as opposed to a name no longer used**

**\*\*This term is sometimes used historically for Hawaiian material**

**Some of the islands which are politically part of Papua New Guinea:**

- New Britain
- New Ireland
- Hermit Islands
- Wuvulu
- Kaniet Islands
- Bougainville
- Trobriand Islands
- D'Entrecasteaux islands
- Admiralty Islands

**Countries which form the Caroline Islands chain:**

- Federated States of Micronesia (including Yap, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae)
- Palau