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Taiwan: Help for a Tiny Nation Facing Rising Waters

By REUTERS

Taiwan pledged Tuesday to rescue Kiribati, a tiny South Pacific ally, from rising sea levels in a move intended to raise Taiwan's international profile. After President Ma Ying-jeou of Taiwan offered to help rescue Kiribati, the Foreign Ministry said it would look into offering the small nation, a chain of atolls, expertise accumulated from post-typhoon relief work. President Anote Tong of Kiribati told Mr. Ma, who was visiting in the South Pacific, that the people of Kiribati might one day have to evacuate to Taiwan if sea levels continued to rise, the news media reported.