


Andrew Langidrik, Kitien)
Langidrik, Eli Sam)
v.)
Catherine Neimat Reimers,)
Indies Trader Marine)
Adventures Inc., John Doe 1-20)

High Court Civil Action
2017-00022

TRC OPINION

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A time was set to review the ancestry line depicted in the genealogy chart of those claiming to own Beran Island, Ailinglaplap (also spelled, Aelonlaplap) Atoll. The genealogy chart appears to indicate a succession line that commences with and continues from the third generation, showing that the first Alap for *Jitoen* (also spelled *Jittoen* or *JittoEn*) on Beran Island is Langidrik, however according to Exhibit D-10 which was admitted into evidence during the trial between the Plaintiffs, Andrew Langidrik, Kitien Langidrik and Eli Sam, and Defendants Catherine Neimat Reimers, Indies Trader Marine Adventure Inc., Langidrik appears to come from the third generation in the succession line according to the testimonial evidence given, stating that Jitoen on Beran Island is an *imon Aje* or *Katlep*, though it is not clear from who.

According to a letter written by Morry Samson, Libetok sent word to him (Samson) asking him to attend a meeting on Buoj as an *alap* of Beran Island and not Langidrik, see Exhibit D-7. But according to the testimony of Eli Sam, one of the Plaintiffs' witnesses, *Jitoen* on Beran Island is an *imon aje* to Langidrik, though he does not recall who gifted it to him; both of these claims are contradictory, and thus reveal that the said genealogy is NOT OF BERAN but of Jabot Island.

Mr. Bilton Sam testified that a man named Jorju was an Alap and Ri-Jerbal on Beran Island, but at one point, Iroojlaplap Laelan Kabua divested Jorju of the rights and titles for neglecting his duties and responsibilities on Beran Island as an alap and rijerbal, and this illustrates that the genealogy of Beran Island belongs to Jorju as indicated in the TESTIMONIAL EVIDENCE given in Case No. 2017-022. The documentary and testimonial evidence indicate to the TRC panel that Beran Island is a *MO*; according to Iroojlaplap Nelu Watak and others, see Exhibit D-4.

The claims that Beran Island is an Imon Aje and Katlep by the Plaintiffs, are not valid because no *kalimur* was made by the Irooj who own the island, Irojlaplap Laelan Kabua and Irojlaplap Kabua Kabua, that they gifted the Plaintiffs with the rights and titles of alap and rijerbal on Beran Island. The differing claims; that at a meeting that took place, a REPORT from the Domain of Irojlaplap Laelan Kabua was produced to confirm that the person in whom the Irooj gifted Beran to was Litab, but there was no evidence, see Exhibit D-5, that this person referred to here divided the land parcels on Beran Island; and the other claim asserted by one of the Plaintiffs that Lerooj LiEbon gifted *Jitaken* to Samson. The TRC Panel finds that there is insufficient evidence to support the Plaintiffs' claim that there were alaps and ri-erbal on Beran Island, but finds that Beran Island is a *MO* or land that is exclusively owned by the Irooj.

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Nixon David, TRC
Associate Judge

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Atte Lang, TRC
Associate Judge

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Jasper Lanki, TRC
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