

Ecological character

There are a number of large rocks on the intertidal reef between the two main islands. Some of these rocks are large enough to have terrestrial vegetation and associated insects and other arthropods on top, making them reminiscent to the famed Rock Islands of Palau.

Scattered around the dwellings of Eoon-ene are excavated "iaraj" pits. The inhabitants of the Marshall Islands have since prehistoric times excavated pits for growing the important staple crop, Giant Swamp Taro "iaraj" (*Cyrtosperma chamissonis*).

Most households on Namdrik Atoll are equipped with private water catchment tanks. If left uncovered, water catchment tanks (which typically hold 500 to 1500 gallons) tend to attract aquatic insects. Mosquitoes almost immediately lay their eggs, as do also dragonflies. If unattended for long enough, other insects and invertebrates will find their way into these tanks, and cytotobacteria, algae and other plants will grow in and around them.