

NORTHWEST ISLAND EXPLORER: NOMWIN ISLET

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Nomwin ISLET identified the loss of “*inesamepwiinéú*” or extended family as a major problem in their community that is affecting all spheres of life. To solve or reduce the effects of this loss or breakdown in the extended family structure and function, the ISLET sets out to investigate the three clans on their island, namely *Pwereka*, *Sópwnupi*, and *Sóór*. The goal was to strengthen relationships by highlighting the close ties that people of Nomwin have with each other. This was realized by tracing their matrilineal lineages and creating family tree charts of each clan.

Elementary students were involved in collecting data and names of their own clan members. With the assistance of adults, students were able to create family trees on chart paper. The image below is one section (*Fáán Aaw*) of the family tree of *Pwereka* clan.

