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- 2.) Do not remove anything from the site. Although you may not think something is not significant to the site, all pieces make up the whole.
- 3.) Remember that many sites include culturally sensitive areas and therefore behavior should always be respectful.

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For travel information and road conditions contact:

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KAYANGEL STATE

SITE No.: B:NH-1:2 F9

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Site Name: *Diong er a Dokou*

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Site Type: *Bathing Pool*

Site Location: *Ngerdilong
Traditional Village*

State: *Kayangel (Ngedebuul)*

Diong er a Dokou is a large bathing pool for the traditional chiefs of *Ngerbesang* located in *Ngerdilong*, one of the four regions of *Kayangel*. The paving is stacked of large coral slabs and in good condition, including steps going down into the pool at the northeast corner. At the north side of the pool is an elevated platform probably an *iliud* along the stone path. Surrounding the pool is a taro patch that is being maintained. According to the informants, several coral rocks from the east side were removed in 1979 to construct the concrete meeting house at *Bai er a Ngerbesang*.

Traditionally, *Kayangel* had four regions; they are *Oreong*, *Ngerdilong*, *Ngerdimes*, and *Ngedebuul*. *Oreong's bai* is *Meduu el Bai* and its bathing pool is *Diong er a Orukei*. *Ngerdilong*, another region, is known today to the people of *Kayangel* as *Dilong*, and its *bai* is *Bai er a Ngerbesang* and its bathing pool is *Diong er a Dokou*. *Ngerdimes* the third region *bai* is called *Bai er a Ngerurou* and its bathing pool is *Diong er a Olekang*. The fourth region is *Ngedebuul* and its *bai* is simply called *Bai er a Ngedebuul* and its bathing pool is called *Diong er a Besungel*.

Source: 1999 Olsudong, Rita, Calvin T. Emesiochel, and Errolflynn T. Kloulechad. Final Inventory of Cultural and Historical Sites in Kayangel State. Vol 1: Inventory of Cultural and Historical Sites. Palau: Division of Cultural Affairs.

1999 Liston, Jolie. Archaeological Inventory Survey of PNCC Telecommunications System-Babeldaob, Peleliu, Angaur, and Kayangel Islands, Republic of Palau 96940.

A *Diong er a Dokou* a siliseb er a omsengelel a klalo er a ibetel a cherechar er a February 14, 2001, el ta er a klou a ututelel el olsechall er a ibetel a cherechar el ngar er a beluu er a *Ngcheangel*.

A *Diong er a Dokou* a disechir a reklobak er a *Ngerbesang*. Tia el *diong* a chelades a tkul er a bereu me a badelchei. A cheldeklel a kmal dirk cherrungel me a cheldukl el terebel el ngar er a mo bedul a diluches-sungos el mo metengal er a *diong* me ng dirrek el kmal dirk cherrungel el medechel. A mo bedul a diluches er a tkul tia el cheldeklel tia el *diong* a telkib el kedidai, el locha mle iliud er a rubak. E tia el *diong* a iliuekl er a meklechir a rechad er tia el beluu el kmal ungil el keldmokl. A rechad er a beluu a ouchais el kmo se er a 1979, er a lomekedechor er a beches el bai er a *Ngerbesang*, e te mle ngmai a bebil er a bebul tia el *diong* (mo bedul a ongos) el mo ousbech.

A rechuodel, e a *Ngcheangel* a mle kloa a renged er ngii, el *Oreong*, *Ngerdilong*, *Ngerdimes*, me a *Ngedebuul*. A *Oreong* a ngklel a bai er ngii a *Meduu el Bai* ea disechel a ngklel a *Orrukei*. A *Ngerdilong* el ta er a renged, a ngklel a bai er ngii a *Ngerbesang* e a disechel a *Diong er a Dokou*. A *Ngerdimes* el ongedei el renged a ngklel a bai er ngii a *Ngerurou* e a disechel a *Diong er a Olekang*. Sel mong meng ongeua el renged a *Ngedebuul*, el ngklel a bai er ngii a *Ngedebuul* e a disechel a *Diong er a Besungel*.



**Siasing er a Blai er a Ngerdokou el mlara Kramer,
Circa 1908 - 1910**

SITE MAP

