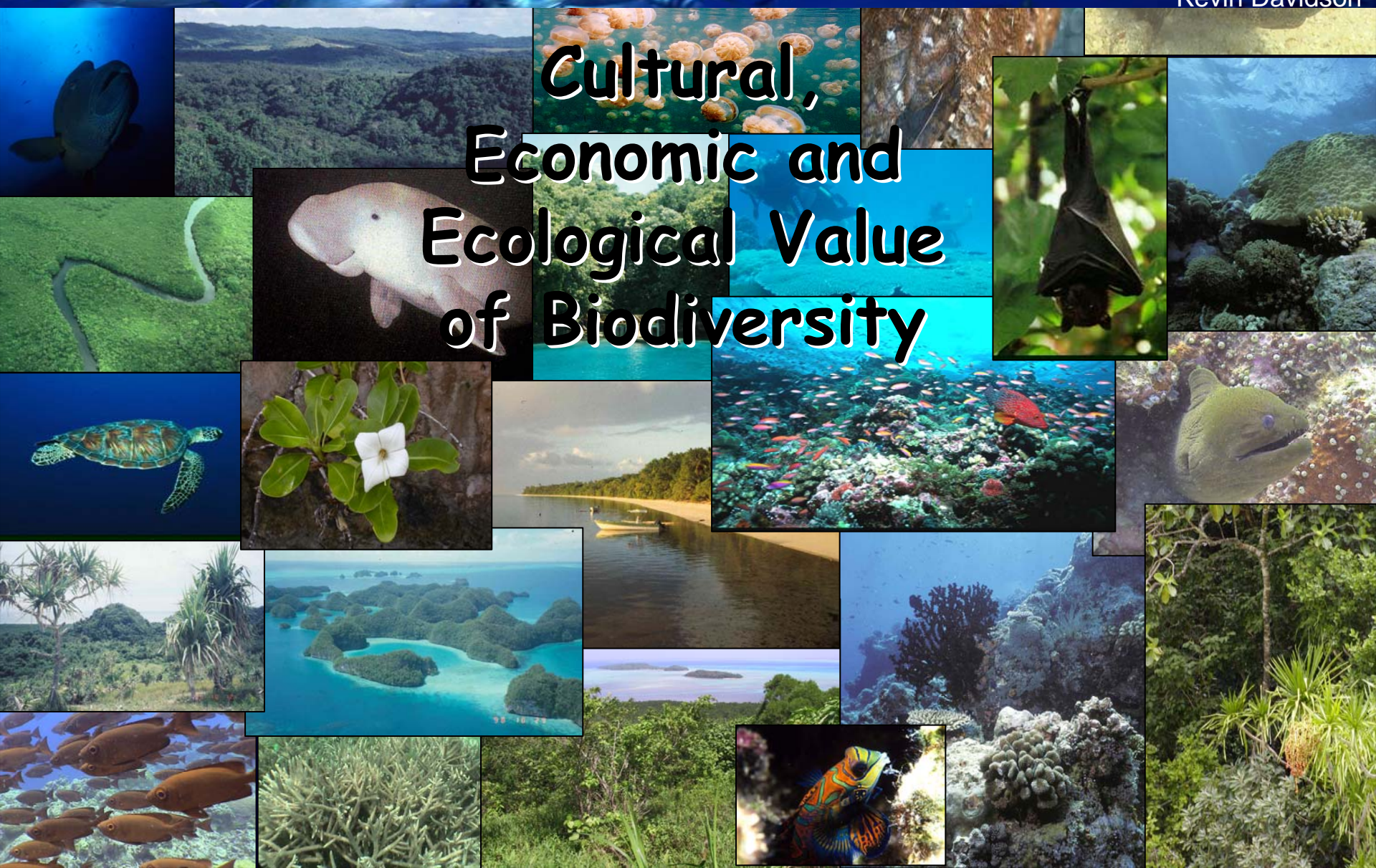


Cultural, Economic and Ecological Value of Biodiversity



Marine Resource Use and Stewardship in Micronesia – Cultural Connections, Traditional Knowledge and Approach



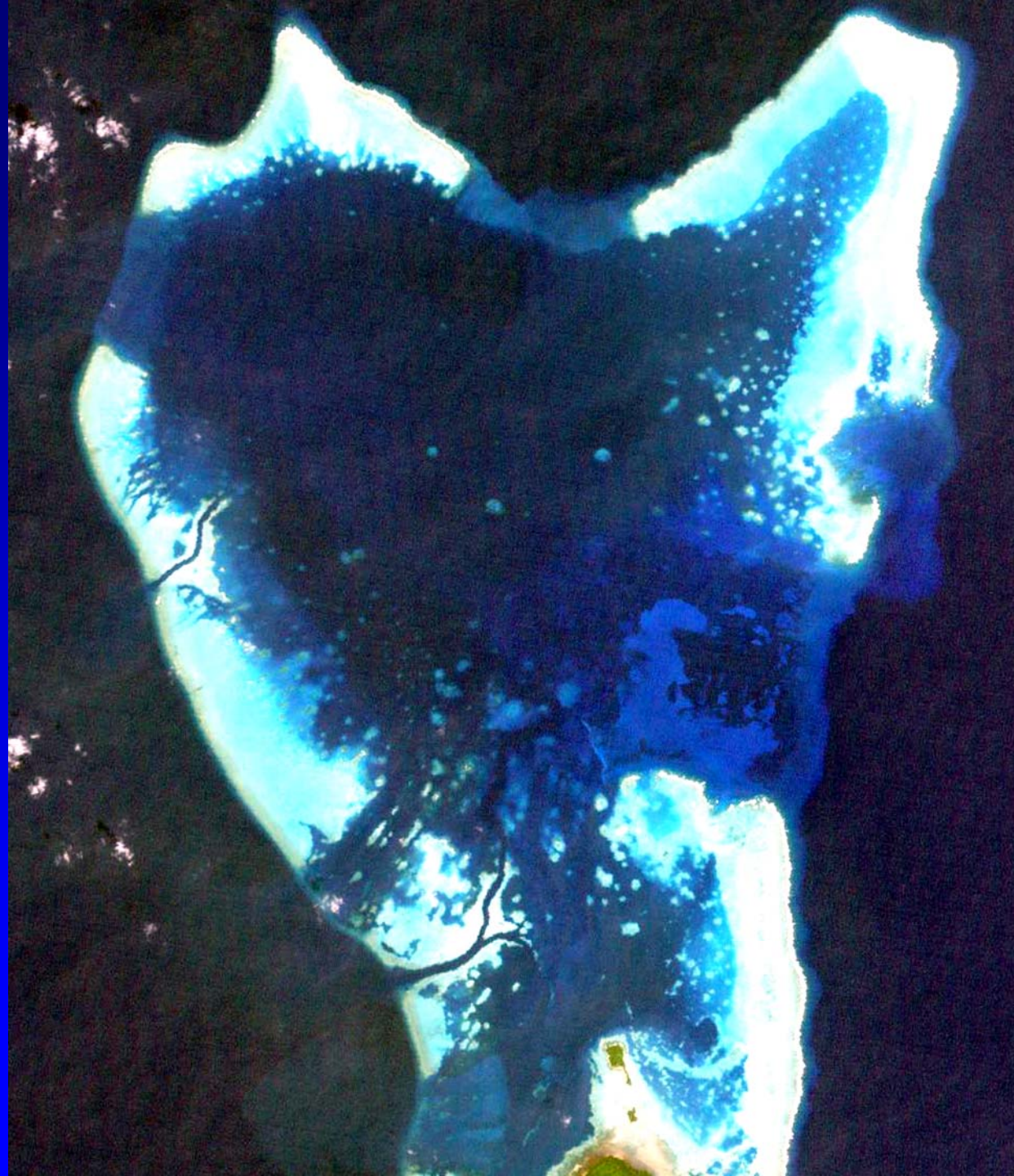
1998 bleaching event.....



...a wake-up call

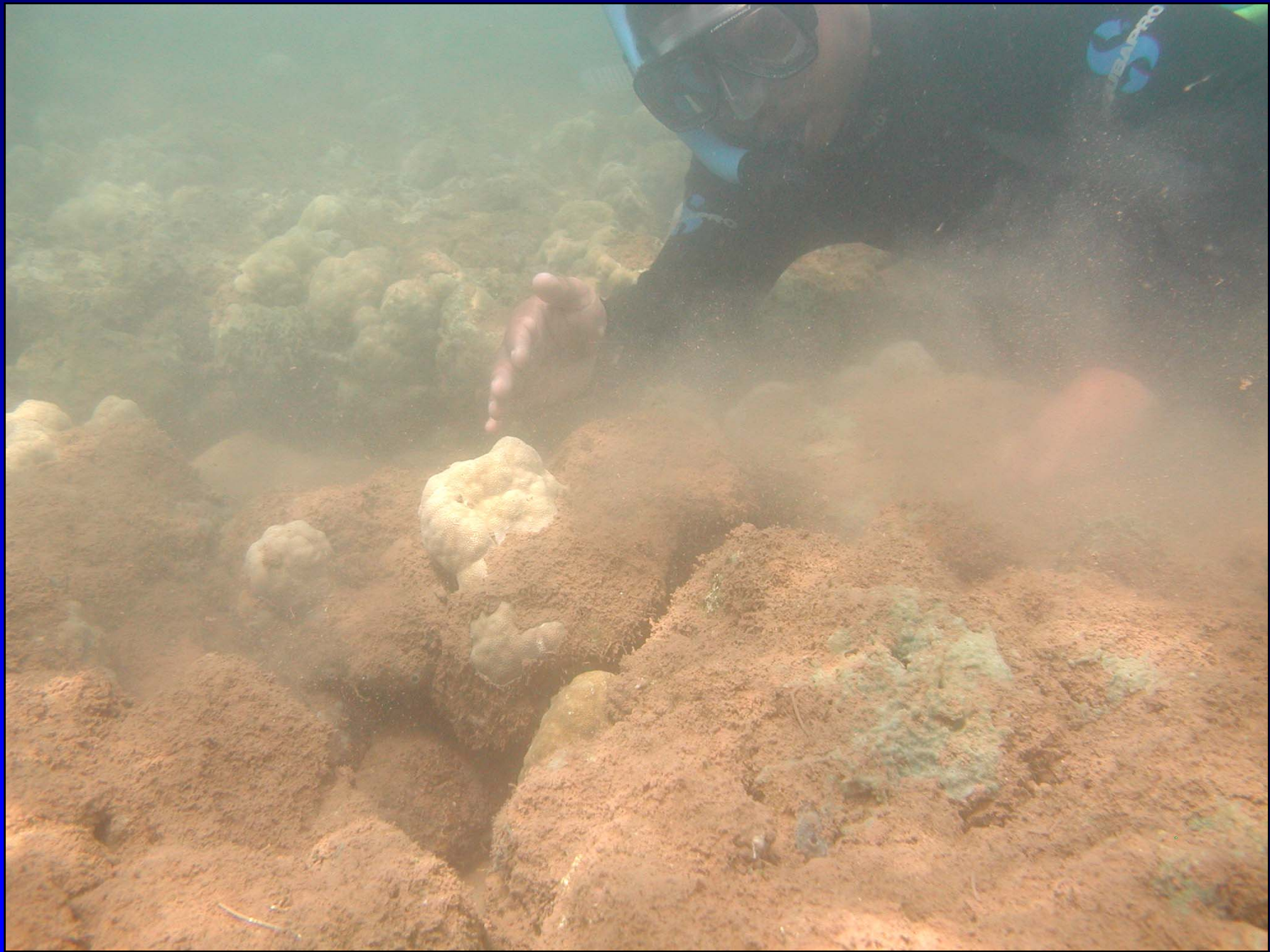
Recognition by Palauans that something more was needed to address global threats at the local level ⇒ resilient PAN

Challenges
from climate
impacts, local
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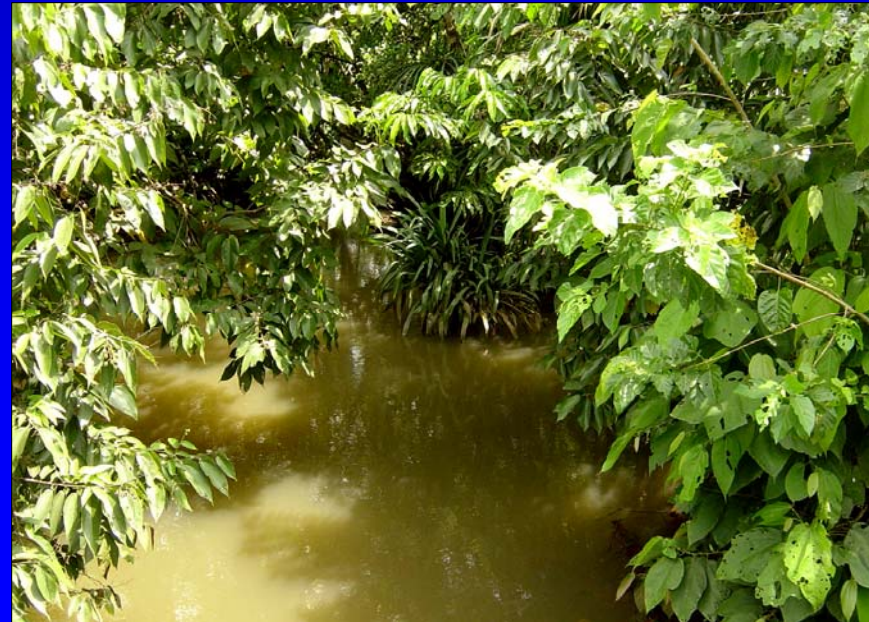


Ngerikiil Bay, Degraded Reef Ecosystem





Ngermeduu Bay – A Case History

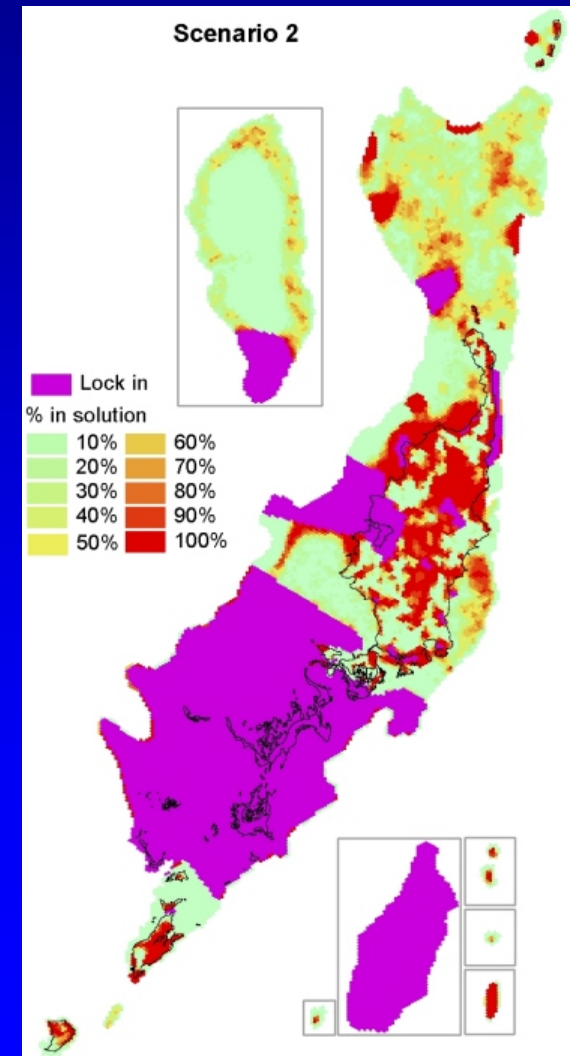


Community Meetings – Ngermeduu Bay



Where Are We?

- Community engagement and partnerships developed from stakeholders to the Elected and Traditional Leadership
- Protected Areas Network (PAN) :
- PAN funding mechanisms is pending in Congress
- Dedicated Ministry for Environment pending
- Re-classification law



Partnerships among stakeholders, researchers and leaders



Local and Regional Capacity Development



Palau International Coral Reef
Center and Palau Community
College

Funded by NOAA, DOI and NSF

Research, education,
experience



Partnerships, Trust and Common Goals





"Mesulang"