

Micronesians in Island Conservation Network

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A brief history of MIC

- 2 year pilot project started in 2002 with 10 founding members from FSM and Palau
- MIC became a permanent network in 2003
- CNMI members joined in 2005
- RMI and Guam members joined in 2006

MIC mission

To strengthen the collaborative, organizational, technical and policy skills of Micronesian conservation leaders and organizations, so that together with communities we can advance the conservation and management of important natural areas in Micronesia

MIC goals

- **Strengthen** essential leadership and management **skills** to build more effective conservation organizations
- **Demonstrate** improved **effectiveness**, including continuous learning and improvement
- **Work** with **communities** to improve the protection of important natural areas under their management
- Work together on high **priority** local, national or regional **issues**
- Maintain and **support** an active, **growing network** of established and emerging conservation leaders throughout Micronesia to rapidly share experience, expertise, issues and resources

MIC strategies & activities

1. Self-Directed Learning – activities and agenda determined by the individual and shared needs of the members
 - All learning tied to organizational and programmatic priorities
 - Emphasis on demand-driven assistance

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2. Peer Learning – MIC's activities are designed to
 - Rapidly share successes and lessons learned
 - Identify and address shared needs for technical assistance, training, and other support
 - Promote learning exchanges with successful organizations rather than group trainings
 - Facilitate collaboration on local, national and regional issues

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3. Learning by Doing –
 - Facilitated organizational self-assessments and action plans
 - Peer coaching (one-on-one and retreats)
 - Targeted learning exchanges for specific goals
 - Demand-driven technical assistance designed for specific needs

Key Strategy: Learning Exchanges



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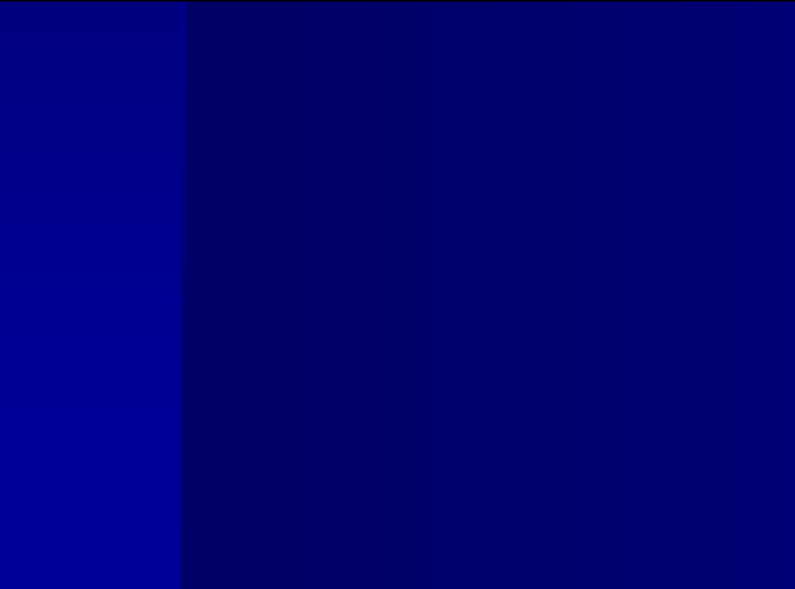
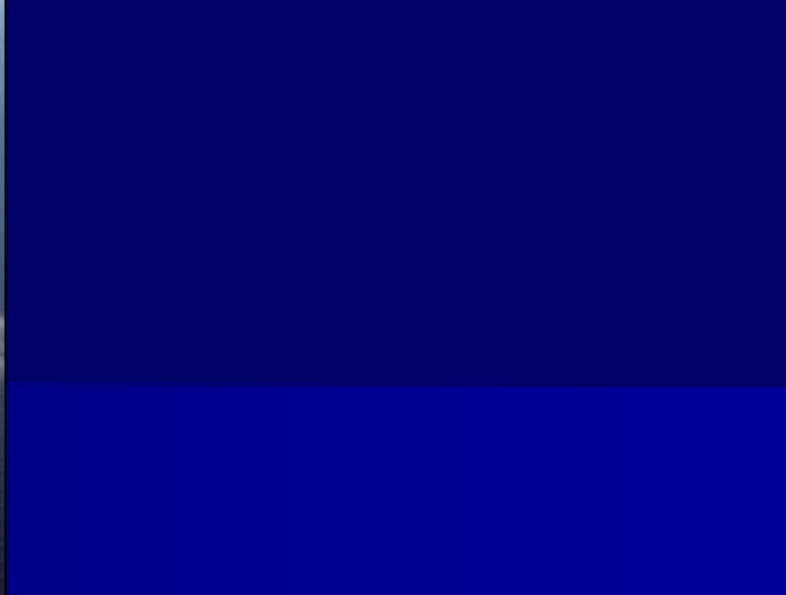


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Objectives

- Share Palau's experience with building community participation and stewardship with the Kosrae team and provide recommendations on strategies and tools for Utwe-Walung Conservation Area and Marine Park and Yela Ka Forest.
- Communities and government leaders agree to collaborate in implementing the recommendations to improve stewardship mechanisms.
- Kosrae will develop a State-wide strategy for community participation, and will identify two or three potential tools for implementation.

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Areas of the Utwe Biosphere

Reserves:

- Core Areas – 96.4 ha
- Buffer zone – 517.2 ha
- Transition area – 1159.0 ha



Questions?

