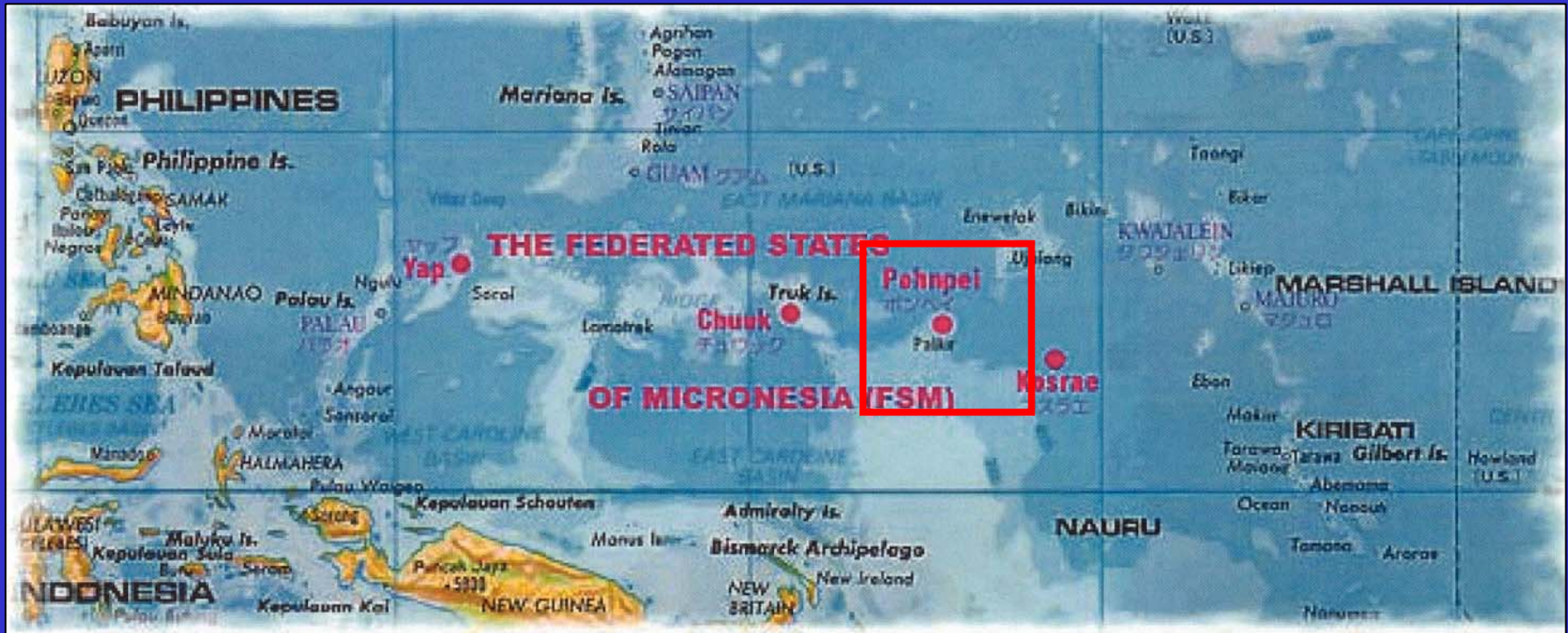


A wide-angle photograph of a dense, green forest covering a hillside. In the background, several layers of mountains are visible, with some peaks partially obscured by mist or low clouds. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The overall scene is serene and natural.

**“Upon a Stone Alter, We Build this
Sacred Land: Pohnpei”**

The Pohnpei Resource
Management Committee

Pohnpei Island, Federated States of Micronesia



Don't you forget
that I own the
resources and the
traditional
knowledge!

Hey, this is great
because I am
motivated and
might just have
the plans!

Yeah, but I've
got the science,
the technology,
and the money!



Same Vision, Different Mode of Transport



Upon their arrival the first Pohnpeians (Upon a Sacred Alter) created this DECLARATION:

1. Wahu Pahrekier Sapwekeikat

The seed of immense reverence for life has been planted on this sacred alter, Pohn Pei, to perpetuate peace and unity for its people.

2. Re Koasoakoasioiaher Sansaledek

The people will speak with ease and freedom, not afraid anymore, for the gift of life is abundant and is shared equally among all.

3. Ede Kahkiei Sang, Kahkiei Iong Ahr Ehupenehr

The people worked together to create this accord and with great respect and humility are bound by it- at no point in time shall one stray from this accord.

4. Ken Rohrohki Irepen Sapw

The people are the proud stewards of this land and will protect and preserve it at all cost.

5. Medewe, Kalala, Wiewia Soaramwahu

The people will speak with great pride of the island's magnificent features and landscape and everything that makes it unique and different from any other land.

6. Poadopadok Poadopen Sapw Sarawi

The people will continue to speak with deference about, and pass on the events and mysteries, which shaped and made this great land, *Pohn Pei*, through the generations.

7. Kih-Kihiong Pwung Mehie en Eni-Kei-Ka

The people will forever pay tribute to a higher being, *Enihlap*, which guided and provided them with strength during their voyage to this land.

8. Ahneki, Pwungier Soanemweidek-Sangehr

The people will remember the destitution they endured during this voyage and will forever be indebted and hold profound value to this land, *Pohn Pei*, and its natural heritage.

People lived simple lives in a complex social and tradition system, which was inherently shaped by the islands environment and resources.

Social and Traditional Systems

- Titles and responsibilities
- Language, beliefs, arts and skills (i.e. high and common languages, canoe building and sailing, architecture, stories, legends, myths, superstitions, chants, songs, dances and totems)
- Land tenure and stewardship
- Worships, offerings, blessings and feasting
- Clans, family and taboos
- Agro-forestry and taboos
- Fishing and taboos

Our Inheritance



Governance History and Land Tenure

- Between 1886 to 1986 Pohnpei was governed by Spain, German, Japan, and US.
- Prior to 1907, all land and water areas were owned and managed by chiefdoms/clans.
- Beginning in 1907, the German, Japan, American and Pohnpei Governments started taking away land from the chiefs and deeded them to individuals.

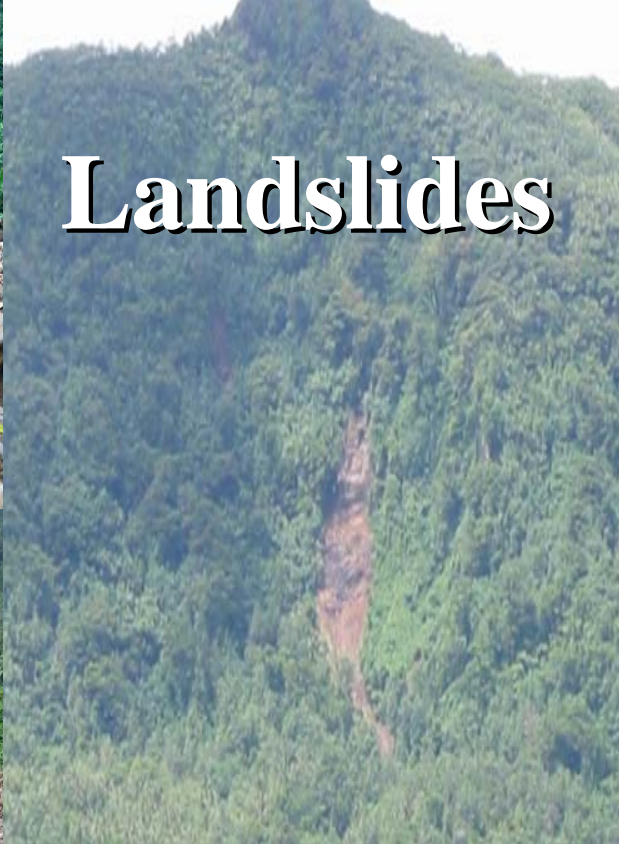
Subsistence to Cash



Forest Clearings



Landslides



Mangrove Forest and Coral Reef Destruction



Approximately to 100 dredged mangrove channels around the island

Approximately 20 coral dredge sites on the island



What We Are Passing On





Reviving Traditional Methods



Adapting New Models



Getting back to the people



Working with Pohnpei's Future



Youth Conservation Corps

Community Conservation Officers



Working with Resource Owners/Users

Every quarter
Forest
monitoring
records
agricultural
activities in the
14 main valleys
in Pohnpei



Forest Clearing in U Watershed Area

Results/findings
are analyzed
and given to
decision makers
for action



Education/Awareness Program (1)

The Green Road Show



Education/Awareness Program (2)

Youth-to-Youth in Environmental Education and Awareness



Combining Traditional Practices with Modern Science

Process:

Community Visioning/Planning

Local Knowledge Collection & Scientific Survey

Joint MPA Design

Joint Management and Monitoring

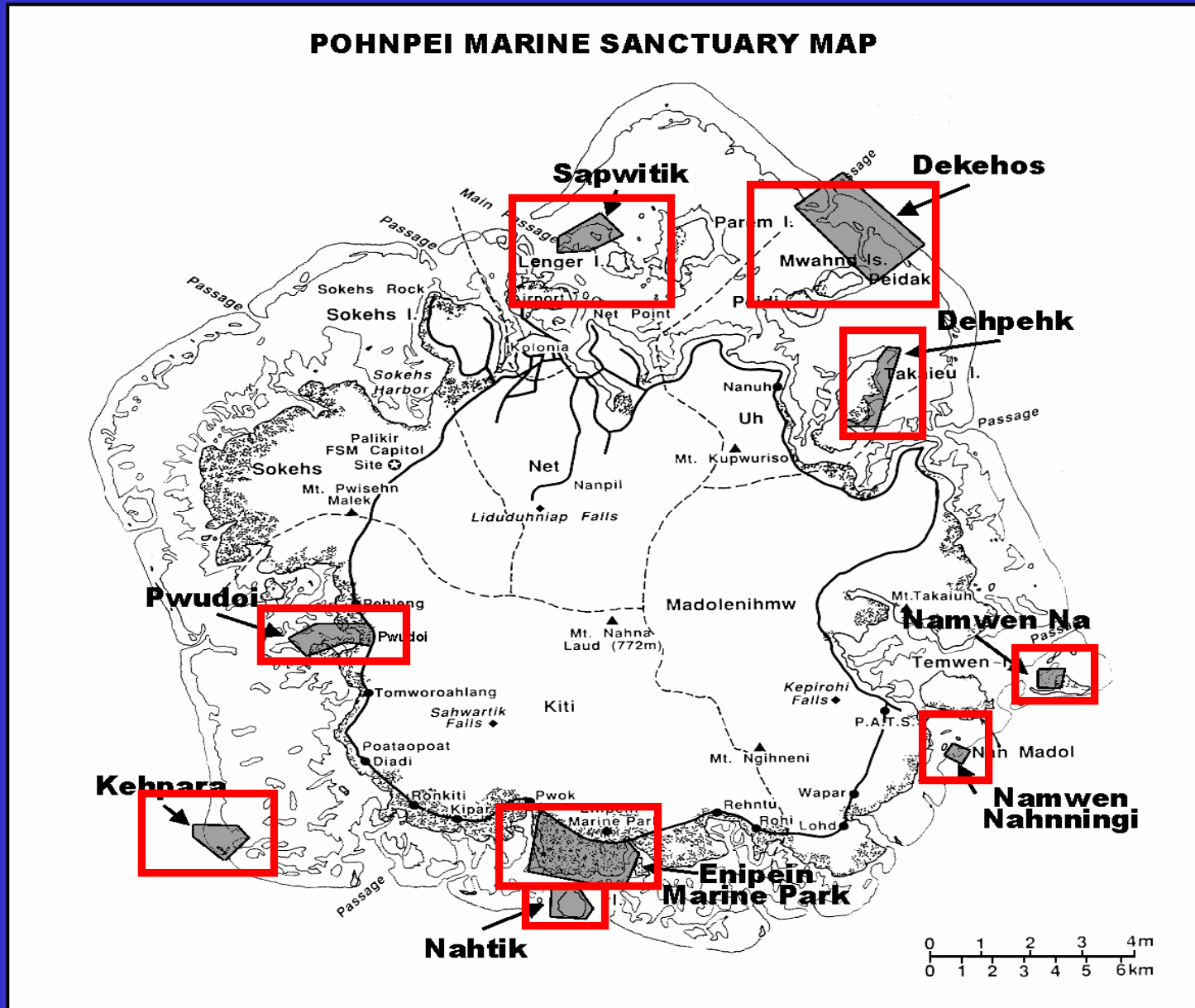
Legislation

Alternative Livelihoods

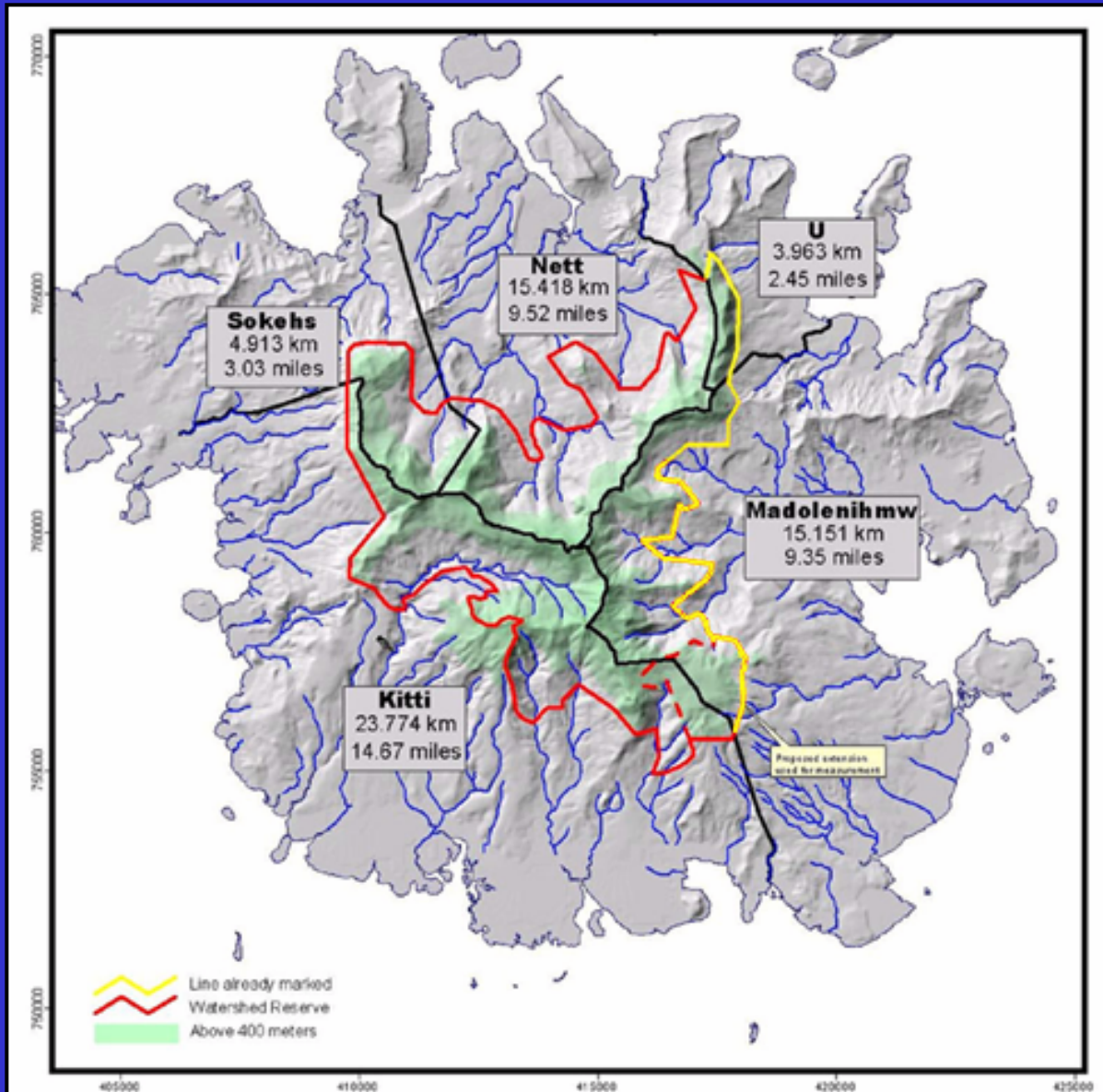
Sustainable Funding

Old Approach		Today's Approach
↓		↓
Pohnpei Office of Marine Resources (OMR) conducts marine resource survey		Approach the community to gain support for a marine protected area (MPA)
↓		↓
OMR gathers and analyses findings		Conduct joint CSP/community marine survey
↓		↓
OMR informs the Governor about findings and recommends he introduce a law to the legislature to create a reserve or sanctuary		Jointly gather and analyze information and share findings with the traditional leaders and community members
↓		↓
The law is passed		Community decides to establish a MPA
↓		↓
OMR designs the area and announces the law on the radio		Assist the community in raising funds, designing the MPA (draft rules and regulations, prepare map and mark off area with mooring buoys and markers)
↓		↓
OMR monitors and enforces the area		Assist the community to create a management system for the MPA (monitoring, enforcement, financial mechanisms)
		↓
		Build community management capacity
		↓
		Community manages MPA with assistance from CSP, state government and other partners
		↓
		Assist the community build public awareness of the MPA
		↓
		Work with state and municipal governments to enact laws protecting the MPA
		↓
		Assist the community in developing alternative sources of income
		↓
		Assist the community in monitoring the MPA to aid decision-making
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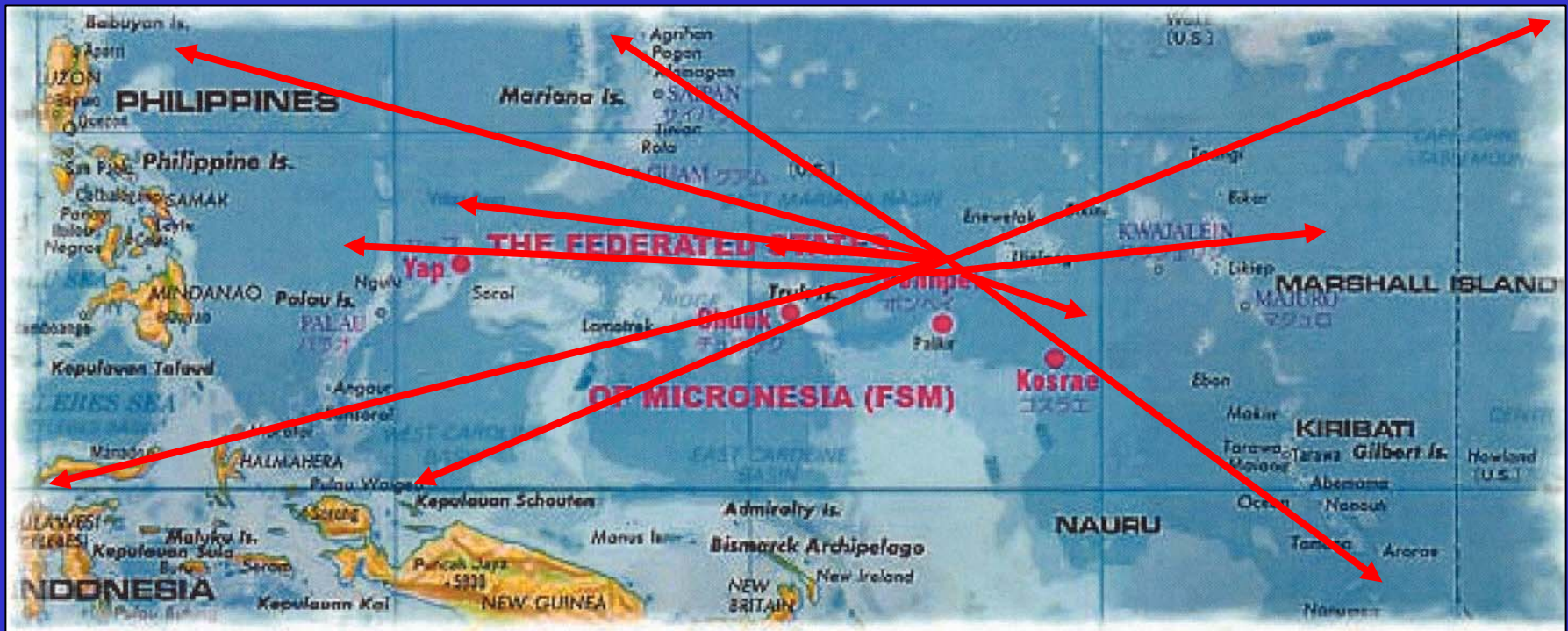
Marine Protected Area Network



Pohnpei Watershed Forest Reserve



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We love you for caring!