

Regional Capacity Building

FAS Coral and Fish Monitoring Training



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State of Coral Reef Monitoring

- Monitoring programs
 - Kosrae Fisheries
 - Pohnpei Conservation Society
 - Yap Marine Resource Division
 - College of Marshall Island
 - PICRC and other NGOs
- NOAA's *State of the Reefs Report: 2005* identified a need for building capacity



Goal

Regionally-coordinated coral reef monitoring program in Micronesia



2005 Coral Reef Monitoring Workshop

- Coral and fish taxonomy
 - classroom & field
- Reef sampling methods
- Experimental design & applications



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Participating Agencies

- Kosrae Fisheries Division - Maxwell Salik, Osamu Nedlic
- Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization - Marston Luckymis
- Pohnpei Marine Resource Division - Scotty Malakai and Pelson Moses
- Pohnpei Conservation Society - Selhino Maxin
- Yap Marine Resource Division - Joe Fanafal
- Yap EPA - Lisa Johnson
- Yap Cooperative Action Program - Vanessa Fread
- College of Marshall Islands - Kilom Ishiguro
- Palau Conservation Society - Asap Bukurrow
- Palau International Coral Reef Center - Garry Merep

Accomplishments

- Successfully trained local and state agencies in:
 - Coral reef ecology and fish biology
 - Taxonomic identification of corals and reef fish
 - Monitoring protocols and data collection
- Provided field supplies
and field guides



Accomplishments

- Draft monitoring program for each island-state
- Strengthened regional coordination



Future Activities

- FAS Regional Coordinator offers assistance on grant proposal preparation and submission
- Collect data
- Data analysis and management workshop – summer 2006
- Produce reports on the Status of Coral Reefs of Micronesia



Thank you

