



## MICRONESIA CHALLENGE CASE STUDY

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# The Micronesia Challenge- Overview

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# MPAs in Palau



- 1<sup>st</sup> MPA in Palau – Ngerukuid Preserve, established in 1956 by the National Government
  - no entry, no take, fully restricted area
- Traditional “BUL” – rotating closures of identified areas for the purpose of ensuring sustainable use of resources
- 29 MPAs at present/9 terrestrial PAs

# Protected Areas Network

- Need for a network – ecological connectivity
- PAN Act of 2003
- network of terrestrial and marine protected areas to safeguard areas of biodiversity significance, important habitats for future social, cultural, economic, and environmental stability and health
- opportunity for collaboration amongst national and state governments and communities to protect biodiversity and assist with local management of natural resources





**Ultimate PAN  
Goal:**

Effective management of natural resources **to achieve economic, cultural, environmental, and social well-being**

**Long-term  
PAN Goal:**

Establish a sustainably funded nation-wide, comprehensive and ecologically linked Protected Areas Network

**Short-term  
PAN Goal:**

Ensure funds raised for PAN reach the States and communities as efficiently as possible



# The Micronesia Challenge

- Vision –common commitment by Guam, CNMI, FSM, RMI, and Palau to place at least 30% near-shore marine and 20% of terrestrial resources across Micronesia under effective conservation by 2020 – the Micronesia Region’s contribution to achieving global targets set out in the Millennium Development Goals, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Mauritius Strategy for SIDS, and the relevant Programmes of Work of the CBD for protected areas, island biodiversity, and to the sustainable livelihoods of island communities



# How it Happened



- **2004**
  - **Countries commit to the POW on Protected Areas (COP 7)**
- **2005**
  - **Palau President launches Global Island Partnership & Financial Plan**
  - **US CRTF call to action**
  - **Micronesian leaders sign-off**
- **2006**
  - **COP 8 Global Island Partnership event & launch of the Challenge**
  - **TNC & CI pledge \$3m each**

# Rationale



- MC jurisdictions are ecologically, culturally, and politically connected
- Livelihoods are largely dependent on healthy marine and terrestrial environments
- Highlights significance of healthy resources for future of Micronesia
- Demonstrates capacity to work as a region
- Supports increasing capacity to sustainably manage resources, which demands significant financial and technical support



# Implementation

- Jurisdiction-level forging partnerships amongst Govn't agencies, NGOs and local communities; coordinated regionally through coordination office reporting to the five jurisdictions
- Each jurisdiction will develop fully ecologically representative, effectively managed and sustainably-financed systems of marine and terrestrial protected areas; officials, conservation practitioners, and community leaders will work together collectively to share experiences, tools and techniques so that MC goals are achieved
- Will work together to raise and manage sustainable funding to assure protected area systems will be maintained in perpetuity
- The region's global partners will be engaged through appropriate financial and technical support for implementation of the Challenge

# Structure of the Micronesia Challenge

**Inspiring Commitment to Collaborating towards effectively conserving 30% near-shore marine and 20% terrestrial by 2020**

International Donors and Partners

**Coordinating Office**

**Coordinate** regional activities (messages, meetings, calls)  
**“Broker”** money, people, and ideas / information

MC focal point (Fran Castro)

**CNMI**

MC focal point (Marion Henry)

**FSM**

MC focal point (Vangi Lujan)

**Guam**

MC focal point (Yousau Bells)

**Palau**

MC focal point (Yumi Cristostomo)

**RMI**

MC Support Team (TNC, CI, NOAA, SPREP, etc.)

National goals

CNMI LT Vision

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FSM LT Vision

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Guam LT Vision

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Palau LT Vision

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RMI LT Vision

# Updates

- Recent Steering Committee Meeting in Palau
- Secured funding for regional office - \$25k from each jurisdiction
- In the process of formalizing technical working groups, both marine and terrestrial
- Endowment: \$3m – TNC, \$3m – CI, \$6m – GEF totaling \$12m; possible \$6m from France and other EU Countries
- MCT restructuring to be able to house the endowment
- MC Internship Program established – two interns from each jurisdiction to assist with coordination
- Made MC presentation to APIL in June here in A. Samoa – APIL passed a resolution endorsing the MC

# Challenges

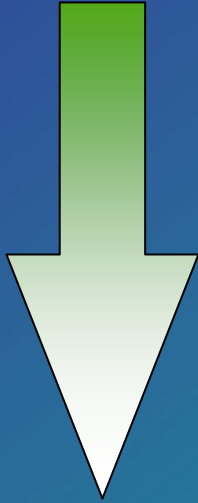
- Working together – coordinating the Challenge across the region is definitely a challenge
- In the course of strengthening regional and global partnerships, let's not forget to involve the communities who are the resource owners and managers
- Governments alone can not successfully implement the Challenge – flow of funding and capacity building has to reach the communities

Sources

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Flow



Uses



The PAN and the Micronesia Challenge are both first and foremost about:

# Collaboration!

Between:

- Communities
- Traditional Leadership
- State Governments
- National Governments
- NGOs and Global Partners
- All Micronesian people.

For the PAN and Micronesia Challenge to be successful,  
we all have to work together.

**“Conservation is rooted in Good Science.”**



- Si Yu'us Ma'ase
- Kommol Tata
- Kalahngan



- Kamagar
- Kilisou Chapur
- Kulo Mulalap



- Mesulang
- Thank you

