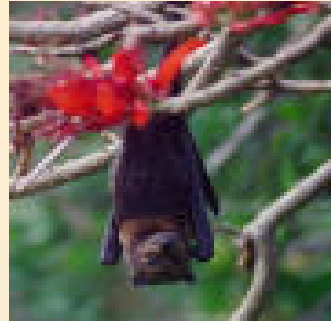


The Micronesia Challenge

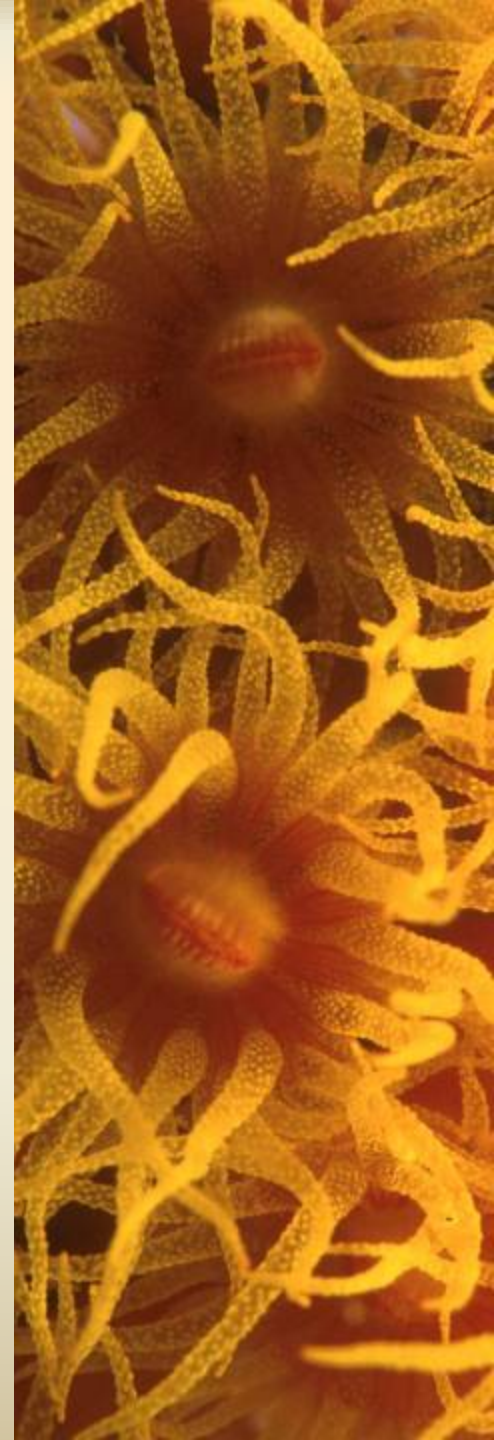


U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

Fran Castro
Vice-Chair, MC Steering Committee
August 27, 2008

Overview

- Background
- Steering Committee
- Regional Support Team
- Micronesia Conservation Trust
- Sustainable Financing Plans
- Measures Working Group
- Communications



The Micronesia Challenge



The governments of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands

Agree to effectively conserve **30%** of the near shore marine resources and **20%** of the forest resources across Micronesia by **2020**

MC Steering Committee

- Marion Henry, FSM, FP (Chair)
- Fran Castro, CNMI, FP (V-Chair)
- Youlsau Bells, Palau FP
- Vangie Lujan, Guam, FP
- Yumi Crisostomo, RMI, FP
- Bill Raynor, Chair, MC Support Team
- Willy Kostka, MCT Exec. Director



Regional Support Team

TNC - The Nature Conservancy

CI - Conservation International

MCT - Micronesia Conservation Trust

NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DOI - Office of Insular Affairs

SPREP - Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

SPC - Secretariat of the Pacific Community

USFWS - US Fish and Wildlife Service

USFS – US Forest Service

CCN - Community Conservation Network

LMMA - Locally Managed Marine Areas Network

RARE - The RARE Center for Nature Conservation

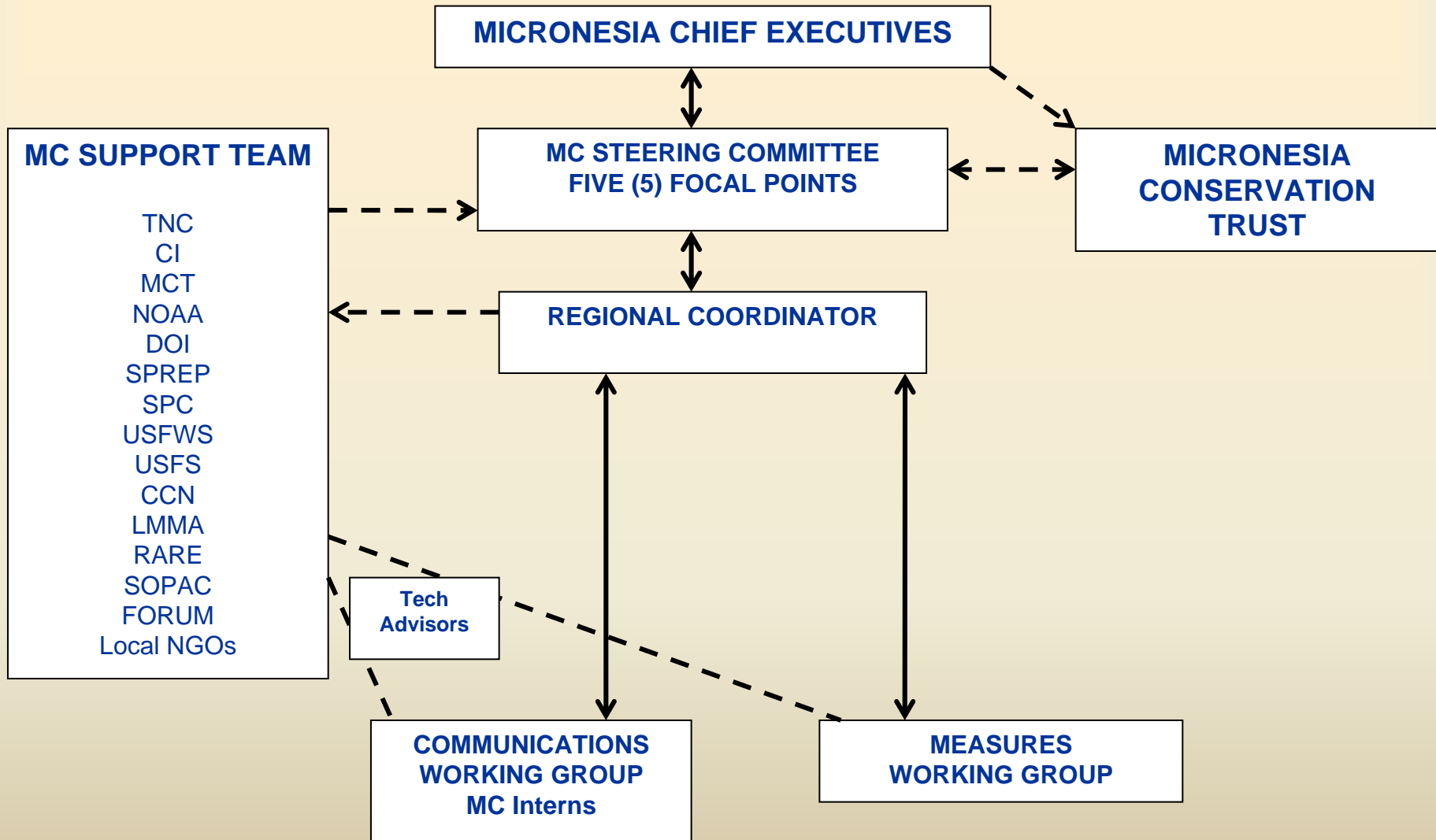
SOPAC - Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission

FORUM - Pacific Islands Forum

....And local NGOs in each jurisdiction



Regional Structure



Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT)

- Nine (9) Board Members (International/Regional)
- Investment Policy
- RFP for Investment Consultant
- Ready to accept funds
- Palau will be getting their first \$1 million match from the \$6 million TNC-CI pledge



Sustainable Financing Plans

Palau - completed

FSM – 3rd iteration

RMI – 2nd – iteration

Guam/CNMI – 1st iteration



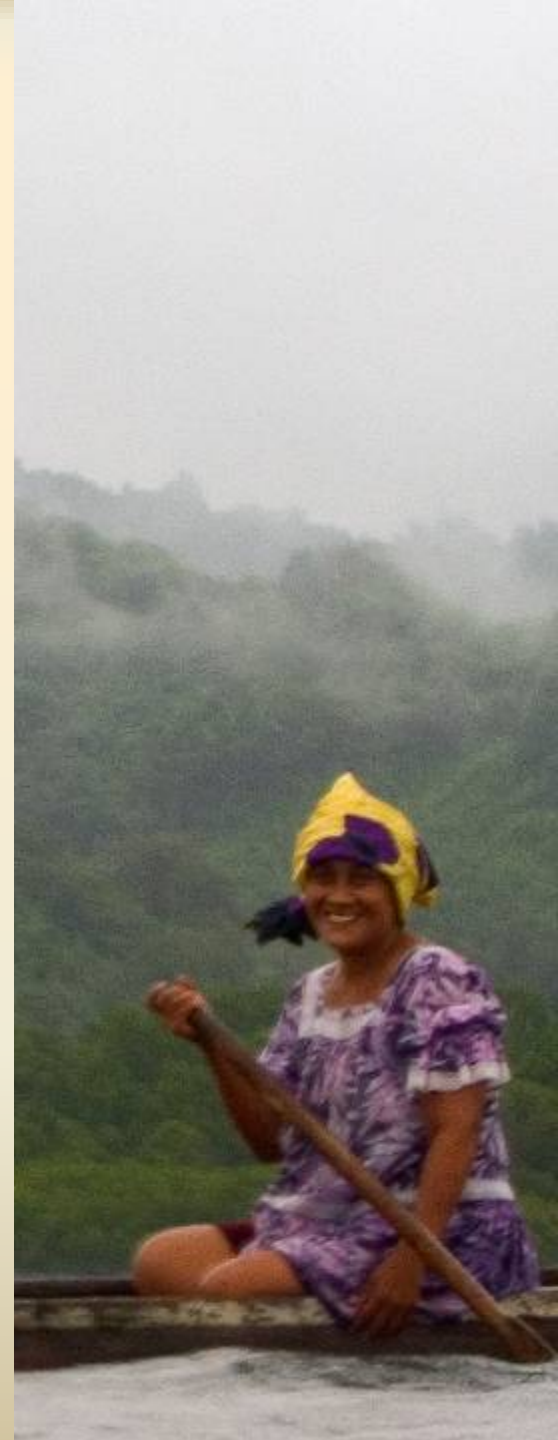
2nd Regional MC Meeting

- Workshop in June, 2008 with more than 60 participants from all 5 MC jurisdictions
- Regional Indicators Meeting
- Communications Meeting
- Steering Committee Meeting
- Co-sponsored by Govt. of FSM, TNC, with support from the Packard Foundation and DOI
- Facilitated by NOAA, Foundations of Success and Conservation International



Potential prioritized indicators for regional measurement

- 15 suggested **target** indicators (e.g. coral reef community structure)
- 4 suggested **threat** indicators (e.g. % area of habitat lost)
- 12 suggested **intermediate result** indicators (e.g. % of population receiving benefits)
- 5 suggested **process** indicators (e.g. participation)



Other Measures Outputs

- Establish MC Technical / Measures Working Group
- Explore partnerships with development/social organizations to measure human dimensions related to MC aims
- Complete MC strategic plan



Communications Outputs

- Finalization of regional MC Communications strategy
- Development of local communications plans
- Development of regional inventory of outreach materials



HOT Off the Press!

- Regional Coordinator hired:
Ms. Charlene Mersai, Palau
- Communication Consultant hired:
Mr. Jeff Martin, Pohnpei





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Kulo Mulalap
Thank you

