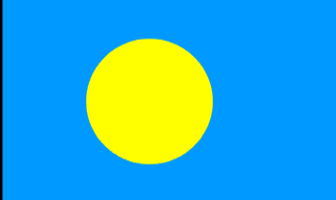




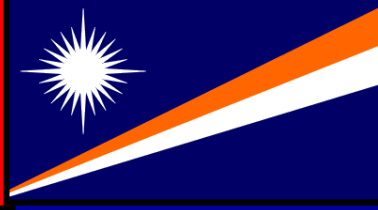
"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough."
- Mario Andretti

The Micronesia Challenge

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Vision

A shared commitment by the jurisdictions of Micronesia (CNMI, FSM, Guam, Marshall Islands and Palau) to effectively conserve at least:

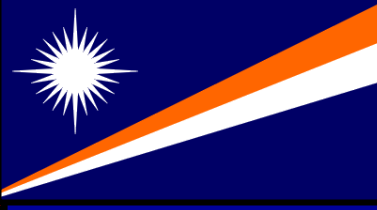


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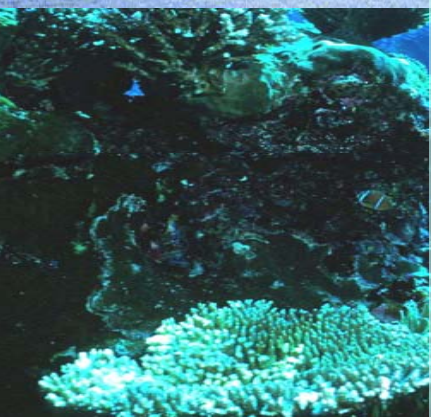


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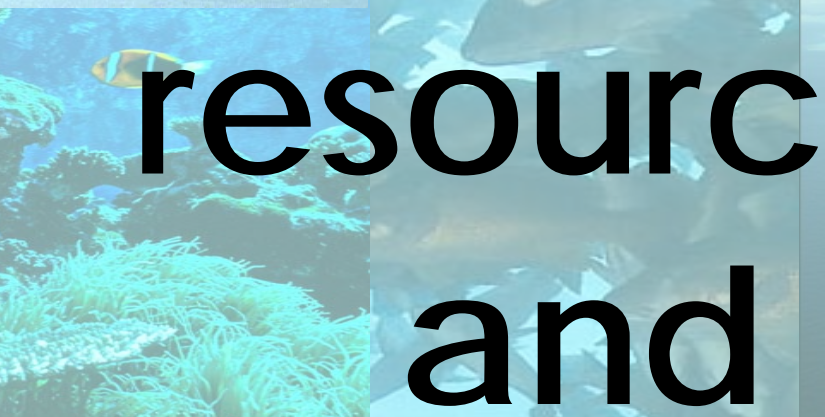


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30% of the near shore marine resources and



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**20% of the
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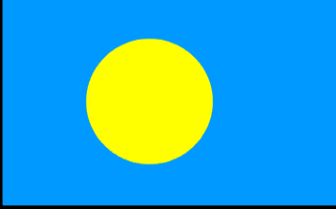


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Through Partnerships between Governments, NGOs, and Communities



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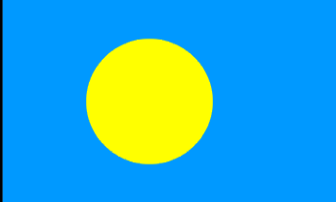
2000 – National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs : establish “no take” ecological reserves, protecting at least 20% of all US coral reefs by 2010.

2002-2004 – COP 7 POW on Protected Areas

2005 – Mauritius SIDS Conference (pledges by Palau and Fiji)

2005 – USCRTF meeting in Palau

2006 – COP 8 Curitiba High-Level Event



Update

- **Action Planning Meeting in Palau from December 4-7, 2006;**
- **High level side event at Pacific Island Forum 23-27 October;**
- **Jurisdictional meetings to prepare for the regional planning meeting;**
- **Regional support team meeting in Guam in August 2006**



**Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Kommol Tata
Kalahngan
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Thank you**