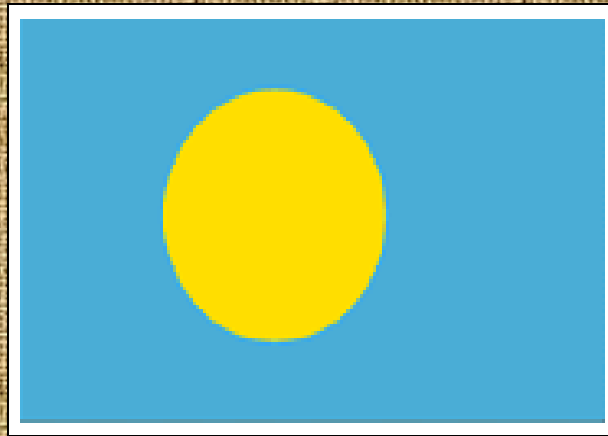


National Biodiversity Clearing House Mechanism



Palau

Ministry of Natural resources
Environment and Tourism

Palau Context

Palau and the CBD

- Palau became a signatory to the UN Convention on Biodiversity in 1998 and its national congress ratified the treaty on January 6th 1999
- 2004 Palau drafted its first NBSAP
- 2014 - Palau completes revised NBSAP – policy document completed October 2014 – final edits and supporting documents completed end of March 2015



The Republic of Palau
Revised National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
2015-2025
Promoting Wise Development to Achieve Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity

Strategic policy interventions to promote long-term cultural, economic and environmental sustainability through protection of biodiversity



Prepared For:
Office of Environmental Response and Coordination
Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism
National Government of the Republic of Palau
October 2014

National clearing-house mechanisms provide effective information services to facilitate the implementation of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans. (CBD)

Making the case for a CHM for Palau



2.1 Guiding Principles (Palau NBSAP 2015) -10 guiding principles

The revised NBSAP policy strategies are intended to Promote changes that will improve conservation and Sustainable use of biodiversity and genetic resources. The following principles guided Development of policy strategies:

8. Management of biodiversity will be most effective when policies are aligned across Sectors and implementation is coordinated across agencies in order to maximize Benefits and leverage successes;

9. Effective management of biodiversity will require better monitoring and information management which will include adopting new technologies and best practices

Current Situation



- A lot of effort to collect and archive biodiversity information across the environment and conservation sector,
- Coordination of these efforts still in beginning stage
- Palau's major environmental initiatives mandated to maintain information/data systems

- Palau Protected Areas Network
- Palau National Marine Sanctuary
- Palau National Bird Program



Parallel planning process –
GEF funded initiative – Mainstreaming global environmental priorities into national policies and programs.

We want Palau's Clearing House mechanism to be more than just a portal for accessing information. It includes:

**A network of practitioners –
Palau Conservation Consortium**



Citizen Science groups – engaged and passionate amateurs- bird watchers

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1 Little Pied Cormorant	8	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
2 Intermediate Egret	4	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
3 Little Egret	4	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
4 Pacific Reef-Heron	2	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
5 Cattle Egret	2	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
6 Rufous Night-Heron	6	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
7 Buff-banded Rail	1	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
8 Palau Fruit-Dove	11	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
9 Collared Kingfisher	3	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen
10 Palau Bush-Warbler	4	6 Jun 2016	Alan Olsen

Every bird counts. Be a part of it.

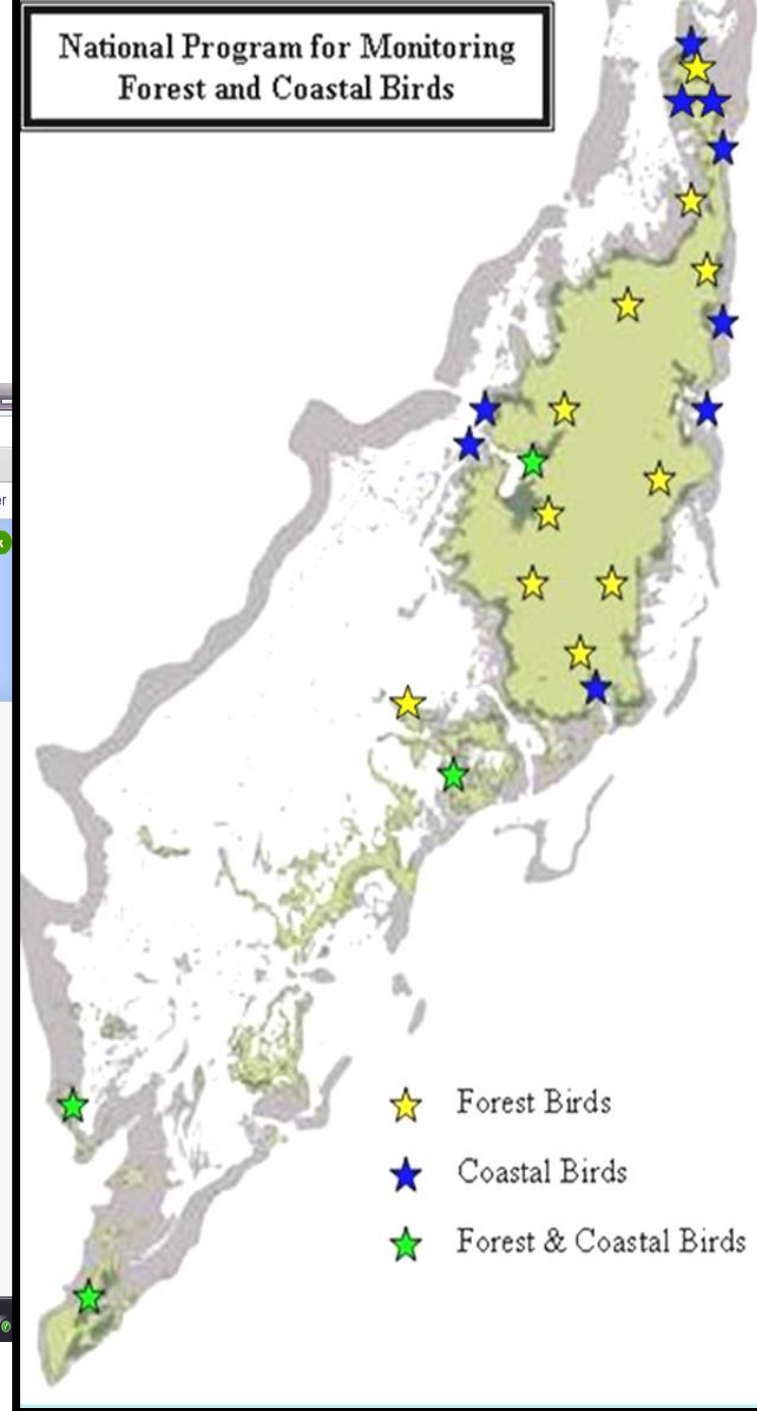
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Alan Olsen	6 Jun 2016	7
Alan Olsen	6 Jun 2016	4
Alan Olsen	4 Jun 2016	14

National Program for Monitoring Forest and Coastal Birds



Institutions and scientists making science accessible to the conservation /environment sector and the general public..

Palau International Coral Reef Center 's – After Dark Lecture Series.





After Dark Lecture Series at Palau Aquarium

Guest Lecturer: Mr. John G. Swogger (Freelance archaeological illustrator)

Topic: Using Comics to Communicate Archaeology and Science in the Rock Islands

When: Thursday, August 27, 2015
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Place: PICRC Kedarm Conference Room

\$ 2.00 Admission includes free Aquarium tour
Happy Hour: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Palau Aquarium is located at Palau International Coral Reef Center, from the main road take M-Dock road (next to Court House) and continue straight to the end. Call 488-6950 for further information

Aquarium After Dark Lecture Series at

Lecture Series at



Guest Lecturer: Dr. Christopher Doropoulos

Topic: From larvae to reefs: the adventures of a coral larvae

Thurs, June 27th at 7 pm.

Happy Hour from 6-7 pm

\$ 2.00 Admission includes aquarium access

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After Dark Lecture Series at Palau Aquarium

Guest Lecturer: Professor Stephen Monismith (Stanford University)

Topic: The Physical Environment of Coral Reefs: Why and how flow matters

When: Wednesday, July 08, 2015
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

\$ 2.00 Admission includes free Aquarium tour
Happy Hour: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Place: PICRC Kedarm Conference Room

Aquarium After Dark Lecture Series



Sharks - Fear, Fascination & Facts

Guest Lecturer: Martin Gritsch

Wednesday, Jan 29th 2014 at 7 pm

\$2 Admission includes free aquarium tour.
Happy Hour from 6 - 7 pm

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After Dark Lecture Series at

Palau Aquarium

Guest Lecturer: Dr. Alyssa Marshall

Topic: Keeping your backyard free from weeds - how Masech and other grazing fishes keep Palau's coral reef healthy

When: Wednesday, August 27, 2014
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Place: PICRC Kedarm Conference Room

\$ 2.00 Admission includes free Aquarium tour
Happy Hour: 6:00pm-7:00pm



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After Dark Lecture Series

Dr. Patrick L. Colin

"The Lost Worlds of Palau"

Thursday, February 12, 2015 Lecture begins @ 7pm

Aquarium After Dark

Lecture Series at
Palau Aquarium

Guest Lecturer: Tova Bornovski
Topic: Sharks
Thurs, July 25th at 7 pm.



Happy Hour from
6-7 pm.
\$2 admission includes
night-time aquarium access.

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To get there, take M-dock Road
for more information

Aquarium After Dark

Lecture Series at
Palau Aquarium

Guest Lecturer: Mandy Etpison
Topic: Manta Rays
Wednesday, June 5th at 7 pm.



AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES



TOPIC: SEAGRASS -THEIR IMPORTANCE
TO OUR COMMUNITY

SPEAKER: Dr. Ann Kitalong, The Environment INC.

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2016

TIME: 7 PM (Happy hour at 6 PM)

PLACE: Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

\$2.00 PER PERSON WITH FREE ADMISSION TO THE AQUARIUM

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Our Vision for Palau's CHM today and into the future..

Palau effectively implements its NBSAP based on informed decision making brought about in part through it's CHM.



We need

- **a transparent and rational process to guide CHM development**
- **This process should allow us to pull together all the bits and pieces that is our collective biodiversity information and house them in one place in a meaningful and accessible way**
- **It needs to be institutionalized in our practices, our organizational charts, our budgets, and in our SOPs**



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