



Reviving Traditional Croplands to Improve Community Climate Resilience, Palau



Description

Objectives

Strengthen community and ecosystem resilience to climate change by reviving traditional landscapes and associated ecological knowledge to increase food, environmental, and economic **security** of communities.

Project Summary

Palauans rely heavily on ecosystem goods and services for their livelihoods and cultural practices. Extreme weather events linked to a changing climate have caused major damage to ecosystems, such as coral bleaching and saltwater intrusion. Poor agricultural practices have further worsened these problems.

This project works to revive traditional croplands and promote sustainable watershed management in order to increase the food, environmental, and economic **security** of rural communities in Babeldaob, the largest island in Palau. The Palau Conservation Society will partner with communities and the government in restoring neglected taro patches. Taro cultivation utilizes traditional soil conservation practices, including mulching and planting vegetation around farm boundaries, which helps control erosion and sedimentation. Functioning taro patches will not only benefit the ecosystem, they will also provide a readily available source of taro for consumption, ceremonial gift exchanges and other social obligations, and sale in local markets.

The project will also build the capacities of local and state governments to manage their watersheds, with a focus on **storm water**. Lastly, improved understanding of **climate change** across all local sectors will strengthen adaptive capacity and enhance community and ecosystem resilience in Palau.

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Project Status

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Duration 23 months

Project Type [Capacity Building](#)
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Total Funding 243,818

Donor Currency USD

Community

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