# Palau Protected Areas Network Fund



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# Enabling Legislation (RPPL No. 7-42)

- Signed May 08, 2008
- Established PAN Fund as Registered Non-Profit Trustee Corporation (for the Protected Areas Network)
  - To <u>administer</u>, <u>manage</u>, <u>invest</u> and <u>disburse</u> funding from all sources, including Micronesia Conservation Trust, to operate the PAN Office, State PAN Sites and PAN related responsibilities.
  - To operate independently and free from government influence and perpetual in existence.
  - To have a Board of Directors in charge with receiving and managing funds generated or received through all sources.



# **Composition of the Board of Directors**

Kevin Chin, Chair	Mingrang Kloulechad, Vice-Chair
Brengyei Katosang, Treasurer	Tutii Chilton, Secretary
Min. Elbuchel Sadang, Ex-Officio	Min. F. Umiich Sengebau, Ex-Officio
Steven Victor-TNC Rep.	Sue Taei-CI Rep.
Ngiratmetuchel R. Belechl, Member	

- Three Years Staggered Terms
- Majority or > 50% from Private Entities
- Majority or > 50% Palauan's
- Expertise in conservation planning, science, and management; community-based and driven conservation; financial management, expertise in private or non-profit sector and business community; project management, development, and operations.



# Vision & Mission

## Vision:

A Palau-wide network of protected areas enhancing the lives and livelihoods of our people and the environmental integrity of our islands.

### • Mission:

To efficiently and equitably provide funding to the Protected Areas Network, and its associated activities, through strategic actions and medium-to-long-term financial support that will advance effective management and conservation of Palau's natural and cultural resources.

# PAN Strategic Plan

#### MISSION

Protect Palau's natural and cultural resources ensuring that examples of the full range of biodiversity are preserved in protected areas across the country. And that the unique natural beauty and precious resources for which Palau is internationally recognized will not be lost or destroyed.



#### Governance

The Palau PAN is aligned and transparent and there is accountability at all levels of governance.

#### Capacity

The PAN system is operating under effective and efficient management.

#### Community engagement and communication

The PAN is valued and supported at all levels of stakeholders and communities.

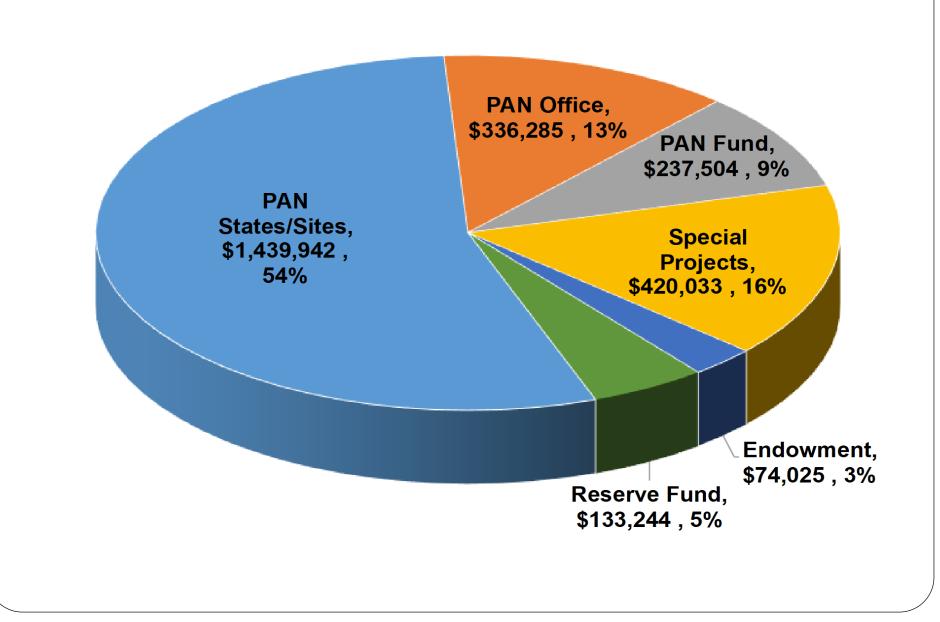
The PAN is sustainably financed and responsive to changes affecting the network.

# PAN & the Sustainable Development Goals



# **Funding the Protected Areas Network**

- Green Fee-Averaging \$1.5 million to \$2 million/year
- Palau MC Endowment Fund \$10 million with average earnings of \$450K to \$500K per year.
- Site-Based Sustainable Financing Programs (i.e. ecotourism) In progress.



# Lessons Learned

# Non-Governmental Organization Status

- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Self-appointing Board of Directors

# Budgeting based on actual collections

 Using collections from current year to fund subsequent years operations

## System wide network

 Promote sustainable financing along with conservation management approach

# Site-based sustainable financing

 $\checkmark$  Critical to the overall sustainable financing for PAN.

# Protected Areas Network 15<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Milestones

## ✤ 94 Jobs Supported

- 90% PAN Member State; 5% National Government; 5 Non-Profit Organization positions
- 58% Rangers/Conservation Officers
- 18% management
- Achieved Micronesia Challenge commitment to effectively conserve 30% near shore marine
  - Total of 35 PAN Sites registered (465 square miles of protected areas with 41% near shore marine and 10% terrestrial protected areas.

#### Increasing Financial sustainability

• Achieved MC Endowment goals of \$10 million with annual return of 5%.

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- PAN Member States
- Audit reports
- Annual Reports

