



# Marshall Islands



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2011 Final</b>
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	15,000
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0
Forest Legacy	0
Forest Stewardship	10,000
State Fire Assistance	0
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	0
Urban and Community Forestry	15,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	0
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>

*This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.*

The recent State wide Assessment and Resource Strategy (SWARS) for the Republic of the Marshall Islands identified four broad key priority Issues under the big great umbrella of climate change and sea level rise for Marshall Islands Forestry: 1) Biodiversity 2) Food Security and Sustainable Livelihood 3) Coastal Reinforcement 4) Urbanization.

- Prepare and implement Marshall Islands Invasive Species task force strategies and action plan
- Forest/agro-forestry pest and diseases implement eradication and control programs, response plans, bio-control monitoring and surveillance
- Public education re quarantine
- Urban home gardens - survey on basic gardening needs, increase soil fertility and promote tree planting
- Research on possible medicinal plants to grow
- Organize, educate and build capacity in communities
- Map more detail forest ecosystem types and conservation values on additional atolls
- Rejuvenate traditional crops and promote drought tolerant varieties of indigenous food crops
- Protection of special "reserves" conservation areas and traditional land use
- Promote and increase production of agro-forestry including high value market crops
- Educate community as with "Bob" Pandanus Festival
- Coconut "Tree of Life" development (rehabilitation and re-plantation)
- Protection of coastal areas- replanting of salt tolerant vegetation

### Key Issues:

- Biodiversity
- Food Security and Sustainable livelihood
- Coastal Reinforcement
- Urbanization

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2011 Accomplishments	
Population	67,182	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	209
Acres of Forest Land	32,124	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	0
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	0	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	0
Number of NIPF Landowners	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	0	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Cities and Towns	33	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	1
Forest Based Employment	0	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	19,664
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	0	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	2,048
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	0		

## Program Highlights:

### *Forest Health Protection*

Forest Health: This year were very successful in identifying two new invasive species on Majuro, Marshall Islands. A moth/caterpillar and a new weed (Mimosa pudica) the moth was successfully eradicated completely and the weed is down to 15%. With the help of our Quarantine officers we were able to re visit the sites and do some follow up on the weed to be completely eradicated. It is anticipated that the weed will be eradicated in 4 months

### *Forest Stewardship*

Forest Stewardship: This year as we usually do in the Marshall Islands, we were very successful in two of the many activities we did here in RMI. The First one is the Annual ("Bob") Festival which brought more 1000 people from many communities to get cuttings of this famous and useful fruit tree for planting in respective lands, learn how to do compost, see cooking demonstrations and of course sell their forestry products. ( This addresses the RMI Statewide Assessment Issue No. 2 Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods) A great and successful "Bob"-Pandanus Festival

*Urban and Community Forestry*

Urban and Community Forestry: As stated in the Statewide Resource Assessment, we were able to do the usual propagation and distribution of more than 2,000 trees to 10 communities for coastal replanting to address the issue of climate change and sea level rise. Through our partnership with Marshall Island Conservation Society we were able to linked up with 3 other Outer islands communities and established working groups to continue coastal replanting to protect coastline and to mitigate sea level rise and fruit trees for subsistence farming.

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