



Palau



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Program	FY 2011 Final
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	50,000
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0
Forest Legacy	0
Forest Stewardship	35,000
State Fire Assistance	67,700
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	22,300
Urban and Community Forestry	65,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	0
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	0
Total	240,000

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

Palau's Forest Action Plan identifies seven primary issues that are the priority working areas for Palau Forestry. 1)Climate Change 2)Population Growth and Urbanization 3)Water Quality and Quantity 4)Wildfire Prevention 5)Conservation and Protection 6)Sustainable Use of Forest Resources 7)Urban Forest Sustainability

- Issue 1 -Stabilize slopes and reforest priority landscape areas -Restore vegetation to stabilize coastlines within 10m of high tide mark. -Protect Littoral forests and mangroves. -
- Issue 2 -Develop and implement land use plans and build capacity for land use planning. -Increase native tree propagation and planting on private and public lands.
- Issue 3 -Inventory current land use and correlate with water quality and quantity. -Buffer initiative for each State. -Build capacity within communities to produce watershed management plan. -Establish buffer zones.
- Issue 4 -Develop and implement monitoring methods to determine baseline and ongoing levels of burning. -Conduct ongoing education campaigns to educate residents about existing legislation and effects of burning. -Develop and implement community-based fire response and suppression plans with training in fire response and suppression. -Develop and implement a fire hazard reduction program.
- Issue 5 -Protect the integrity of our ecosystem. -Over the next five years control and if possible eradicate Palau's top priority invasive plants and build capacity on management of priority landscapes.
- Issue 6 -Develop and Implement a national policy framework and best practices for forests as guidance for States and raise awareness about the value of forests. -Develop sustainable forests sources of livelihood through specific programs and capacity building.
- Issue 7 -Enhance and organize planting of trees to foster self-reliant communities.

-Develop forest-based sources of livelihoods. -Gather and share information and assist communities to raise awareness of the value of trees and forests. -Promote the connection between trees and our culture.

Key Issues:

- With limited financial support from our local budget and limited staff capacity we are making every effort to integrate our S&PF and local programs so that we can maximize our efforts to reach our goals.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2011 Accomplishments	
Population	20,956	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	30
Acres of Forest Land	98,842	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)	10
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	16	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	0
Forest Based Employment	0	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	0
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	0	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	2,000
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	213,619		

Program Highlights:

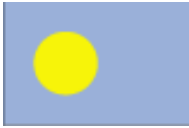
Forest Health Protection

We have been successful in getting assistance from the community to help our two-man forest health protection team combat our top priority invasive plants. The community play a very large role and we hope to continue to seek the communities' help.

Urban and Community Forestry

This year we had a total of 6 community projects that had a great turn out. We had a mixture of men's groups, women's groups, and youth groups that applied. Hopefully in the coming years our UCF program funding will increase to accommodate the increase of communities that have shown interest in applying for UCF funding.

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