

# Chuuk State, FSM Enforcement Workshop October 29- November 02, 2017

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## **Executive Summary**

In Chuuk State of the Federated States of Micronesia PIMPAC, TNC and Rare Micronesia combined resources and efforts to increase enforcement capacity from October 29 to November 02, 2017. Mr. Wayne Andrew and Angel Jonathan as PIMPAC Regional Mentors coordinated with Mr. Michael Guilbeaux with Rare Micronesia an enforcement workshop that included planning and basic enforcement skill refresher that was held on Parem Island. This workshop included representatives from four communities (Uman, Faichuuk, Fefen, and Parem). A total of 23 participants from the four communities who were either municipal police officers or community conservation officers whom are volunteers were trained. The training covered topics includes: developing Enforcement Standard Operating Procedures for communities, refresher skills on collecting field notes, logbook system and report writing, effective communications with partners and chain of command within teams, safe and tactical vessel boarding with safety mindset. The training also resulted in the completion of a draft enforcement operating procedures for sites to review improve and adopt, and draft assessment of training and equipment needs. The most note worthy accomplishment was the establishment of a network between all participants of the workshop declared in a statement signed by all members to maintain their effort to working together to share and learn from one another to accelerate their success in increasing enforcement capacity. All these efforts was led by our local partners including trainer from Marine Resources Mr. Chimres Teresio who was a who recently completed the Conservation Academy at the Guam Community College sponsored by PIMPAC and MCT. Chuuk Conservation Society provided much of leadership and coordination of the logistics, including local knowledge and translation to make the training effective.

## **Background**

The Pacific Islands Marine Protected Area Community (PIMPAC) began in 2005 as a pilot program to identify and address the unique set of challenges faced by Marine Protected Area (MPA) managers in the region. These challenges include limitations in human and financial resources, isolation from one another restricting the ability of managers to learn from and apply approaches that have been successful elsewhere, and building on traditional management approaches while adapting to modern technology and practices. PIMPAC was designed to address these challenges and support an on-going capacity development framework for site based conservation practitioners to gain skills, learn from one another, and share resources; ultimately to improve site based management effectiveness. PIMPAC did not develop it's own conservation goals, rather aimed to support local and regional conservation initiatives including the following.

- **Micronesia Challenge:** In 2006, Micronesian leaders from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands committed to “effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020”. This, known as the Micronesia Challenge (MC), is a regionally led conservation initiative that provided a conservation target that PIMPAC could aim to support through capacity development.
- **Aloha + Challenge, and Sustainable Hawaii Initiative:** In Hawaii, government leaders in combination with community partners set ambitious goals through the Aloha + Challenge, and Sustainable Hawaii

Initiative that include goals such as “effectively manage 30% of near shore ocean waters by 2030” and “protect 30% of priority watersheds by 2030”.

Rare Micronesia conducted a ridge to reef campaign in Chuuk State with Parem Island Municipality as their site since 2012. Over the years, they have noticed some change in behavior but needed more support to increase enforcement capacity. The Nature Conservancy in the last couple of years have been working with the Onei community in Chuuk to develop the first municipal wide fisheries management plan and also have noted barriers that will need to be addressed into the future as the community moves forward to implement their plan. These efforts were recognized by PIMPAC as a good way in synergizing efforts and increasing support for these sites to move them to become model sites in Chuuk that other sites could learn from. Mr. Wayne Andrew and Angel Jonathan working as Regional Mentors coordinated approval and support from PIMPAC to join forces with these regional partners and local partners such Chuuk Conservation Society and Marine Resources to implement a workshop and meetings aimed at increasing resource management capacity in Chuuk State of the FSM. The workshop and meetings was planned and conducted from October 29 to November 02, 2017.

### **Day One (Sunday October 29, 2017)**

The facilitation Team met on Sunday to review and finalized the workshop agenda and to agree on roles and responsibilities and outcomes to achieve at the end of the workshops and meetings. The team outline the schedule for the week to include: Monday- securing supplies and materials for enforcement workshop and meeting with local partners to ensure smooth coordination and support, Tuesday- First day of compliance and enforcement refresher workshop on Parem Island, Wednesday- Final day of the two day workshop on compliance and enforcement, Thursday- Meeting with Onei community and The Nature Conservancy.

### **Day Two (Monday October 30, 2017)**

The team met with Chuuk Conservation Society and Marine Resources to review plans for the week and secured equipments and supplies. They agreed to work with Officer Mr. Chimres Teresio from Marine Resources to help lead the enforcement training pertaining to logbooks, evidence gathering and processing, field notes, report writing, communications, safety mindset and tactical vessel boarding. Mr. Teresio recently completed the course on conservation law enforcement academy at the Guam Community College supported by MCT and PIMPAC. This is the first fruits of the concept of training regional officers with GCC with the hope of using their skill back in their home jurisdiction to increase enforcement capacity. Chuuk Conservation Society assigned Mr. Benedict as the local lead and acting as translator and facilitator for the team in the community.

### **Day Three (Tuesday October 31, 2017)**

The travel out to Parem in the morning of day one to conduct the training. The day was welcomed with morning prayer and greetings to the community leaders, elders and member present from Parem and to all the participants from the neighboring communities. Mr. Wayne Andrew and Michael Guilbeaux lead the overview of training, importance of effective enforcement. Then Mr. Andrew facilitated group discussions on the do's and don'ts of each level of enforcement and compliance. This discussion resulted in the first draft of document that will be adopted by each Mayor to help guide his team to ensure collection of correct information, proper safety measures, coordination of support between sites and government agencies (see attached draft Appendix 1). The team proceeded to watch video on Helen Reef.



#### **Day Four (Wednesday November 01, 2017)**

On the second day of the training Mr. Jonathan facilitate a recap of day 1 and proceeded by Mr. Teresio wrapping up discussion on report writing, logbook, evidence collection, and field notes. Mr. Jonathan then facilitated the discussion on training needs and equipment needs. Participants were able to complete a list and share it with CCS and Marine Resources. The team completed a draft incident report form that was presented to the participants (see appendix 2).

In the afternoon, Mr. Teresio completed a vessel boarding and tactics including water scenario on vessel boarding and tactics taking participants in groups and explaining their roles, safety, and tactic. At the end of the scenario, each participant reviewed their field notes and using their field notes completed draft reports and logbook entries. At the end of the training, Mr. Andrew facilitated a discussion on networking with Michael Guilbeaux introducing a document to signify their intention to form a network. All the participants were in agreement and proceeded to sign the document signifying their intention to form a network (see attachment 3). The training was concluded by closing remark from CCS, Marine Resources, PIMPAC and Rare with certificates presented to each participant through the Deputy Mayor of Parem Mr. Francis Francis.



**Participants getting briefed for vessel boarding and taking off on vessel boarding scenario.**

#### **Day Five (Thursday November 02, 2017)**

The team met with The Nature Conservancy and the leadership of Onei Community. At this meeting the Team presented the results of recent compliance and enforcement training on Parem Island and allow the community leaders to as questions. The team also to the time to share the importance of effective enforcement where Mr. Andrew share lessons from the Helen Reef case study and highlighting lessons learnt. The community leaders where very

moved and inspired by the Helen Reef Conservation Program story that they asked if TNC could support Mr. Andrew's follow up visit to help their Municipal Officers and community conservation volunteers set up their community program and train them in compliance and enforcement. The team agreed that this will be best done once all the regulations are completed. A schedule of next steps and follow up visit was developed. TNC is looking to support Mr. Andrew to do a follow up visit with the Onei community in the first quarter of 2018.

### **Outcomes**

1. A total of 23 municipal officers and community conservation volunteers from 4 communities completed a two day compliance and enforcement training.
2. A draft enforcement operating procedures for communities was drafted and presented to the communities.
3. List of training and equipment needs was developed for the sites that participated.
4. A network of officers to work together, to share and learn from one another to increase enforcement capacity was established.
5. A meeting with Onei community to inspire and motivate them to moving forward on the implementation of their management plan with commitment of support from local and regional partners to support their efforts conducted.

### **Next Steps**

1. List of training and equipment needs provided to CCS and Marine Resources to secure support through other sources such as the GEF Ridge to Reef effort and through local support from State and Municipal Governments.
2. PIMPAC to coordinate a follow up support for CCS and Marine Resources to help develop appropriate syllabuses for community capacity building and to help staff such as Mr. Chimres Teresio with effective delivery of trainings.
3. TNC to work with Onei community and PIMPAC mentors to complete a follow up training aimed at increasing their enforcement effectiveness.
4. PIMPAC to plan follow up support to Chuuk partners and sites to keep the momentum going.

## APPENDIX 1

### Chuuk State Marine Resource Compliance and Enforcement and Community Guidelines :October 2017

**(name of community/government agency)**

	<b>Can do / Should do</b>	<b>Can not do / Shouldn't do</b>
<b>Community / Resource Owners</b>  <hr/> Village Chief  <hr/> Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach suspected violators carefully, while keeping a safe distance.</li> <li>• Speak calmly and clearly, and respectfully to suspected violators and public</li> <li>• Advise suspected violators that they are violating the law, regulation or ordinance.</li> <li>• Report first to Village Chief, and then to the Municipal Government office of the incident.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physically contact the suspected violator</li> <li>• Violate the rules themselves</li> </ul>
<b>Municipal Governments</b>  <hr/> Mayor  <hr/> Contact  <hr/> Chief of Police  <hr/> Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and align municipal-level MPA and fisheries ordinances with State laws and policy</li> <li>• Assist in patrolling marine areas, including MPAs</li> <li>• Arrest suspected violators, process with the proper documentation, then pass on to State</li> <li>• Provide resources to its police and community for surveillance and enforcement of marine laws when possible (financial and equipment)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain inactive when there is support it can provide</li> </ul>
<b>Chuuk State Government</b>  <hr/> Chuuk Marine Resource  <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be strong and responsible</li> <li>• Be Responsive and accountable to other levels (national, municipal and community)</li> <li>• Enforce existing laws</li> <li>• Work according to State SOPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

<p>Contact</p> <hr/> <p>State Police</p> <hr/> <p>Contact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help clarify and educate the public on resource laws and policy</li> </ul>	
<p><b>FSM National Government</b></p> <hr/> <p>National Patrol Boat</p> <hr/> <p>Contact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide assistance and resources from all available sources to State so that the State can do better work and assist municipal governments, communities and resource owners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

**APPENDIX 2**

**Filling out the Incident Report**

Fill out all the necessary fields of the Incident Report Form. Make sure you understand your Program’s system for obtaining Record Numbers and write the correct Record No. in the space provided. Remember to sign and date the form.

When writing your report, you should condense the 5 elements of information (Who, What, Where, When, How) into one paragraph. If you have a lot to report, two paragraphs are okay. Make sure to include the complete sequence of events from the incident, up until and including your writing of the Incident Report itself. (This is shown in the last sentence of the sample IR below.)An IR should be written and ready to be presented during the next morning's briefing.

**Sample Incident Report Form**



Incident Report Forms can vary in their number of fields, but at minimum should include all the fields from the sample below. (For a more detailed sample of an IR form, see Appendix. Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Incident Report.)

**State Enforcement Program**

**Incident Report Form**

<b>Record No:</b>	<b>Location of Incident or Event:</b>
<b>Incident Date:</b>	<b>Name of Reporting Officer:</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Name and Contact of Witnesses and/or attending Officers:</b>
<b>Report:</b>	

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

### APPENDIX 3

#### Pledge of Commitment

We, the participants of the first two-day training in **Basic Conservation Compliance and Enforcement in Chuuk State** held on 31 of October and 1 of November 2017 on Parem Island, recognize the value of coming together, exchanging experiences and advice with one another on how to improve and sustainably manage our natural resources within Chuuk.

We hereby commit and humbly pledge to sharing with, learning from, and helping each other as we work together to better manage our natural resources.

Signed here by us the following, on this day the first of November 2017:

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