

# Pohnpei State Community Engagement for Nanwap

## February 3-11, 2020

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### Background

The Pacific Islands and Protected Areas Community (PIMPAC) continues to support increasing the effectiveness of ecosystem based management in Micronesia through training of trainers and resource management plans update in Pohnpei State. In October 2019, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei requested assistance from PIMPAC to help set up and train a local team of conservation practitioners to serve as trainers for Surveillance and Enforcement topics in Pohnpei. The envisioned team will also be tasked with the responsibility to increase coordination and cooperation between key parties in surveillance and enforcement on Pohnpei to include representatives from State Division of Fish and Wildlife, Municipal Police, Community Conservation Officers, and Conservation Society of Pohnpei. The training was conducted with selected participants who formed the Pohnpei Surveillance and Enforcement Trainers (P-SET) and were trained in enforcement topics including classroom theory and practical exercises. The P-SET Team conduct three trainings with U, Kitti, and Sokehs Municipalities.

As a follow up to this training, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei requested a follow up assistance from PIMPAC for Mr. Wayne Andrew, PIMPAC Regional Mentor to conduct a follow up training to support Pohnpei State group of Surveillance and Enforcement Trainers and advance trainings for community partners in remote Marine Protected Areas on Pohnpei including Ant and Pakin. Below is the list of the training objectives:

1. Strengthen the recently formed Pohnpei State Conservation and Law Enforcement Training Team to better their skills and knowledge to be instructors by:
  - a. Facilitate review of training materials in the Training Binder and continue to improve and update. (Translate into local language, develop video materials, collate all municipal, state and national, laws, regulations, etc., document experiences and lessons learned.
  - b. Develop an enforcement evaluation tool appropriate for PNI communities.
  - c. Identify areas of expertise for each Team member and support development of training area/topic based on skills and experience.
  - d. Develop roles and responsibilities and work plan for the Training Team
2. Continue to improve the PIMPAC Enforcement Tool Kit by supporting the continued development and improvement of the PNI Training Team Training Binder (which has list of training topics, and materials).
3. Mentor PNI Training Team in conducting Surveillance and Enforcement trainings for Community and Municipal Officers of two remote MPAs on Pohnpei (Pakin and Ant Atoll) and to for Nanwap MPA on Pohnpei main island.
4. Increase Community motivation in their roles as resource stewards and continue to use the training as opportunity for communities to increase clarity on the roles (do's and don'ts) and effectiveness of their marine protected areas.

## Site Description

The coastal communities of Metipw, Lukop Mesihsou, Dolopwail and Aparahk (MLMDA) in Pohnpei are traditionally known to be fisher's communities and for over 1,000 years have served its traditional leaders as master fishermen and guardians of its nearby sea resources. More recently the fishers in these communities continue to serve an important role as dependable supplier of reef fish to much of the local fish markets. These three communities commonly share connection with the adjacent Nanwap reef system. Nanwap is widely considered to be the most biologically diverse and best preserved spawning and aggregation site for range of fish species on the main island Pohnpei and ranked as premier site in the Areas for Biological Significance (ABS) priority for Pohnpei. Supporting an indigenous population of approximately 500 plus people, Nanwap subsistence livelihood relies primarily on the welfare of its land and sea resources. The communities face increasing pressures and challenges and have acknowledged alarming decline of its once abundant sea life and natural heritage.

The word "Nanwap" exemplifies partnership which translates as "a place which brought the community together to share gifts" on the reefs of Nanwap. Our ancestors brought together tribute and goodwill and prayed for blessings and to this day the reefs continue to nourish the people. In this spirit the community rekindles the aspirations of our ancestors to ensure sustainability of Nanwap reefs to continue provide for the people. The MLMDA community has reaffirmed its ancestors' vision by establishing the Nanwap MPA as part of the Pohnpei Protected Areas Network.

The P\_SET Team initially intended to conduct a basic surveillance and enforcement with the Nanwap communities. Upon arrival, the communities informed the team that their management plan has lapsed and will need update and that will be a key first step in moving their efforts forward. Because Mr. Wayne Andrew assisted CSP in the development of the Management Plan 8 years ago, he was able to pull up the documents relevant to Nanwap and worked with P-SET Team to review and facilitate their plan update.

## Training Summary

The P-SET trainers decided that it was best to conduct a joint training for Ant and Pakin Ranger because of their close proximity that joint enforcement between the two communities made sense logistically. The sites can learn to communicate if there are incidents that each may need assistance from each community. It was decided that the training will be held on Ant Atoll because it had easier access because of the channel and unlike Pakin the Channel is shallow and will need to plan according to tide schedule. Also because Ant has a larger training venue and the Team had secured permission of Rohsa who is the Leader of the Ant Team to conduct the training on Ant. The P-SET team planned, prepared the and executed the training according to the below schedule. The training included the P-SET Team the consists of (DFW, Municipal Police, Pohnpei State R&D, CSP, Community Conservation Officers and PIMPAC Mentors). Rohsa and Rohspein as Traditional leaders welcome the Team to Ant and permitted them to conduct the training. There were a total of 24 participants with 7 rangers from Ant and 7 rangers from Pakin trained. The 12 member P-SET Team rotate facilitation roles and improved their skills in the delivery of the training.

Monday (February 03, 2020)

The Pohnpei Surveillance and Enforcement Trainers (P-SET) met to review and update their training materials and binder. They also pointed out materials that need to improvement and updates should include MPA maps and regulations. The P-SET Team review and practiced their roles in facilitating different topics in their training presentation.

Tuesday (February 04, 2020)

Engagement with the Community of Nanwap

Wednesday (February 05, 2020)

Team to finalize training facilitation roles and materials for the training. Later in the day the team worked to secure food and fuel supplies as well as safety equipment. Setting up arrangement for participants.

Thursday (February 06, 2020)

Training Team and some of the participants on the main island of Pohnpei departed to Ant. Arrival and set up of training venue. The P-SET Team conducted a full day of classroom training. The day ended with night patrol scenario and then a ceremony with Rohsa a traditional leader of Kitti and Administrator of Ant.

Friday (February 07, 2020)

One the last day, the training was opened with a thank you remark from Rohsa William Hawley on how great the training is for his Rangers. He was very appreciative of how the training was very informative, practical and relevant. The P-SET Team then debriefed the participants on the scenario of night surveillance and patrol. After the debriefing, the participants had lunch that followed by scenario on tactical vessel boarding that included, team briefing, communication, evidence gathering, and report writing. After the scenarios, the P-SET Team also had a round of debriefing that allow the participants to see their mistakes and to note what needs to be improved. The day ended with a closing ceremony and a thank you remark from Rohsa William Hawley Sr.

Saturday (February 08, 2020)

Preparation for Nanwap Engagement including facilitation of meeting.  
Team meeting to review Nanwap Management Plan, Regulations, and SOP

Sunday (February 09, 2020)

Team meeting to review Nanwap Management Plan, Regulations, and SOP continued.

Monday (February 10, 2020)

Community meeting in Lukop. Review Management plan vision, goals, objectives, management successes, challenges, management structure, and key next steps. This event is all day with input from the whole community. We ended the day with closing remark from the Chief Metip and Director Eugene Joseph.

Tuesday (February 11, 2020)

Final meeting with the P-SET Team to debrief on all training, and set next steps as well as organizational structure. It was agreed that Mr. Patterson Lawrence will be the Chairman of the P-SET Team with Officer Facindo Ioanis as its Vice Chair and Mr. Angel Joanthan will be its Secretary. The chair will call the next P-SET meeting and request follow up assistance from PIMPAC for future trainings.



Community Meeting to Update Nanwap Management Plan and Regulations



Sakau/Kava Ceremony to conclude the meeting



Chairman of Nanwap Community Conservation Officers with Director Eugene Joseph-CSP



Rihna Villazone is Community Conservation Officer and help keep community data.

## Outcomes

1. Pohnpei Surveillance and Enforcement Trainers Team (P-SET Team of 12) improve their training materials, and facilitation skills.
2. Nanwap Management Plan reviewed with community and in the process of update
3. Increase in coordination, cooperation and support amongst the rangers and partner agencies in working together to support Nanwap

## Next Steps

1. PIMPAC to continue to support follow up trainings for P-SET Team.
2. Seek funding support for P-SET Team to support annual training throughout Pohnpei State MPA communities and Municipalities.
3. PIMPAC Mentor Mr. Wayne Andrew CSP update Management Plan and present it back to community for review and Community finalization of plan and signing
4. PIMPAC Mentor to support the completion of community Join Enforcement Agreement for Nanwap CCO's with municipal and state enforcement partners and finalize and approve Nanwap regulations and SOP.
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6. PIMPAC to support P-SET to schedule and conduct training for follow up training for CCO's of Nanwap and partners.
7. Support the establishment of a municipal ordinance for Nanwap MPA.

Table Listing Pohnpei Surveillance and Enforcement Trainers (P-SET Team)

Name	Organization	Contact	Sex
Wayne Andrew	PIMPAC	(680)775-1969	M
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Jason Ponapart	DFW	320-8151	M
Eugene Kiriemo	SMPP/Sokehs	320-2179	M
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Iaropue Edward	CCO/Lenger		M
Keeper Joel	U Municipality/Takaiou CCO		M

Table Listing Nanwap Marine Protected Area Engagement Participants

Name AHD	Organization/ Rep
Eugene Joseph	CSP

Scotty Malakai	NRM/ R & D
Keeper Pertin	UCCO
Patterson Lawrence	Pakin
James Artui	CCO Pakin
Paulus Soram	Nanwap
Iakopus Edmund	Sapwitik MPA
Zelnick Moses	UMG
Marcelino Bartolome	Palikir MPA/SUUPD
Albert Lucios	Nanwap MPA
Penster Lucios	Nanwap
Bernida Hadley	Pwin en Lihen Metipw
Francisco Alex	Nanwap
Marios Alexander	Nanwap
Iony Hadley	Nanwap
Zaiger Sonden	MPA Nanwap
Elvis Lutrick	MPA Nanwap
Marcelino Patricio	MPA Nanwap
Honer Weital	MPA Nanwap
Angel Jonathan-trainier	CSP
Wayne Andrew-trainer	PIMPAC
Felisa Andrew	CSP
Loney Hadley	Nanwap
Carrmihda Lucious	Nanwap
Anarimer Sonden	Nanwap
Jerry Route	CSP