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Brief Overview

- Established in 2002
- Regional/International Governing Board (9 Members)
- Staff of 8
- Financial Advisor – Morgan Stanley
- Programmatic Efficiency
  - 80% Re-granting
  - 20% Admin Cost (12% Office & 8% Capacity)

MCT 2015: Fundraising & Fund Management

MCT role: *funds manager*
(influences $ allocations via partnerships)

MCT role: *decision-maker on $ allocations*

Yela Conservation Endowment

Current: $540K

Goal: $56M

Current: $18M

CNMI | Guam | FSM | Palau | RMI

$9.1M

$5.1M

$3.7M

Palau has the first disbursement mechanism in place – the Protected Areas Network (PAN) Fund.

No funds disbursed yet.

Micronesia Challenge endowment

Goal: $2M

Current: $750K

MCT operational endowment

Grants Annual average: **$1.8M**

Grant-making

Conservation & Enforcement

Climate Adaptation

MC goals

Capacity building

Other grants

MCT annual grant-making

ED time: 20%
Overall Staff time: 5%

ED time: 80%
Overall Staff time: 95%

** Shapes not to scale*



Funding sources include:

- US Depts. of Interior and State
- US Fish & Wildlife / Forest Services
- US National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- The David & Lucille Packard Foundation
- The Margaret A. Cargill Foundation
- Conservation and Environmental Protection Program (CEPP) / European Union
- LifeWeb / German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building, and Nuclear Safety
- PEW Charitable Trust
- The Nature Conservancy
- Conservation International
- Various anonymous private donors



Local partners / Grant recipients include:

- Conservation Society of Pohnpei
- Chuuk Conservation Society
- Kosrae Conservation & Safety Organization
- Yela Landowners Authority
- Micronesian Islands Nature Alliance
- Yap Institute of Natural Sciences
- Waa'gey
- Chuuk Women's Council
- RARE
- Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority
- Yap Community Action Program
- Palau International Coral Reef Center
- Palau Conservation Society
- Hatohobei Organziation for People and Environment
- Department of Agricutlure (Pohnpei, Chuuk)
- Marshall Islands Marine Resource Authority
- Marshall Islands Conservation Society
- Island Foods Community of Pohnpei
- University of Guam
- College of Micronesia FSM
- Marine and Education Resources Institute of Pohnpei



MCT's Role

- Sustainable Finance
  - Financial mechanism for Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund
  - Sustainable Financing (i.e. endowments, green-fees, payment for ecosystem services, revolving funds) to support protected areas networks, fisheries, food security, climate adaptation, etc.
- Capacity-building
  - Coordination of peer learning networks: Micronesians in Island Conservation and Pacific Islands Marine Protected Areas Community
  - Support for long-term monitoring program to track progress toward MC goal
- Raising awareness
  - Partnered with PEW on Micronesia Shark Campaign
  - Partnered with RARE / local entities to implement 10 Social Marketing/Pride Campaigns across Micronesia



MCT's Role (cont'd)

- Climate Adaptation
  - Working with TNC / partners on German ICI project focused on *Building the Resilience of Communities and their Ecosystems to the Impacts of Climate Change in Micronesia and Melanesia*
  - Working with Women's Groups to support/fund some typhoon recovery efforts in FSM (Yap and Chuuk).
  - Accredited National Implementing Entity to the Adaptation Fund for the Federated States of Micronesia.
  - Overseeing FSM portion of the EU-Global Climate Change Alliance, providing technical support and sub-grants to local NGOs/communities to conduct climate change vulnerability assessments and integrate the results into community adaptive management plans.

Examples of Tools



Examples Innovative Projects



- Yela Conservation Easement
- Pohnpei Mangrove Project





MCT Motto:

“World Class, Deeply Micronesian”

KALAHNGAN KINISOU CHAPUR
KAMAGAR KOMMOL TATA
KULO MULALAP MESULANG
OLOMWAAY SI YU’US MA’ASE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH