



Republic of Palau



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet 2006

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Programs	FY 2005 Final FED	FY 2005 Final Match	FY 2006 Estimate FED	FY 2006 Estimate Match
Coop Forest Health Protection	25,000	39,824	25,000	25,000
Forest Health Protection (Prevention & Suppression)			30,000	30,000
State Fire Assistance				
Volunteer Fire Assistance				
Forest Stewardship Program	50,000	34,026	39,000	39,000
Stewardship Incentives				
Forest Legacy Program				
Urban and Community Forestry	67,500	83,292	67,500	67,500
Economic Action Programs				
PNW Assistance Program				
Forest Resource Information and Analysis				
Forest Land Enhancement Program				
TOTAL	142,500	157,142	161,500	161,500

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the Republic of Palau, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Palau's forest lands and rural economies. Emphasis focuses on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of Palau's urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- **Increase cost effectiveness** through the use of partnerships in delivery,
- **Increase values** through sustained productivity of forests, and
- **Are voluntary**, and use non-regulatory approaches.

KEY ISSUES:

Key issues which State and federal programs will address together in the next few years include:

- Expansion of the nursery, extension and reforestation programs.
- Diversification of nursery production including greater use of native species.
- Public education and participatory planning to conserve mangrove forests.
- Sharing initiative and resources with traditional leaders, states (within Palau), villages, schools, women's groups and non-profit groups, through a mini-grants program and other assistance under the Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments 2005

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	19,000	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	
Acres of Forest Land	79,981**	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land		Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	
Number of NIPF Landowners		Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection		Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection		State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	
Number of Rural Fire Departments		Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	
Number of Cities and Towns		Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	
Forest Based Employment		Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)		Urban Forestry-Participating communities	16
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)		Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	
		EAP-Communitis working under broad-based local strategic plans	
		PNW-Communities working under broad-based local strategic	

**from vegetaion survey based on 1976 aerial photos

Program Highlights:

Urban and Community Forestry:

- The Ibobang High School Noni Plantation project has been completed with about 1 ½ acres of noni planted on the school grounds. A total of 15 students worked on this project and these same students have helped maintained the plantation with help from the Palau Forestry staff.
- The Ngatpang State Tree Planting project has been completed with a total coverage area of about 6.35km planted. A total of 25 youths and other volunteers from the state participated in this project. A total of about 5,000 plants ranging from shrub (planted under power lines) to tree were used in this project.
- The Ngarameliwei men's group from Airai State have started their project on the improvement of the traditional path in Ngetkib, Airai. A total of about 10 members of the group have started work on this project.
- The Tree Planting along the Compact Road Project has begun. Work is being done with the contractor of the road to designate sites where planting can begin without interfering with road consturction.

Landowner Assistance:

- Distributed 4,551 seedlings of native and fruit trees to interested local farmers and individuals.
- Completed second boundry survey and mapping of a private farmer.
- Completed thrid and fourth boundry survey and mapping of two private farmers and work is still in the process with their management plans.
- A schedule has been set for two more private farmers to have their farms surveyed and mapped.

Forest Health Protection:

- Conducted 5th Annual Mikania Clean-up supported by Koror State Youth Council.
- Four Mikania infested sites in Koror were cleared. The total area/size is estimated to be 9,600 sq.ft.
- Participated in the Earth Day activities with an information booth on invasive weeds inPalau.
- Participated in the annual Idepandance Day celebrations with an information booth on invasive weeds in Palau. This year's theme for the celebration was "Healthy Palau for a Healthy Future". Had a good turn out at the booth. People answered question on invasive

- weeds and if they answered correctly they got a free t-shirt.
- Conducted 2nd Annual Mikania Clean-up in Koror. The Palau National Youth Congress was a very strong supporter in this event. About 200 volunteers showed up that day at the boat dock ready to go to Peleliu State to clean-up mikania there. About three acres of mikania that was growing in taro patches was manually cleared by the volunteers.

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