



Connecting People to Conserve Forests

HAWAII & U.S.-AFFILIATED PACIFIC ISLANDS PLATFORM FOR ACTION 2015-2020



CONSERVING, PROTECTING & ENHANCING PACIFIC TROPICAL FORESTS TO SUSTAIN THE UNIQUE PEOPLE, NATURE, CULTURE AND TRADITIONS LIVING AMONG THOUSANDS OF RICHLY DIVERSE ISLANDS

Healthy forests are critical to public health and well-being and are part of our national infrastructure just like roads and buildings. They filter our air and water, provide jobs and food, support cultural practices and recreation, and protect reefs and coasts. These benefits we enjoy from our Pacific Island forests are supported by both natural processes and active management. Working together, the US Forest Service, State and Territory partners, non-governmental organizations, universities, colleges, and the international community, engage strategically to address current and emerging forestry issues. Our shared interests lead us to act in the following strategic areas over the next five years.

STRATEGIC EMPHASIS AREAS

SUSTAINABILITY

Ecological
Water Quality, Biodiversity, Species Conservation

Economic
Jobs, Tourism, New Opportunities

Social
Cultural Practices, Urbanization

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Sea Level Rise
Salt Water Intrusion, Freshwater/Fisheries Protection

Drought
Fire, Food Security/Agroforestry

Storm Resilience
Coastal Planning, Preparation

SHARED LEARNING

Traditional Knowledge
Best Practices, Timing

Professional Development
Certifications, Training

Citizen Engagement
Science, Volunteering

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ISLAND PRIORITIES

Pacific Island States & Territories prepared Forest Action Plans to identify priorities for forest management. Specific strategies developed locally are listed here and form the basis for US Forest Service actions.

GUAM

- Wildfire & Public Safety
- Water Quality & Water Supply
- Population Growth & Urbanization
- Deforestation of Native Forests
- Urban Forest Sustainability
- Degraded Lands

REPUBLIC OF PALAU

- Climate Change
- Population Growth & Urbanization
- Water Quality & Quantity
- Wildfire Prevention
- Conservation & Protection
- Sustainable Use of Forest Resources
- Urban Forest Sustainability

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

- Conserving Forests
- Protecting Forests from Threats
- Enhancing Public Benefits

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

- Biodiversity
- Food Security & Sustainable Livelihoods
- Coastal Reinforcement
- Urbanization

HAWAII

- Water Quality & Quantity
- Forest Health: Invasive Species, Insects & Disease
- Wildfire
- Urban & Community Forestry
- Climate Change/Sea Level Rise
- Conservation of Native Biodiversity
- Hunting, Nature-Based Recreation & Tourism
- Forest Productivity & Carbon Sequestration
- Multi State Issues

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

- Food Security
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Watersheds
- Coastal Stabilization
- Urban Forestry
- Capacity-Building

AMERICAN SAMOA

- Sustainability of Urban Forests
- Protection of Coral Reefs
- Conservation of Wetlands
- Maintaining Fresh Water Quality
- Conservation of Native Flora & Fauna

U.S. FOREST SERVICE TOOLS FOR ACTION

The U.S. Forest Service has access to the following tools to provide considerate and directed assistance as requested to our Pacific Island partners as resources allow:

- Federal Grants
- Direct Technical Assistance & Training
- Scientific Research, Technology, Extension & Outreach, including USDA Climate Hubs
- Convene Partners & Collaborators