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I am happy to report to you regarding the Spatial Planning workshop that the Chuuk Conservation Society (CCS) and other partners jointly facilitated for municipal government and community leaders as well as other Government and NGO partners in Chuuk from the 30th of October to the 1st of November at the Kurrasa Meeting Hall.

Please find enclosed the workshop report for your review, along with supporting documents for payment request.

The workshop is a significant undertaking directly relating to Chuuk R2R 2017 Workplan Outcome 1 Activities 2.1.2, 2.3.3, and 2.3.4. The workshop report details ways in which it relates to specific activities required in the Workplan.

Given the statements above and pending your review of report and supporting documents, CCS is hereby requesting a reimbursement in the amount \$3,597.00. This amount was used in bringing participants to the three-day meeting from all around Chuuk Lagoon.

Other costs for space rental, meals, refreshment where shouldered by other programs through partnership with the Chuuk State Department of Marine Resources (DMR) and the Chuuk Conservation Society.

The DMR and CCS appreciate the working relation we have with R2R in support of Protected Areas in Chuuk.

Please let me know if you need further clarification

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Chuuk Protected Areas Network Design and Fisheries Management Workshop

October 30 to November 1st, 2017

Kurrasa Hall, Weno Chuuk

The Chuuk Protected Areas Network Design and Fisheries Management Workshop for Chuuk took place from October 30th to November 1st 2017 with technical support from Dr. Rebeca Weeks, James Cook University (Australia), Elizabeth Terk, TNC Pohnpei Office, and Javier Cuetos-Bueno, University of Guam.

As main goal, the workshop focuses on identifying fisheries management strategies, including protected areas for Chuuk, which integrates resource needs for communities, climate impacts, and reefs with potentials for producing benefits.

Workshop participants included mayors from several lagoon and outer islands, land owners, reef owners, fishermen, farmers State government leaders and some community organization representatives (see sign in sheets at end of this report).





Day 1

At the start, participants were briefed on purpose of the workshop. Resource management partners have been working with communities in Chuuk with interest to protect resource and regulate the use of ocean and land-based food source and other natural resources the past number of years. This steady collaboration has culminated in the recent upgrading of fisheries regulation to the Chuuk Costal Fisheries Protection Act of 2016 and the enactment of the Chuuk Protected Areas Network Act, signed into law about two months ago. In light of recent achievements, and given the steady interest to upscale conservation and management initiatives in Chuuk, the Nature Conservancy, the Chuuk Department of Marine Resources, the Chuuk Ridge to Reef Program, and the Chuuk Conservation Society joined efforts to bring about

this workshop. Specifically, the program targets community leaders, government officials and organizations with authority and responsibilities that impact the planning for protected areas or other strategies for resource use management, especially in marine and fisheries management.

Hence, on the first day, so much time was spent on reviewing past initiatives, decisions, and policies that guided community efforts. The FSM-wide project for wealth mapping of early 2000 was briefly revisited as well as subsequent works that initially identified the significant Biodiversity areas (ABS) throughout Chuuk State. For specific marine area data-based trending or understanding of the reef systems, the Repid Ecological Assessment of 2006 and the recent one conducted in July 2016 were identified.

Participants used the rest of the day to determine gaps in management implementation and did group work in brainstorming on what each of the Regions on Chuuk would see as a Vision Statement for their natural resource management programs going forward. Conservation and management challenges faced in other parts of the Pacific were also presented for their visioning and learning exercises.

Participants concluded their first day with the bid group analysis on current status of the reefs in Chuuk. This was done based on published surveys and other long-term coral reef monitoring as part of the Micronesia Challenge. Participants compared this region based reports with what they are seeing on their own reefs. And they had to determine whether or not there is need for protection intervention for their resources and food supply. Virtually, everyone agreed that Chuuk fish supply is diminishing is population and biomass and that there is need to do something about it.



Mayors and community representative from Faichuk sharing ideas to guide their mapping of region-wide management and protection areas

Day 2

On the second day, there was concentration on marine based management. It was a real difficult day as participants faced science packed presentations from our partners. The presentations covered *latest scientific advice for designing MPAs, latest scientific advice for non-area fisheries, and Holistic fisheries management.*

In digesting the science based recommendations, some participants actually pointed out some local knowledge and management practices that are similar. So many questions were raised regarding fish species and their spawning behaviors, estimated area required for protection based on size and species, rehabilitation strategies for destroyed reef systems, repopulation and restocking recommendations, and good practice for protecting nursery home and nesting sites.





Traditional fishing and fish protection strategies in the Northwest region remain strong but are increasingly under pressure, pointed out by participants in left photo. At right, MPA owners on Parem and Uman probe into other management practices in addition to the "mechen" or long-term closure.

Day 3

The theme of "mapping oceans wealth" was picked up on the third day along with other mapping strategies. Maps were available, and Mike Aulerio from TNC office in Palau has been instrumental this area.

Participants also reviewed a hoist of challenges critical to management. Based on challenges and other considerations, prioritization of conservation plans are made: proactive and reactive conservation.

The region-based groups were led to synthesize the bulk of information and recommendations made the past two days and really hone in on what they feel would be practicable in their areas and beneficial in terms of supporting Chuuk wide resource protection direction.

The presenters and partners assured the group that this will not be a "one-shot" exercise but one that they are keen to keep as part of future working endeavor with partners in Chuuk. Participants were encouraged to also progress their work on their own areas, among themselves, or with partner entities in Chuuk as part of current PAN momentum.

In concluding the meeting, representatives from each group highlighted their appreciation and indicated interest to keep working with CCS and partners on this type of exercise. Everyone felt work on the vision statement, resource mapping, and mapping of management interest still need further pursuing in addition to evaluation work in filling gaps and linking programs.

Although the workshop tilted more toward reef and fisheries discussions, conservation efforts, resource planning, and biological diversity protection issues on land where also raised in the context of holistic approach.

Chuuk Protected Areas Network Design and Fisheries Management Workshop October 30th to November 1st, 2017 TBD, Weno Chuuk

Goal: Identify fisheries management strategies including protected areas for Chuuk that incorporates resource needs of local communities, climate impacts, and reefs, which produce the greatest benefits in terms of increasing reef fish biomass.

Facilitators

Marcellus Akapito, Chuuk Conservation Society Dr. Rebecca Weeks, James Cook University Liz Terk, The Nature Conservancy Javier Cuetos-Bueno, University of Guam

Monday Octo	ber 30 th Conservation Plann	ing	
9:00 – 9:30 am 9:30 – 10:15	Workshop purpose and participants introductions History of PAN and previous GAP analysis	Liz and Marz Marz	Previous plans that have been developed for FSM and Chuuk State, and the strengths and weaknesses of those processes/products.
10:15-10:30	Break		
10:30 – 11:30	Conservation and fisheries management challenges	Rebecca	Perceptions of what has / hasn't worked with regards to both conservation and fisheries management?
11:30 – 12:30	Conservation Planning	Liz and Rebecca	 Position current process as part of adaptive management cycle Explain how spatial prioritization works.
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch		

1:30 - 2:30	Planning Scope & PAN vision	Liz	 Identify what that plan does and does not cover Develop PAN vision
2:30 – 3:30	Situation Analysis & goals Discussion		 List specific features that need to be considered (species, habitats, sites); Identify threats to them Define what constitutes success, for both conservation and connected outcomes for human well-being
3:00 -3:30	Break		
3:30-4:30	Wrap Up	Marz	Time for additional discussion if necessary

Tuesday October 31 st			
9:00 – 9:30 am	Re-cap	Liz	
9:30-10:30	Presentation on current status of reefs and fisheries in Chuuk	Javier	Status of fisheries and reefs
10:30-10.45	Break		
10:45-12:00	Latest scientific advice for designing MPAs	Liz	 MPA Design presentation Fish movement/MPA size exercise Temporal closure/ mechan presentation
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 - 2:00	Latest scientific advice for non-area fisheries management	Javier	Short presentation and discussion
2:00-3:30pm	Holistic fisheries management	Rebecca, Javier, Director Graham	 Quick summary review of key scientific-advice Discussion about fisheries management What's already in place: Management strategies for focal fish species Different layers of management
3:00 -3:15	Break		
3.30-4.30	Holistic fisheries management (continues)	Rebecca and Javier	,

Wednesday November 1st: Mapping and Next Steps			
9:00 -9:15	Recap of Day 2	Marz	Summary of key challenges
9:15 – 10:30	Mapping Ocean Wealth	Liz and Ed	Micronesia wide maps and then a refined model
10:30 - 10:45	Break		
10:45-12:00	Proactive/ reactive Conservation Prioritization		Presentation about different approaches to prioritization based on proactive or reactive approaches to costs and benefits
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	6	,
1:00 – 2:00	Fishing effort	Ed	Exercise to map fishing effort/cost data
2.00 – 2.15	Strategy mapping	Liz	Identify possible management strategies and construct results chains
2.15 – 3:45	Wrap up and next steps	Marz and Liz	

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