



Protected Area Management

Pacific BioScapes Programme - Palau

The Pacific BioScapes Programme aims to **increase site level management capacity for the protected areas** of Palau. Palau currently has 38 Protected Area Network (PAN) sites and 14 other protected areas that encompass extensive marine and terrestrial reserves, areas of high biodiversity and vulnerable habitats. 608,173 km² of marine waters and 221 km² of land are protected. But an achievement like this means the resources to manage such large areas can often be stretched.

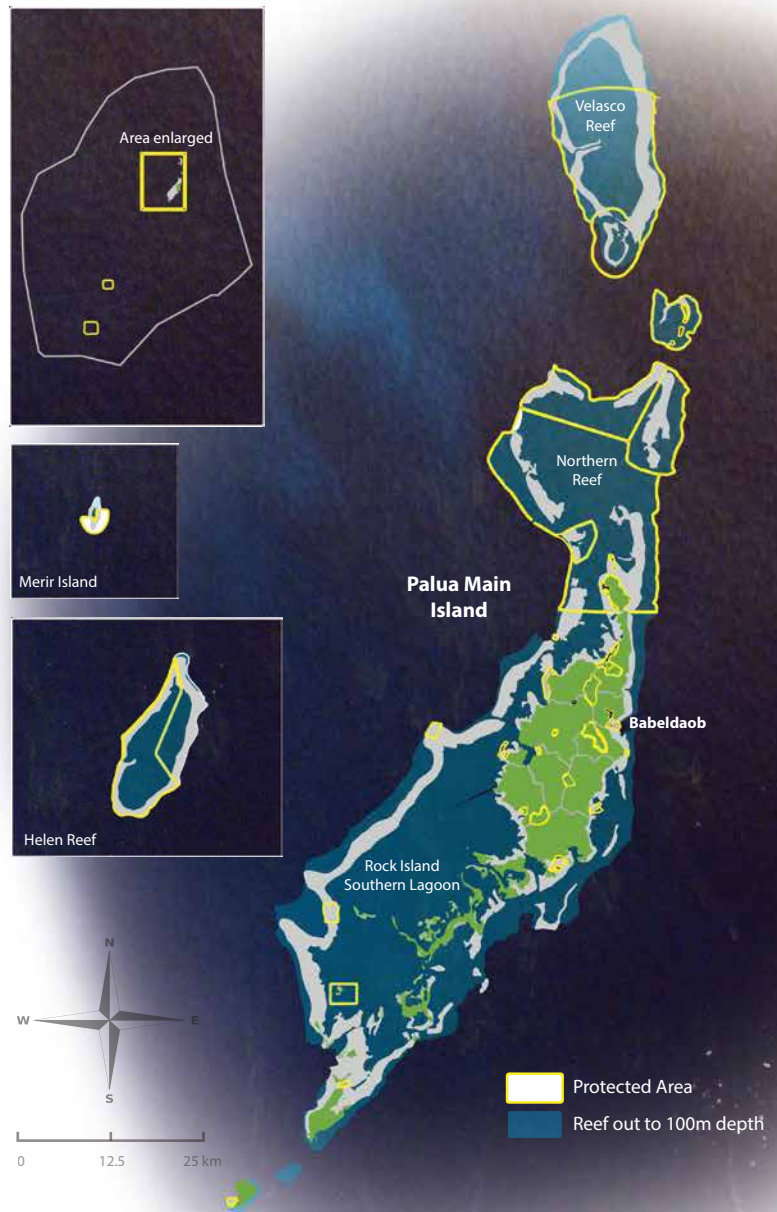
To increase capacity, **The Nature Conservancy** will provide support to the **Protected Area Network Office** under the **Bureau of Environment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment** and **Palau Conservation Society** and **Division of Maritime Security and Fish and Wildlife Protection** under the **Bureau of Public Safety** of the **Ministry of Justice** of Palau.

KEY LOCAL ISSUES:

-  Protected Area Network sites with limited capacity and resources for effective and sustainable management
-  Gaps in the governance systems and structures to effectively support protected area management and human resource capacity
-  Potential to further consider gender and human-rights issues within protected area management

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

-  Enhance project management, enforcement and compliance, and technical capacity
-  Build collaboration among stakeholders toward co-management
-  Raise community and national awareness of the Protected Area Network initiatives
-  Incorporate a gender and human rights-based approach into protected area management



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