

Conservation Society of Pohnpei

The Miracle of Partnership



Presentation Outline

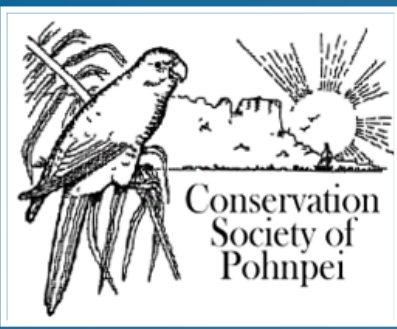
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Conservation Society of Pohnpei

VISION: To live in a safe and clean environment where cultural pride and natural resources are protected, preserved, and balanced with sustainable development.

MISSION: The Conservation Society of Pohnpei works to preserve and enhance the natural heritage of Pohnpei State by promoting community-led resource management and compatible economic development





A Glance at the Society

- ❖ The Conservation Society of Pohnpei was chartered as a non-profit corporation on July 20, 1998
- ❖ 18 staff over 3 programs
- ❖ 9 Board members from all sectors of the Society
- ❖ 150 or more Membership

Our Values and Formula for Success

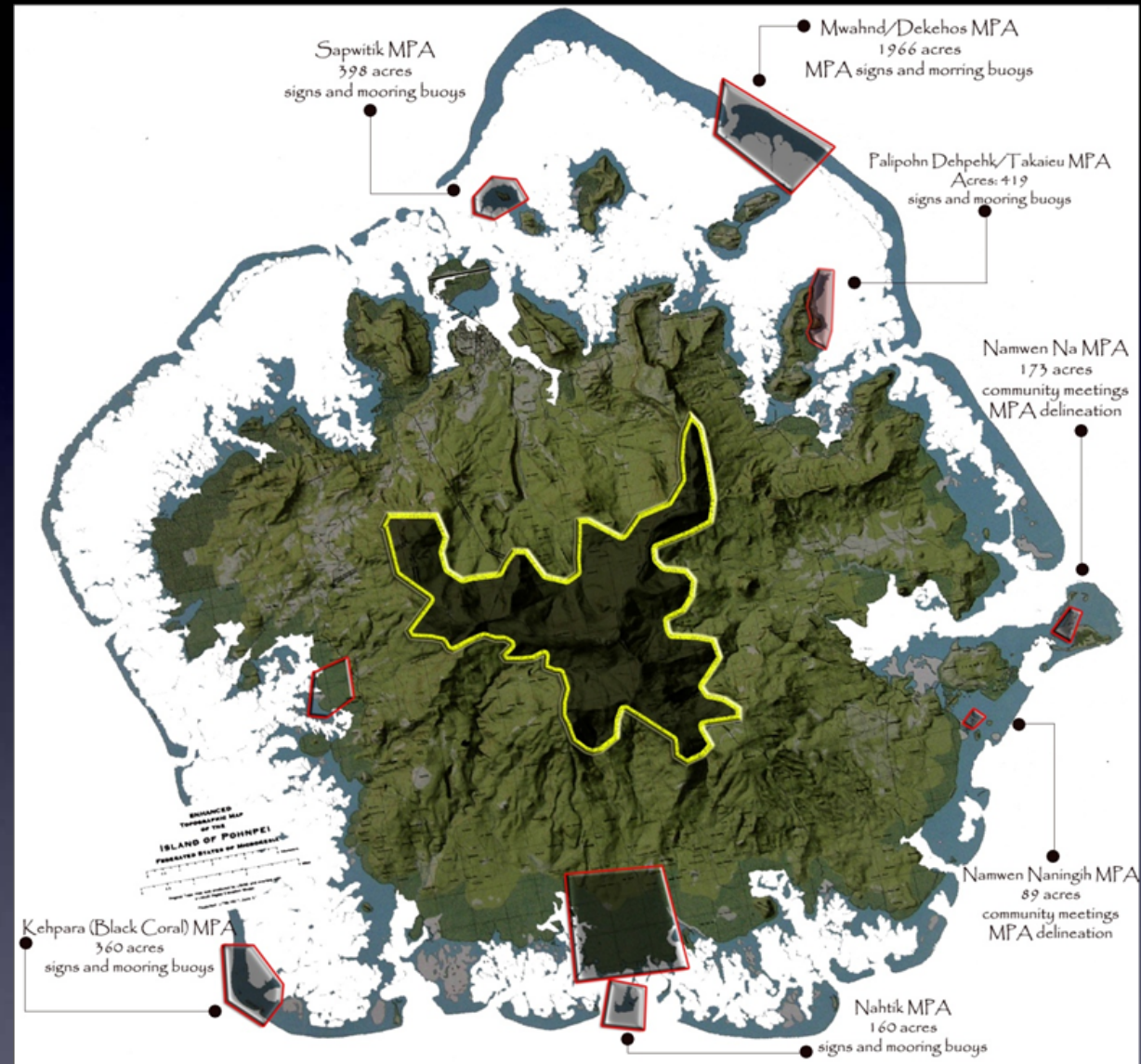
- ❖ Wahu (Respect)
- ❖ Commitment
- ❖ Consistency and Focus
- ❖ Strive to Improve
- ❖ Community Driven Locally Led
- ❖ Equality-Sharing the Work and the Leadership
- ❖ Partnership...Partner building
- ❖ Positive Attitude and Enthusiasm

Our Approach

- Partnership Building
- Education & Awareness Strategies
- Research and Science
- Policy and Legislation
- Finance and Resources

Pohnpei Protected Area Network

1. MPA Network
2. Pohnpei Watershed Forest Reserve
3. Mangrove Forest Reserves



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A Healthy Pohnpei Starts with
clean Water

Ant Biosphere



Marine PROGRAM

Education PROGRAM

Green Road Show

- 6 Visits a year with every 5th grade class
- Over 200 classroom visits in 2009
- Mangrove, Coral Reefs, Upland Forest, Waste Management covered in visits



Community Power in Action

- Established community learning network
- Increased community participation and stewardship to protect lands and sea
- Site management plans completed and on progress with the MPA Network



Finance and Resources

- Build strong reputation for conservation excellence-Trusted Name
- Able to leverage resources to meet goals and objectives
- Responsible and Accountable track record

Local Partners

- Pohnpei State (DOE, DLNR, DPS, MCU, PRMC, EPA)
- Municipal Governments
- Paramount Chiefs & other Traditional Leaders (Kousapw)
- Community Conservation Officers & Forest Rangers
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPS)
- Youth and Women's Organizations
- FSM Sustainable Development Council
- Micronesia Conservation Trust
- Micronesians in Island Conservation (MIC)
- COM-FSM
- USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Services (USDA-NRCS)
- Island Food Community of Pohnpei
- Marine Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei (MERIP)
- The Nature Conservator (TNC)



Lessons learned

- Partnership goes a long way for both GO and NGO-Unified Strength
- Community and traditional leaders participation is crucial to succeed
- Resources are optimized through partnership
- Synergies aligned to serve the community
- Both top down and Bottom up approach are essential to successful conservation
- Greater understanding is achieved through working together

IWRM Opportunities

- Unite and align all stakeholders in the Pacific to protect water and biodiversity
- Champion enabling policy and legislations to protect & Manage water resources Pacific wide
- Build a strong support network (master minds)
- Support pioneering examples to protect water and livelihoods

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