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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION:

The purpose of completing the national report is to provide information on your country's implementation of the Dugong MoU including, as far as possible, contributions of cooperating non-governmental partners. For each main objective and its associated sub-objectives, you are required to rate an order of priority (High, Medium or Low) from a national as well as sub-regional perspective. This information will allow us to collate regional and global priorities for conservation and management actions. It will also give an indication of what has been done already (helping to avoid duplication of effort); what is generally not being done (gaps that need to be addressed); and what interventions or specific assistance may be required?

The reporting template is divided into these nine main objectives, and asks specific questions in relation to the activities that need to be carried out to fulfil those objectives.

Text boxes can be expanded to accommodate longer answers or to explain and provide additional information, beyond what is requested. Details of future plans are especially encouraged. Wherever possible, please try to indicate the source of information used to answer a particular question, if a published reference is available. Remember that you are sharing information with other countries about your progress, so that it may be of benefit to them.

Implementation will be assessed in terms of the nine objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan (CMP). A process for self-assessment of effectiveness and completeness of actions undertaken – intended to stimulate reflection within a given Signatory State/Party on what more could or should be done in relation to a particular activity will be the basis for a workshop to be held in association with the First Official Signatory State Meeting on 4-6 October 2010 in Abu Dhabi.

Please submit the completed report to the UNEP/CMS Office – Abu Dhabi by email (CmsOffice.ae@cms.int) as a Word attachment. Feel free to attach additional material (published reports, maps, etc.) to this template and send them separately by e-mail or by post.

OBJECTIVE 1: REDUCE DIRECT AND INDIRECT CAUSES OF DUGONG MORTALITY

1.1 Threats facing dugong population

What has your country done to identify, assess and evaluate the threats to dugong populations? What kind of measures has your country developed to address these threats? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Established baseline data collection and monitoring programmes to gather information on the nature and magnitude of threats |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Regularly updated existing data on threats to dugong populations and their habitats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Determined those populations affected by traditional subsistence and customary use, incidental capture in fisheries, and other sources of mortality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Conducted socio-economic studies among communities that interact with dugongs and their habitats |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Implemented programmes to correct adverse social and economic incentives that threaten dugong populations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Facilitated the development of means of subsistence to minimise resultant adverse social and economic impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Enacted, where not already in place, legislation and prohibited the direct use (capture or killing) of, and domestic trade in, dugongs their parts or products, whilst allowed exceptions for traditional subsistence or customary use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Established management programmes to enforce such legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Negotiated, where appropriate, management agreements in consultation with other concerned States |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Identified resources and sources of funding for the above programmes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Other, please describe: |

* Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:

Palau has established a baseline data collection and monitoring program to gather information on the nature and magnitude of dugong population thread, distribution, population, direct harvest, impact of fisheries, impact of development, and other cause of thread. Palau partially conducts a study among community interaction with dugong and their habitat. In addition to this

“The Minister shall promulgate regulations requiring any entity proposing new development to include an Environmental Impact Statement considering the potential impact of such development on dugongs and their habitats. Those regulations shall include a checklist of issues that proponents must address. The Minister or the Environmental Quality Protection Board can deny a permit or require appropriate mitigation measures if there could be harm to a dugong habitat by any construction. An act is already in place, legislation and prohibited the direct use, capture or killing.” Republic of Palau Public Law No. 6-28 (a)... No person shall take, possess, export, or otherwise have under his or her control any dugong or any part or product thereof, except as provided for in subsections (b) and (c). The Minister may promulgate regulations making lawful the possession of existing *olecholl* bracelets under specified circumstances, holding a 90-day period for registration of existing *olecholl* bracelets. Circumstances under which possession of an *olecholl* bracelet existing on the effective date of this subsection may be permitted by the Minister include, without limitation, if the *olecholl* bracelet is clan or family property, is of general historical significance, or is

customarily worn by the holder of a traditional title. Regulations shall provide for the photographing of existing *olecholl* bracelets and, if necessary, other reliable means of identifying registered dugong products existing on the effective date of this subsection. Beginning on the 91st day after the effective date of this subsection, unregistered *olecholl* bracelets shall be presumed to result from an unlawful taking of a dugong. No person shall sell, purchase, or offer for sale or purchase any dugong or any part or product thereof.

RPPL 6-28 Section 1233 (b) and (c)

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Rate Objective 1.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

1.2 Dugong mortality in fishing activities

What has your country done in order to reduce, to the greatest extent practicable, the incidental capture and mortality of dugong in the course of fishing activities? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Developed and used gear, devices and techniques to minimise incidental capture of dugongs in artisanal and commercial fisheries, such as the use of alternative gears and spatial closures or limit or control the use of gears known to be harmful to dugongs throughout the range of dugong |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developed procedures and extension programmes to promote implementation of these measures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exchanged information and, upon request, provide technical assistance to together Signatory and cooperating States to promote these activities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Liaised and coordinated with fishing industries, fisheries management organisations and community groups to develop and implement these activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developed and implemented net retention and recycling schemes to minimise the disposal of fishing gear at sea and on beaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Provided and ensured the use of onshore facilities for the disposal of ship-borne waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: |

* Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:

Palau has minimum impact of incidental capture of dugongs in artisan and commercial fisheries such as use of gears known to be harmful through dugong range including trawlers, purse seine and floating Gill nets within 12 nautical miles from the reef. However local fishermen are aware of the penalties imposed on capture and/or killing of the dugongs. On one hand, Palau has a plan to coordinate and provide and exchange of information with other signatory states while on the other, Palau has a plan to implement and regulate disposal of used nets and other fishing gears in onshore facilities.

Rate Objective 1.2 as a National priority: High Medium Low

1.3 Dugong mortality due to human activities

What has your country done in order to reduce, to the greatest extent practicable, the incidental mortality of dugongs arising from other anthropogenic activities? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Assessed the level, location and impact of anthropogenic impacts on dugongs at ecologically relevant scales |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reduced, as much as possible, all other human impacts on dugongs and their habitats in areas that sustain subsistence and customary use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Established appropriate management programmes to ensure that anthropogenic impacts are addressed, taking account of the temporal and spatial variability of dugong reproductive rates and other impacts on the species in a precautionary manner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: |

Palau has established a program to collect a data of impact and anthropogenic impact of temporal and spatial variability of dugong reproductive rates and other impact such as degradation of sediment to the lagoon where they breed and raise their young.

* Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:

Rate Objective 1.3 as a National priority: High Medium Low

1.4 Illegal take of dugong

What has your country done in order to reduce, to the greatest extent practicable, the illegal take of dugong? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Assessed the level, location and impacts of the illegal take of dugongs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Established appropriate management programmes to ensure that the illegal take of dugongs is addressed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: |

** Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:*

1.1 Palau National has established a program to collect data and monitor the impact of illegal taking of dugongs and establishment of management program to ensure that the illegal taking of dugong is addressed.

1.2 24 Palau National Code Subchapter IV is further amended by the addition of new subsections 1232 and 1233, to read as follows:
Section 1232. Public education about dugongs. The Minister, in conjunction with the Minister of Education, shall promulgate regulations establishing educational programs for Palauan citizens and the general public about the dugong, its characteristics and habits, the impact of habitat loss or degradation on the survival of the species, the importance of the dugong in Palauan culture, and its threatened status. Nongovernmental organizations such as the Palau International Coral Reef Center, The Nature Conservancy, and the Marine Resource Pacific Consortium shall be consulted in developing educational programs.

A public law was established about 12 years ago for the protection of dugongs by penalizing anyone or entity of capturing and/or killing this beautiful and endangered creature of the ocean.

Rate Objective 1.4 as a National priority: High Medium Low

1.5 Sustainable dugong use

What has your country done in order to ensure that subsistence and customary use of dugong is sustainable (in areas where it is permitted)? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Assessed the level, location and impact of subsistence and customary use on dugongs at ecologically relevant scales |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Reduced as much as possible all other human impacts on dugongs and their habitats in areas that sustain subsistence and customary use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Determined the cultural and subsistence values and uses of dugongs (both consumptive and non-consumptive) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Established culturally appropriate management programmes to ensure that subsistence and customary use is sustainable, taking account of the temporal and spatial variability of dugong reproductive rates and other impacts on the species in a precautionary manner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Ensured that such programmes do not have adverse unintended consequences (e.g. increase use of other threatened species such as marine turtles) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Considered the development of alternative means of subsistence in areas where the subsistence and customary use of dugong is permitted to alleviate adverse social and cultural impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Negotiated, where appropriate, management agreements on the sustainable level of subsistence and customary use (where it is permitted), in consultation with other concerned States, to ensure that such use does not undermine conservation efforts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Ensured that the management of other species (including fisheries) does not have adverse unintended consequences on the subsistence and customary use of dugongs where it is permitted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | Other, please describe: |

** Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:*

1.3 Palau National has established a program to collect data and monitor the impact of illegal take of dugongs and establishment of management program to ensure that the illegal taking of dugong is addressed.

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Although the eating of dugong is part of Palau's culture, such has now been abolished due to the local's understanding that this creature if not protected the islanders may lose one of their cultural heritage.

Rate Objective 1.5 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING THROUGH RESEARCH AND MONITORING

2.1 Dugong populations and habitats

What has your country done so as to determine the distribution and abundance of dugong populations to provide a base for future conservation efforts and actions? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable

Conducted baseline studies or gather secondary information on dugong populations using cost effective techniques where possible, including community-based monitoring

Other, please describe:

These activities are in the planning stage to support previous data collected over the past 20 years.

** Free text field for a specific description on measures developed:*

Palau dugong program has conduct baseline study and gathered information on dugong populations using cost effective measures including assistance from local state governments, communities, and NGO's including schools as well.

Rate Objective 2.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

2.2 Dugong research

What has your country done to conduct research and monitoring into dugong? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable

- Initiated and/or continued long-term monitoring of priority dugong populations at appropriate spatial scales
- Identified migratory routes through the use of techniques such as genetic studies and/or satellite tracking where appropriate
- Carried out studies on dugong population dynamics and survival rates
- Promoted the use of traditional ecological knowledge in research and management studies, where possible
- Involved local communities in research and monitoring programmes with training as required
- Reviewed periodically and evaluated research and monitoring activities
- Identified and included priority research and monitoring needs in regional and sub-regional action plans
- Conducted collaborative studies and monitoring of genetic identity, conservation status, migrations, and other biological and ecological aspects of dugongs
- Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:*

Palau dugong program was established to conduct long term monitoring and conservation of dugong population in the region. The program partially conducted aerial survey on dugong population and distribution throughout the region. Palau program also has a plan to carry out study on dugong population dynamics and survival rates. This program also has plans to conduct a collaborative study and monitoring of genetic identity, conservation status, migration and other biological and ecological characteristics of the dugong species in Palau waters.

Rate Objective 2.2 as a National priority: High Medium Low

2.3 Data collection and analysing

What has your country done in order to collect and analyse data that supports the identification of sources of mortality, the mitigation of threats, and improved approaches to dugong conservation practices? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified and prioritised populations for conservation actions | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified population trends using local information where appropriate | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Used research results to improve management, mitigate threats and assess the efficacy of conservation activities (e.g. habitat loss) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involved local communities in research and monitoring programmes with training as required | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developed and harmonised data collection and analysis protocols | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Where appropriate, developed and harmonised the reporting format that can be used for informing decision-making (local, national and regional) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: | | | |

** Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented*

Palau dugong program has partially established activities to identify priority conservation actions. The program identification of population trend has been studied by conducting surveys of local knowledge as well as fishing activities. National program partially developed and harmonise the reporting format that will be used to inform public and decision makers as well as stake holders.

Rate Objective 2.3 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 3: PROTECT, CONSERVE AND MANAGE HABITATS FOR DUGONG

3.1 Dugong habitat mapping

What kind of actions has your country implemented in terms of identifying and mapping areas of important dugong habitat? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable

Identified and mapped areas of critical habitat such as seagrass beds and migratory corridors, using rapid assessment technique where appropriate

Other, please describe:

Some historical data and recent reports contain mapped sea-grass and dugong presence.

Palau dugong program collaborated with the Palau International Coral Reef Centre (PICRC) to locate and map the important dugong habitat in different areas in the region. The majority of map habitats are sea-grass beds.

* Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:

Palau dugong program has established a relationship with PICRC to monitor, asses and the mapping of potential and critical dugong habitat using rapid assessment technique.

Rate Objective 3.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

3.2 Protect dugong habitats

What has your country done to establish necessary measures in order to protect and conserve dugong habitats? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable

Designated and managed protected/conservation areas, sanctuaries or temporary exclusion zones in areas of critical habitat, or took other measures (e.g. modification of fishing gear, banning destructive fishing practices, restrictions on vessel traffic) to remove threats to such areas and involving the local community as much as possible

Considered protecting dugong habitats as part of ecosystem based management (e.g. networks of marine protected areas)

Developed incentives for adequate protection of areas of critical habitat outside protected areas

Assessed the environmental impact of marine and coastal development and other human activities on dugong populations and their habitats

Monitored and promoted the protection of water quality from land-based and maritime pollution, including marine debris, which may adversely affect dugongs and their habitats

Strengthened the application of existing bans on the use of poisonous chemicals and explosives in the exploitation of marine resources

Other, please describe:

* Free text field for a specific description on measures developed:

Palau National and State Government has established numerous sanctuaries and protected areas in critical habitat to accommodate regional endangered species including dugongs.

§ 3001. Creation.

The Ngerukewid Islands Wildlife Preserve is hereby established to include all land, water, reef and underwater areas of the island group known as Ngerukewid (Orukuisu) Islands, bounded by the grid coordinates 91 and 94 and by 18 and 22 on sheets 1043--I SW and 1043 II NW on Army Map Service series W 856. The Preserve is henceforth to be retained in its present primitive condition where the natural plant and animal life shall be permitted to develop undisturbed.

Source

PDC § 201 ¶ (1), modified.

§ 3002. Prohibitions.

- (a) No person shall take or transport any firearms of any description, or other weapons, nets, traps, snares or objects or materials capable of killing or otherwise taking birds, animals, or marine life into the Preserve, nor have any such objects in his possession within its boundaries.
- (b) No person shall kill or otherwise take or have in his possession or otherwise restrain any bird, animal or marine life, or take any eggs within the boundaries of the Preserve.
- (c) No person shall take or transport into or have in his possession within the boundaries of the Preserve any domestic bird or animal or allow any such birds or animals under his control to enter the area.
- (d) The lighting or use of fires is prohibited within the boundaries of the Preserve.
- (e) No person shall cut or destroy any plant life within the Preserve or remove any plant life therefrom.

Source

PDC § 201(a) through (e), modified.

§ 3003. Penalties; confiscation of equipment.

- (a) Persons convicted of violating this chapter shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding six months, or fined not more than \$50.00, or both.
- (b) Firearms, fishing gear of any description (including nets, traps, diving equipment, boats, canoes, engines or other equipment commonly used for taking game or other animals, birds, or fish), or cutting and digging or other tools commonly used for felling trees or removing vegetation found within the boundaries of the Preserve shall be seized and, upon presentation of reasonable proof before the Trial Division of the Supreme Court, the National Court or the Court of Common Pleas that it had been seized within the area, will be ordered confiscated by the court. Materials so seized and confiscated will be turned over to the Bureau of Public Safety for the Bureau's use or disposal. Proceeds realized from the disposal of such confiscated equipment shall be for the use of the Bureau of Public Safety under such conditions as may be established by the Minister of Justice.

These areas are also prohibited of boat entries of any vessels with or without motors.

§ 1301. Definitions.

In this subchapter, the terms "poisons," "chemicals," or "substances" include, but are not limited to, hypochlorous acid or any of its salts, including bleaches commonly sold under

various trade names, such as Clorox and Purex, and bleaching powders, preparations containing rotenone, tephrosin or plant material from Barrington asiatica, Coccus ferrandianus, Hura crepitans, Piscidia erythrina, Tephrosia purpurea, and wikstremia.

Source

45 TTC § 1(1)(a), second sentence, modified.

§ 1302. Catching marine life with poisons, etc.; possessing or selling marine life caught with explosives, etc.; placing explosives, etc. in waters with intent to kill marine life.

Except as provided in section 1303 of this subchapter:

- (a) No person shall knowingly catch any fish or other marine life by means of explosives, poisons, chemicals or other substances which kill fish or marine life.
- (b) No person shall knowingly possess or sell any fish or any other marine life caught by means of explosives, poisons, chemicals, or other substances which kill fish or marine life.
- (c) No person shall knowingly place or cause to be placed, in any waters of the Republic, explosives, poisons, chemicals, or other substances with the intent to kill fish or other marine life.

Rate Objective 3.2 as a National priority: High Medium Low

3.3 Actions to address habitat loss

What has your country done to assess the risk of the degradation of dugong habitats? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| P | C | PI | NA | P-Partial | C-Completed | PL-Planned | NA-Not Applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified and enhanced recovery of degraded seagrass habitats used by dugongs | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified and enhanced recovery of degraded mangrove and coral reef habitats used by dugong | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Undertook measures to restore degraded habitats | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: | | | |

** Free text field for a specific description on measures developed:*

Palau National Congress enact a legislation creating the Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) with one of their roles to monitor, asses, identify and to minimize degradation of sea grass habitat.

The Watershed Program was established to minimize sediment flow to the ocean and to enhance recovery of mangroves, coral reefs and other degraded dugong habitats.

Rate Objective 3.3 as a National priority: High Medium Low

3.4 Degraded dugong habitats

What has your country done concerning degraded dugong habitats? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| P | C | PI | NA | P-Partial | C-Completed | PL-Planned | NA-Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified and undertook measures, where appropriate, to enhance recovery of degraded seagrass habitats used by dugong | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: | | | |

Palau National and State Governments undertook a measure to respect a National Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) regulation to minimize continuity of degradation of known as dugong habitat and to enhance a recovery on degraded sea-grass beds.

* Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:

Rate Objective 3.4 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 4: IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF DUGONG HABITATS THROUGH RESEARCH AND MONITORING

4.1 Research of habitats

What has your country done with regards to conducting research into and monitoring of important dugong habitats? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conducted baseline studies or gathered secondary information on dugong habitats using cost effective techniques where possible, including community-based monitoring | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Initiated and/or continued long-term monitoring of priority dugong habitats | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Promoted the use of traditional ecological knowledge in research and management studies, where possible | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involved local communities in research and monitoring programmes with training as required | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reviewed periodically and evaluate research and monitoring activities | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified and include priority research and monitoring needs in regional and sub-regional action plans | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: | | | |

* Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:

Palau dugong program has a plan to gather secondary information on dugong habitat using cost effective techniques and community base monitoring such as local knowledge as well as fisherman experiences and understanding of their communities.

Rate Objective 4.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 5: RAISE AWARENESS OF DUGONG CONSERVATION

5.1 Information programmes

What has your country done with regards to establishing education, awareness and information programmes? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Collected, developed, co-ordinated and disseminated education materials (e.g. dedicated regional website) | | | |

- Identified key persons/champions to help disseminate messages about the need to conserve dugongs and their habitats
- Established community learning/information centres
- Developed and implemented mass media information programmes
- Developed and conducted focused education and awareness programmes for target groups (e.g. policy makers, teachers, schools, fishing communities, subsistence and customary users, media)
- Encouraged the incorporation of dugong biology and conservation issues into school curricula
- Organised special events related to dugong conservation and biology (e.g. Dugong Day, Year of the Dugong, symposia, community education workshops)
- Promoted public participation in conservation activities
- Involved stakeholders, including key policymakers, subsistence and customary users, and local communities in particular, in planning and implementation of conservation and management measures
- Encouraged the participation of government institutions, intergovernmental governmental organisations, the private sector and the general community (e.g. students, volunteers, fishing communities, local communities) in research, conservation and management efforts
- Implemented, where appropriate, incentive schemes to encourage public participation (e.g. T-shirts, public acknowledgement and certificates)
- Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:*

Palau dugong program has been involved in co-ordination with education and other school activities, mostly on earth days. The program is to promote a sustainable conservation program of dugongs and its habitat.

Palau dugong program is also involved in media programs such as news articles and radio talk shows as a part of education and awareness. Palau also has a long term plan to coordinate with schools science classes, teachers and other related programs to promote dugong conservation and biology.

Rate Objective 5.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

5.2 Encourage local community participation

What has your country done with regards to encouraging local communities to actively participate in conservation efforts? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

- P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable
- Identified, developed and facilitated alternative programmes (including means of subsistence and incentives) that are not detrimental to dugongs and their habitats, in consultation with local communities and other stakeholders
 - Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:*

Palau has a plan to continue the long term National program to determine subsistence and incentive and consultation with local communities and stakeholders detrimental to dugong and their habitat.

Rate Objective 5.2 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 6: ENHANCE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

6.1 Combat illegal trade

What has your country done in order to collaborate with and assist Signatory and non-Signatory States to combat illegal international and domestic trade? What kind of measures have been developed to cooperate in enforcement activities relating to dugong products? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

- | P | C | PI | NA | P-Partial | C-Completed | PL-Planned | NA-Not Applicable |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Encouraged Signatory States, that have not already done so, to become Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reviewed at a national level, compliance with obligations under CITES relating to illegal international trade in dugong parts or products | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Facilitated better compliance with CITES through training of relevant authorities in cooperation with other Signatory States, the CITES Secretariat and other relevant organisations | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified routes of international illegal trade through monitoring, and sought cooperation to take action to prevent, deter and, where possible, eliminate it | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exchanged and discussed information on compliance and illegal trade issues at regular intervals, such as through annual reporting to the MoU Secretariat and at meetings of the Signatory States | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified, prevented, deterred and, where possible, eliminated domestic illegal trade through monitoring, implementation of legislation, identification of gaps in enforcement capabilities in each country, and training of enforcement officers | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: | | | |

* Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:

Palau dugong program has a long term plan to continue collaborate, coordinate and encourage other signatory state to become a party to CITES.

Palau National partially participate in reviewing the regional marine act (1994 Marine Act) to identify gaps and to include Palau recommendation for improvement.

Rate Objective 6.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

6.2 Information exchange

What has your country done to develop and implement mechanisms for effective exchange of information? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified and strengthened existing mechanisms for cooperation at the regional and sub-regional level | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developed a website and/or newsletter to facilitate networking and exchange of information | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developed a web-based information resource for dugong conservation (including data on populations, migration, on-going projects) based on IUCN website | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Regularly updated a directory of experts and organisations concerned with dugong conservation | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developed networks for cooperative management of shared populations, within or across sub-regions, and where appropriate, formalise cooperative management arrangements | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cooperated where possible in the establishment of transboundary marine protected areas using ecological rather than political boundaries | | | |

- Developed a streamlined format for reporting and exchanging information (through the MoU Secretariat and among Signatory States) on the state of dugong conservation at the national level
- Encouraged MoU signatory States that have not already done so to become Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)
- Encouraged Signatory States to become contracting parties to global fisheries agreements such as the UN Fish Stocks Agreement (1995) and the FAO Compliance Agreement (1993) and implemented the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (1995)
- Established relationships with regional fisheries bodies with a view to obtaining data on incidental capture and encouraged them to adopt dugong conservation measure within Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) and territorial waters
- Determined the most appropriate methods for information and expertise among nations, scientific institutions, non-governmental and international organisations, in order to develop and implement best practice approaches to conservation of dugongs and their habitats
- Exchanged at regular intervals scientific and technical information and expertise among nations, scientific institutions, non-governmental and international organisations, in order to develop and implement best practice approaches to conservation of dugongs and their habitats
- Disseminated traditional knowledge on dugongs, their habitats and traditional practices for conservation and management in a culturally appropriate manner
- Updated data on dugong populations of regional interest on a regular basis (e.g. country status reports)
- Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:*

Several of the objectives mentioned above are not applicable to Palau. Palau dugong program has a long term plan to update, exchange and establish relations with regional fisheries for implementing systematic measures to make sure that implementation and development of best practice approach to conservation of dugong and its habitat can be shared through information sharing mechanism easy and simple. Information such as the annual updated data on dugong population annually are disseminated in hard copies as well as electronically. However Palau would need assistance in this regard for capacity-building.

Rate Objective 6.2 as a National priority: High Medium Low

6.3 Improve coordination

What has your country done in order to improve coordination among government and non-government sectors and communities in the conservation of dugongs and their habitats? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

- P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable
- Reviewed the roles and responsibilities of government agencies related to the conservation and management of dugongs and their habitats
 - Designated a led agency responsible for coordinating national dugong conservation and management policy
 - Identified non-governmental organisation with an interest in dugong conservation and management
 - Encouraged cooperation within and among government and non-government sectors, including through the development and/or strengthening of national networks
 - Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions implemented:*

Palau dugong program has partially reviewed the role and responsibilities of the government agencies related to the conservation and management of dugongs and their habitat. At the same time dugong conservation program has identify non-government organisation with interests in dugong conservation and management. Dugong program cooperate within government and non-government sectors of development and strengthening national efforts and network.

Rate Objective 6.3 as a National priority: High Medium Low

6.4 Database

In relation to dugong conservation and management, what has your country done to develop and implement a regional database of relevant information? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable

Collated and managed information relevant for dugong conservation and management in a regional database that is easily accessible to all interested parties

Other, please describe:

* Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:

Palau dugong program has created a national database to collect and store regional information of dugong conservation, status, distribution threads and other important information. At the same time Palau currently gathers and manages information relevant for dugong conservation and management in a regional database that is easily accessible to all interest parties in hard copies.

Rate Objective 6.4 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 7: PROMOTE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU

7.1 Encourage participation in the MoU

What has your country done to encourage all Range States to participate in the MoU and its conservation and management activities? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable

Encouraged non-Signatory States to sign the MoU

Arranged regional and sub-regional workshops involving non-Signatory States to raise awareness of the MoU

Considered at the first meeting of the Signatory States the development of a timetable for regular review of implementation the MoU

Other, please describe:

* Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:

Palau needs to consider the promotion and implementation of the MoU and the development of a timetable for regular review of implementation of MoU.

Rate Objective 7.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

7.2 Support the Secretariat

What has your country done to support the Secretariat of the MoU to ensure the objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan are met? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

- P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable
 Secured reliable sources of funding to support the MoU Secretariat
 Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:*

Palau has not done any support or sources of funding to support the MoU Secretariat.

Rate Objective 7.2 as a National priority: High Medium Low

7.3 Seek resources

What kind of actions has your country taken to seek resources to support the implementation of the MoU? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

- P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable
 Prioritised conservation and management activities for funding
 Explored funding options with governments and other donors such as the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, UNDP, European Union, UNEP, GEF, etc.
 Solicited funding and other contributions from industries that have impacts on dugongs and their habitats (e.g. fisheries, tourism, oil industry, real estate)
 Explored international funding support and other incentives for Signatory States that effectively manage populations
 Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:*

Palau has not yet sign the MoU.

Rate Objective 7.3 as a National priority: High Medium Low

7.4 Synergy with other conventions

What has your country done to create links and develop synergies with other relevant regional conservation conventions, MoUs and Agreements? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

- P C PI NA P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable
 Identified, facilitated and explored links to other international, regional, sub-regional fora, conventions, agreements and MoUs
 Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:*

Palau has not developed any synergies with other regional conservation convention. Palau is non MoU signatory member of the Convention.

Rate Objective 7.4 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 8: IMPROVE LEGAL PROTECTION OF DUGONGS AND THEIR HABITATS

8.1 Incorporation into national legislation

What has your country done to encourage all Range States, and ensure Signatory States, to incorporate dugong and habitat conservation and protection measures into national legislation? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Encouraged MoU Signatory States, that have not already done so, to become Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Encouraged the establishment of legislation to protect dugongs and their habitats while recognising existing traditional management systems | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reviewed domestic policies and laws to address gaps or impediments to dugong conservation | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensured corporate sanctions for harming dugongs or destroying habitat, trained law enforcement authorities, raised public awareness to boost surveillance for reporting of illegal activities | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: | | | |

* Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:

Palau has raised public education and awareness of the harm in the destruction of the dugong habitats and awareness of illegal activity toward dugongs. Palau has established public law that enforces and boosts a surveillance for reporting of illegal activities in this regard.

Rate Objective 8.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

8.2 Legal protection

What kind of measures your country has developed to review and, where necessary, strengthen legal protection for dugongs and their habitats? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

- | P | C | PI | NA | P-Partial | C-Completed | PL-Planned | NA-Not Applicable |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cooperated in law enforcement to ensure compatible application of laws across and between jurisdictions (including through bilateral/multilateral agreements and intelligence sharing) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please describe: | | | |

* Free text field for a specific description on measures developed:

Palau has established a National program to monitor and research the threat to dugongs and their habitats and to cooperate and collaborate with NGO's, Foundation and law officers to enforce the law across and between jurisdictions.

Rate Objective 8.2 as a National priority: High Medium Low

OBJECTIVE 9: ENHANCE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON CAPACITY BUILDING

9.1 Promote capacity building

What has your country done to promote capacity building at all levels to strengthen conservation measures? Please check box when applicable and provide a specific description on the free text field* below.

P	C	PI	NA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	P-Partial C-Completed PL-Planned NA-Not Applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identified needs for capacity-building in terms of human resources, knowledge and facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provided training (e.g. through workshops) in conservation and management techniques for dugongs and their habitats to relevant agencies, individuals and local communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinated training programmes and workshops
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Developed partnerships with universities, research institutions, NGOs, training bodies and other relevant organisations to support capacity building initiatives
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify, assess, develop and implement training programmes for local communities, NGOs, community-based organisations, media, enforcement officers, policy makers, law makers and decision makers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced capacity at all levels to develop and undertake joint research programmes on dugong and their habitats
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organised forums (local, national and regional as appropriate) with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders to enable knowledge sharing and capacity building
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provided training on development, implementation and monitoring of community rehabilitation programmes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supported local communities and relevant national organisations with necessary basic equipment and facilities to enable protection, conservation and management of dugong and their habitats
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please describe:

** Free text field for a specific description on actions taken:*

Palau has established a program to promote a conservation of dugongs and their habitat in the region within the program in development of partnership with communities, schools as well as NGOs to enhance a relevant capacity building for the long term conservation of dugongs and its habitat. However more action in this regard should increase which is in the planning stage but funding is lacking.

Rate Objective 9.1 as a National priority: High Medium Low

Other remarks

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