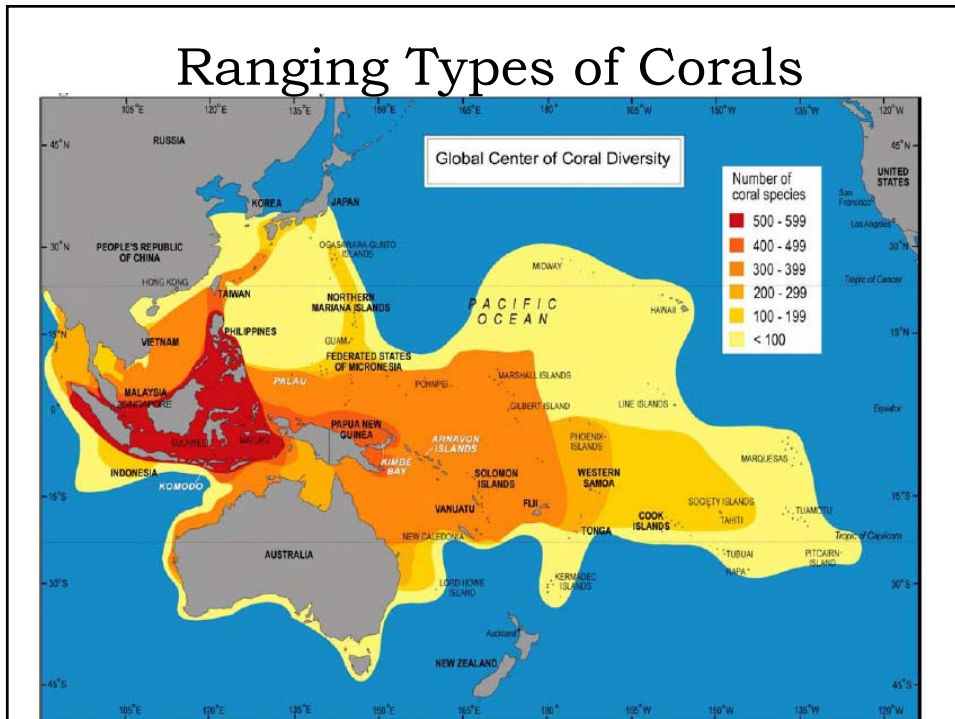


Micronesian Sea Tradition



Ranging Types of Corals



INTRODUCTION

- Traditional Stewardship
- Modern Vulnerabilities
- Contemporary Domestic Responses
- Regional Cooperation
- International Participation

BUILDING FROM THE PAST

From *Bul* to MPA:

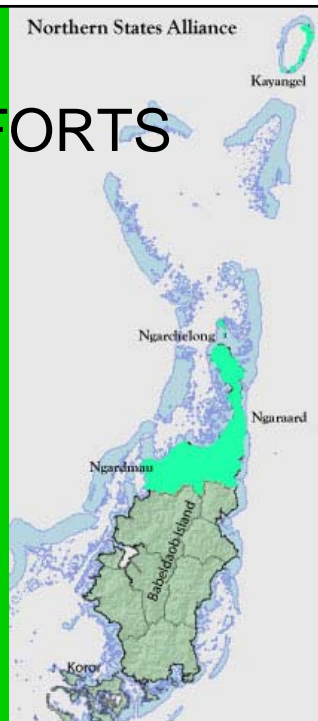
Local solution with help from partners.





COMMUNITY EFFORTS

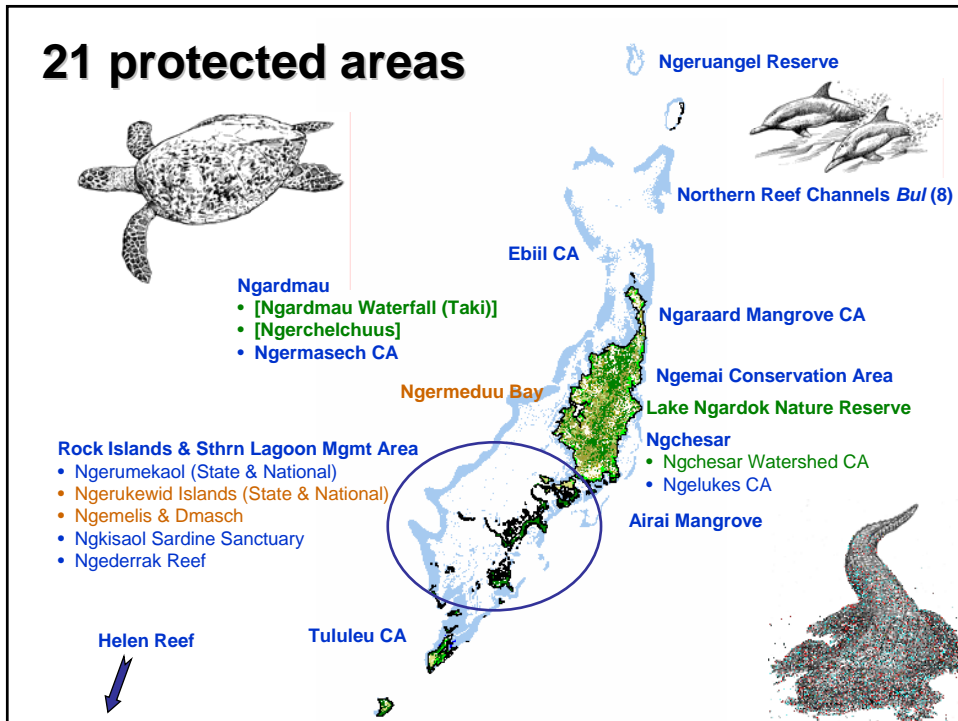
- *Bul*
- Fisheries law
- Formation of PCS



1998 coral bleaching event....



21 protected areas



PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK ACT

- Establishes Formal System for Palau's Protected Areas
- Recognizes/Supports Local Ownership & Management
- Feeds to National, & Global Biodiversity Conservation Objectives
- Takes Into Account All Elements of Resilience
- Adopted IUCN Categories
- Welcomes International Partners & Facilitates Cooperation

Photo by: K. Blong Salvador

REGULATIONS & FINANCE



Beyond Palau

- Micronesian Challenge
- APIL Resolutions
- Micronesian Traditional Leaders Conference
- International Participation



Untrawled and Trawled Coral-Sponge Forests (NW Australia)



Palau bottom trawling legislation, SB 7-112 (7 March 2006)

- “**Unregulated** deep sea bottom trawling must be stopped before irreversible damage is done.” Palau’s President Remengesau, in signing SB 7-112
- § 1 “The Obiil Era Kelulau finds that the use of bottom trawling has serious and possibly irreversible effects, including the destruction of coral reefs and associated vulnerable species.”
- §§ 3 & 4: imposes penalties on anyone bottom trawling within Palau’s territorial sea or EEZ, on any Palauan national or company bottom trawling anywhere in the world, and on any business entity licensed to do business in Palau that engages in or assists in bottom trawling anywhere in the world.”



