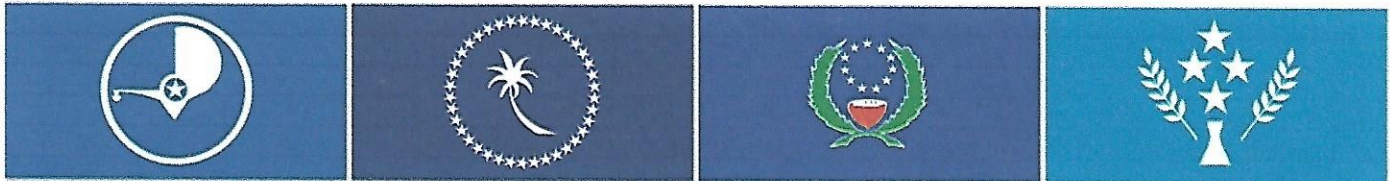




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Project title: Safeguarding biodiversity from invasive alien species in the Federated States of Micronesia		
Country: Federated States of Micronesia	Implementing Partner: FSM Department of Resources & Development	Management Arrangements: National Implementation Modality (NIM)
United Nations Pacific Strategy/Sub Regional Country Program Outcome: By 2022, people and ecosystems in the Pacific are more resilient to the impacts of climate change, climate variability and disasters; and environmental protection is strengthened.		
UNDP Strategic Plan Output (2018-2021): 1.4.1 Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, including sustainable commodities and green and inclusive value chains		
UNDP Social and Environmental Screening Category: Moderate Risk	UNDP Gender Marker: GEN2	
Atlas Project ID (formerly Award ID): 00119501	Atlas Output ID (formerly Project ID): 00115959	
UNDP-GEF PIMS ID number: 6004	GEF ID number: 9917	
Planned start date: 15 May 2020	Planned end date: 14 May 2025 (60 months)	
Expected date of Mid-Term Review: 15 May 2023	Expected date of Terminal evaluation: 15 February 2025	
LPAC meeting date: 18 September 2019		
Brief project description: The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) comprises some 607 islands, including its four High Island states of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae that span a distance of some 2,700 km. Its oceanic islands are home to some of the most biologically diverse forests and coral reefs in the world, rich in species and many of which are endemic. Globally significant features include: the world's deepest trench (Mariannas); among the world's most endangered rainforests on Mt Winipot (Chuuk State); the largest green turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>) rookery in insular Pacific; globally rare montane cloud forests at just 450 m on Pohnpei and Kosrae; and a diversity of marine ecosystems from high volcano islands with fringing and barrier reefs to coral atolls including Chuuk Lagoon, among the world's largest (3,130 km ²) and deepest (60 m).		
Invasive alien species (IAS) are the greatest threat to biodiversity in the Pacific Islands. They are the largest cause of extinction of single-country endemics in the Pacific, as well as contributing to the loss of traditional crop		

varieties, and they also impact on food security and tourism. Moreover, the threat is increasing as island nations develop, resulting in greater mobility among people, goods, and supplies. Introduced plant species, for example, account for 22% of plants in Kosrae, 40% in Pohnpei, 37% in Chuuk and 39% in Yap. In addition to established IAS are others of significant concern (e.g. Brown Tree Snake, Little Fire Ant and Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle) because they occur in Pacific countries that trade with FSM. Indeed, Little Fire Ant was detected in Yap in August 2017.

The project is designed to safeguard biodiversity in terrestrial and marine ecosystems, including agricultural and fisheries production systems, from the impacts of IAS by strengthening the institutionalization and enforcement of biosecurity measures across all sectors of government (federal and state), the private sector and civil society. Given that natural barriers to the spread of invasive species are thwarted by the movement of people, their goods and supplies, everyone (governments, citizens, visitors and traders) has a shared responsibility to safeguard natural and production ecosystems from the impacts of IAS. Hence, inadequate institutional policy and regulatory frameworks, lack of IAS awareness and understanding, and very limited operational capacity are the key barriers to be addressed under the project's three components.

FINANCING PLAN	
GEF Trust Fund	USD 4,141,509
UNDP TRAC resources	USD 0
Cash co-financing to be administered by UNDP	USD 0
(1) Total Budget administered by UNDP	USD 4,141,509
PARALLEL CO-FINANCING	
FSM Department of Resources & Development	USD 1,000,000
Department of Resources & Development Yap	USD 1,000,000
Chuuk Environment Protection Agency	USD 2,750,000
Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority	USD 550,000
Pohnpei Environment Protection Agency	USD 500,000
College of Micronesia-FSM	USD 500,000
Island Conservation	USD 690,000
Micronesia Conservation Trust	USD 1,000,000
The Nature Conservancy	USD 750,000
UNDP	USD 100,000
(2) Total co-financing	USD 8,840,000
(3) Grand-Total Project Financing (1)+(2)	USD 12,981,509
SIGNATURES	

Signature:  Mr. Marion Henry	Agreed by Implementing Partner Secretary, Department of Resources & Development	Date 7/3/20
Signature:  Levan Bouadze	Agreed by UNDP Pacific Resident Representative	Date 06-May-2020

Key GEF Project Cycle Milestones:

Project document signature: within 25 days of GEF CEO endorsement

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First disbursement date: within 40 days of GEF CEO endorsement
Inception workshop date: within 60 days of GEF CEO endorsement
Operational closure: within 3 months of posting of TE to UNDP ERC
Financial closure: within 6 months of operational

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