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## The Vision

The Micronesia Challenge is a commitment by the Chief Executives of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), the Republic of Palau (ROP), the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and the U.S. Territory of Guam to effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020.

## Micronesia

Micronesia is home to some of the most vibrant cultures and diverse variety of plant and animal life on Earth. Yet the features that make these islands unique also make them especially vulnerable to environmental threats such as deforestation, overharvesting, climate change and invasive species. The Micronesia Challenge provides a framework for action on an unprecedented scale.

The Micronesia Challenge spans 2.5 million square miles of ocean, an area nearly the size of the continental U.S. that supports the livelihoods of: 650,000 people and protects 66 threatened species on the IUCN Red List, 480+ coral species & 1,300+ reef fish species, 85 bird species & 1,400 plant species.

## Resilient Networks of Protected Areas: On-the-Ground Progress

For a more detailed map, go to: [micronesiachallenge.org](http://micronesiachallenge.org)

Currently, all five jurisdictions have National Biodiversity and Wildlife Strategic Action Plans that compliment local action strategies. All five jurisdictions also have Protected Area Networks in place and are working to increase the overall number of networks. *The map on the right indicates current regional conservation projects.*





## Engagement and Networking

Through the Micronesia Challenge Young Champions Program, talented local students are mentored by environmental managers and leaders. In the course of a year, under the guidance of their mentors, the interns develop and implement education and outreach projects to raise community awareness about the MC. Past intern accomplishments include radio shows, children's activity books and climate-change awareness events.

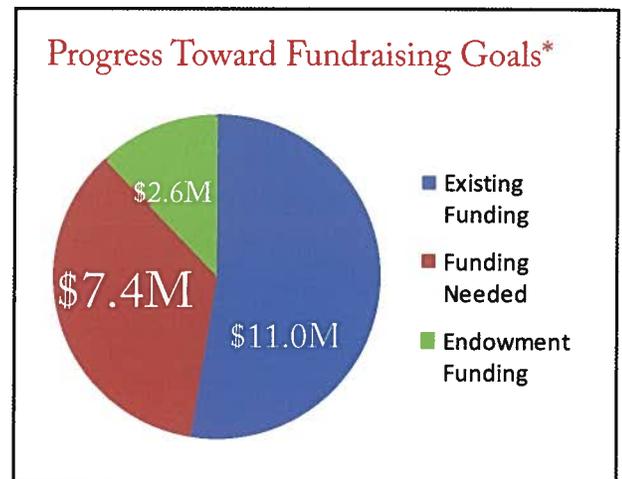
Micronesians in Conservation – a regional peer-learning network - is strengthening the skills of leaders and organizations so that, together with communities, they can advance the conservation and management of important natural areas in Micronesia.

For more: [www.micronesiachallenge.org](http://www.micronesiachallenge.org).

## Strides toward Sustainable Financing

The final Micronesia Challenge Sustainable Financing Plan calls for a \$55M endowment to support protected area design, development and management, and in sustainable financing. The organizations that comprise the MC have already secured pledges for over 30% of that target.

In January 2011, all five jurisdictions began the process of establishing sustainable finance plans and policies that they aim to have in place by 2015. The project will provide comprehensive support to the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) to develop and resource the Micronesia Challenge financial architecture.



## Supporters of the Micronesia Challenge

German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety; the Government of Turkey; the Government of the Republic of China; the Global Environment Facility; the David and Lucile Packard Foundation; the Micronesia Conservation Trust; U.S. Department of the Interior; U.S. Department of Commerce—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Development Programme; The Nature Conservancy; Conservation International; RARE; SeaWeb; the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme and Anonymous Private Donors.

## Join the Challenge

Visit the MC's newly designed Website - [www.micronesiachallenge.org](http://www.micronesiachallenge.org) - to find ways to become involved in the Micronesia Challenge. Website features:

- Young Champions - Intern profiles and project updates
- Into the Islands - Micronesia's Reality Adventure Web series featuring Dan Ho
- Save our Micronesia - An intimate community blog by islanders through Micronesia.
- Biodiversity References - Find reference materials, management plans and scientific papers here.
- Cafe Press store - Purchase inspirational Micronesia Challenge gear and support the vision.
- Upcoming events (web, live, etc)

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