

Micronesia Track and Field champions fight for personal bests and medals in Pohnpei



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Pohnpei, FSM—The 2016 Micronesia Athletics Championships ended in a downpour at PICS (Pohnpei Island Central School) Track and Field on June 4 but the rain didn't dampen the competitive spirit of the athletes. The games began on June 2 and featured athletes from Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk, Guam, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Northern Marianas Islands, and Palau.

The athletes competed in 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meter races. 110 and 400 meter hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus throw, shot put, javelin throw, hammer throw, 4x100 meter and 4x400 meter relays, octathlon, and heptathlon competitions.

Hundreds of people lined the stands to cheer on their favorite athletes. There were some remarkable performances. Rodman Teltull of Palau set a new record for the 100 meter final at 10.55 seconds, .25 seconds under the previous record.

Certainly every athlete in every event wanted to win their events and stand on the top stair during the medals presentation. The crowds cheered and yelled as the athletes thundered around the track or took flight for a long or high jump or threw some heavy object as far they could. 184 medals were awarded to 184 stunning athletes. It filled the heart with pride to see their achievements and the results can be found at www.athletics-oceania.com. Just the results for the top three medal winners span 12 pages of small print, way more than we could ever print here.

The competition was exciting, but besides being faster or stronger than another person, in the heart of nearly every athlete there is a far more important competition—one that cannot easily be seen, except perhaps in the eyes of a hungry athlete, even in the ones that didn't

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Pohnpei Police arrest former Pohnpei cabinet member Lucas Carlos

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Pohnpei, FSM—Former Director of Public Safety Lucas Carlos was arrested yesterday after an investigation led by the Pohnpei Governor's Office, the State Auditor's office and the Department of Public Safety led police to believe that Carlos had allegedly committed fraud and embezzlement.

The Pohnpei State Attorney General's office was not notified until after the arrest had happened.

Captain Edmund, Pohnpei's Acting Chief of Police said that Carlos was arrested and was later released.

According to an official at the Attorney General's office, it is not unusual for police to make an arrest and then present the results of their investigations to the Attorney General's office for possible formal charges. Charges have not yet been formally filed.

The investigation that led to the arrest alleges that as part of his official duties, former Director Carlos traveled to Palau in late 2014 to attend

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Seven Nepalese refugees to be repatriated from Yap

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Yap, FSM—Seven of 16 Nepalese refugees who have been stranded in Yap since their boats landed in Yap over a year and a half ago will be returning home to Nepal after their long ordeal.

In November of 2015, 16 people from Nepal and 18 people from India were detained in Yap after they were found in Yap’s waters with no travel documents and in near starving condition. Their destination was not Yap. It is not clear whether their destination was Australia or the United States. They intended to seek asylum.

While they have been in Yap, community members contributed to feeding the refugees but they have been essentially in custody at the port in Colonia almost since they arrived.

Clayton Lawrence, an Assistant Attorney General from the FSM Department of Justice said that the refugees will leave from Yap on June 25. He said the government of Australia and the International Organization for Migration contributed to the repatriation.

Lawrence said that in March, he and a representative from the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs went to the Philippines to meet with the Ambassador of India and also the Second Secretary of Nepal’s Embassy in the Philippines.

The process of generating travel documents takes a while but the FSM is now in possession of documents for all 16 of the Nepalese refugees but the refugee status of six of them is currently being reviewed by the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). The status of two of the Indian refugees is also being reviewed by the UNHCR.

The travel documents for the refugees from India have not yet arrived.

Lawrence says that he expects that review will be completed very soon. The governments of India and of Nepal have both promised to cover the cost of repatriating their citizens.

“President Christian and Attorney General Gallen have made it a priority of this Government to reunite all these individuals with their families and friends.

Collectively, for many months now, the FSM Government, Yap State officials, the Yap Community, Nepal, India, UNHCR and IOM have been diligently working on getting these people home to Nepal and India. We are very appreciative of the support extended to us by the State of Yap, the Yap Community, Nepal, India, UNHCR, and IOM. We understand, however, that this is merely the beginning—a promising one that inspires much hope and confidence- but we still have 27 individuals to go,” Lawrence said in a prepared statement.



Refugees on board a vessel at Colonia port in Yap in March of 2015



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Governor Peterson and Liduduhniap Waterfall trail owners sign first Public-Private Tourism Partnership Agreement in Pohnpei History

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Pohnpei, FSM—The once pristine and well kept path to Liduduhniap Falls is now overgrown and oftentimes dangerous making it nearly inaccessible to all but the heartiest of souls. But today, a historic agreement among the Pohnpei State Government’s Office of Aid Coordination, Tourism and Economic Affairs and the nine owners of the trails and property surrounding Liduduhniap Falls was signed in the office of Governor Marcello Peterson.

The \$75,000 agreement from the FSM Tourism Fund appropriated by the FSM Congress will mean the investment of sufficient funds from the National Tourism budget to restore safe access to the important attraction. It will also provide covered observation and picnic facilities for the enjoyment of both international and local visitors.

The one shelter that had previously been erected in the upper falls area has fallen down. On our visit there yesterday to try to take a “before” photo of the falls it wasn’t safe enough for us to get close enough to even catch a glimpse of the lower falls. The overgrown trail before the slippery rock “stairs” to the bottom of the falls was treacherously close to the edge of the cliff and the vegetation on the edge of that cliff would not have been sufficient to catch a fall if a traveler stumbled in the tangled undergrowth.

The historic agreement was signed today after seven months of patient negotiation. Work is scheduled to be completed by September 10th for a VIP tour during the Pacific Islands Forum meetings.

“This investment will add a second waterfall to the PSG’s Office of Tourism’s safe access waterfall tour program, going forward,” said Marshall Ferrin a Peace Corps volunteer serving as external aid coordinator at the Pohnpei government.

“In addition to the presently accessible Kepirohi Falls, the PSG expects this renovation of the access to Liduduhniap will serve as a model to the creation of upgraded trails to other attractive falls, namely Lehn Pai Pohn, the Kitti Six Water Falls and the Twin Falls. The plan is to build a full week of waterfall tours, thus attracting more visitors to Pohnpei, to spend time, and money on the island, thus creating additional employment and incomes,” he said.

Governor Peterson said after the ceremony that during the meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislators in Guam, that body resolved to pursue a cruise ship venture that has proposed to operate in the FSM. He said that a study has already been done and the venture is feasible especially if there are attractions that would be accessible. “It’s totally feasible,” he said with an excited twinkle in his eyes.

During the ceremony, Mason Wiley, who is the Director of the College of Micronesia’s Center for Entrepreneurial Studies said that the services of a group of students who have set up a business consultancy service have been contracted to provide business support to the owners of the falls.

Ferrin said that arrangement would help to ensure that the project is sustainable long into the future.

“These new private sector work opportunities in the tourism sector represent the first of a number of steps the Pohnpei State Government is taking to replace the expected loss of jobs due to the reduction in funding from the Compact,” Ferrin said. “It is planned to have the Grand Opening of the Liduduhniap Waterfall Tour, to coincide with the Pohnpei hosting of the Pacific Island Forum in September, 2016. The government expects that this opening will help to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of free advertising to announce to the world, that Pohnpei is open for Pacific Eco-Tourism Adventures.”



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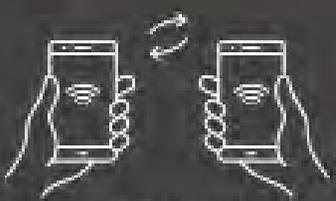
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Pohnpei SDA graduate returns to address current Pohnpei SDA graduates

(Editor's note: Yolanda Joab graduated from Pohnpei's Seventh Day Adventist School eight years ago. She currently works with the International Organization for Migrations Cadre program in Chuuk, teaching children about climate change and disaster risk reduction. She is also studying at Harvard University. Below is the manuscript for the inspirational speech she gave to graduating seniors of Pohnpei SDA. She varied from her manuscript during delivering but the speech was powerful enough to warrant printing in its entirety.)

Good evening, allow me to pay my respects to everyone here tonight. To all dignitaries and representatives present, Principal Edward, the proud mothers, fathers and family, teachers and friends gathered here tonight. And most importantly to these good-looking graduates up here, thank you for having me. I am very honored and feel very privileged to be here and share in this milestone with you all. A wise man once said "There are 2 kinds of people in this world. Those of us that graduated from Pohnpei SDA and those who wish they did."

Eight years ago I sat right there on that same stage where you all are sitting right now. Now, I know there are some people who are looking up here at me right now and wondering why in the world is she there? Why is she delivering this keynote speech? And to tell you the truth I don't know either. (In her delivered speech she added that she isn't a politician, "or at least not yet") What I do know is that eight years has been long enough for me find my path and be set in it and well on my way in it, but it is also short enough of a time for me to still remember exactly how it feels to be where these graduates are at right now. With all of the butterflies and excitement and sense of saddened nostalgia of missing your friends and high school that I know you all are feeling right now. But then there's the bigger thing gnawing at your mind—the burning curiosity of what's to come next.

"You don't have to have it all figured out right now...that's how life works"

Graduates—show of hands, who knows EXACTLY what they're going to do after graduation (and I don't mean the after parties or celebratory dinners you're going to have tonight—which I hope I'm invited to) but in terms of your lives, who knows exactly what they're gonna be and exactly what they're gonna do? Raise your hand if you have it all figured out.

I didn't think so. And neither did I. But that's okay. You don't have to have it all figured out right now, because that's not how life works. Now, while that can seem terrifying—the thought of your future being one big gigantic uncertainty, it is ALSO the beauty of it. Because it's about the journey, not the destination. You're going to leave here and you will make mistakes—but those mistakes and

challenges are life giving you the opportunity to learn and become better. Being at this turning point of your lives- entering adulthood and trying to find yourself and learn who you are and what it is exactly you're supposed to do with this life that God has given you is what this time is all about.

Chase your own path - "Own it!"

So follow your own path. Never abandon who you are. Your morals. Your values. And your faith. These must always remain at your core because they are what separate you from the rest. Whatever your passion is—pursue that relentlessly. Whatever field of work you find meaningful and believe in—chase it. Chase it with all you've got, because if you are on your own path, I promise you, you will not get lost. And all of this goes back to your class Aim: "To do all the good we can, in all the way we can, to all the souls we can, in every place we can, at all the times we can, with all the zeal we can, as long as we ever can". I couldn't be a bigger fan of this aim. As it is rooted in the ideal of Service above Self. It's about choosing a path to help others and being a blessing to other people.

"Success is not defined in how much money you make, or what your title is..."

Because success is not defined in how much money you make, or what your title is, or how old you are—but it is defined in the immeasurable positive impact you can make that your heart most enjoys with the skills and talents that God has blessed you with. Let me repeat that again-- Because success is not defined in how much money you make, or what your title is, or how old you are—but it is defined in the immeasurable positive impact you can make that your heart most enjoys with the skills and talents that God has blessed you with.

So be confident in that while still holding the humility that is required of you to recognize opportunities for learning and growth. Let me say that again—be confident in that—in who you are, in what your interests and dreams are in—if it's in climate change and environment OWN IT. If it's in educational development OWN IT. If it's in gender equality OWN IT. Whatever it is OWN IT and take pride in your work and who you are.

Do not abandon yourself...but still be open-minded and humble enough to recognize when you should take a step back listen and learn. This is by far one of the most challenging ways we are forced to grow. Because there will be times; there will be moments, defining moments, that put it all to the test. And a reality for us as Micronesians especially those of you who decide to take your journey abroad, whether it be in Guam or Hawaii or the states or elsewhere like a crazy volunteership in the Philippines or a "study abroad program" south of Russia like I did—it is no secret that too often our people face unjust discrimination particularly in Guam and Hawaii, and I know this personally.

"If our islands are too small to be seen on a map then make them see you!"

Therefore always keep in mind—whenever you leave this island remember that you are an ambassador of our islands. Represent us. Make a name for us. If our islands are too small to be seen on a map then MAKE them see YOU. Through

college, through your jobs, through whatever you end up doing wherever that is—make sure it counts and make sure you are using your opportunities to give people and haters something good to talk about when referencing our great Micronesia. Do that by proving naysayers wrong. Surround yourself with positive influences; friends who are also striving for the best who support you and help you to become the best version of yourself. Continuously strive for the best and set for yourself the standard of nothing but excellence in all aspects of your life.

In the islands even throughout the Pacific a lot of us tend to have a very relaxed outlook on how we approach things. You know what I'm talking about-- That very chill, island fever, "No worries. Eh, it's good enough. Being 30 mins late is on time," kind of mindset. That is one of our biggest downfalls. I need you all to eliminate that mindset as you pursue your endeavors. Leave this stage with no expectations of free handouts and easy shortcuts, because the world owes you nothing. If there's a scholarship you need, guess what? Thousands of other students need it too. There's a great job that you want? Guess what? There'll be dozens of others that'll want it too. You have to be ready to fight for what you want out of life. You are graduating from an excellent school that has equipped you with the tools to do so. So fight. Dare to dream big. Go big or go home. If being ambitious is here, then I want you all to be here.

And along the way remember your motto of togetherness in Christ. "Together you have been friends, together you have special memories, but your togetherness in Christ will keep you going." There is value in true friendship. In family. In growing through the support of your loved ones. Never take that for granted. Love fiercely. Be different. In the society we live in today where kindness and manners and owning up to your feelings are downplayed as weakness we could use a little more courage of love. Enter the world with a hunger that cannot be satisfied. With fearless drive and conviction. Pursue your path relentlessly with a strong mind and humble heart- keep running, don't look back, and go out and set the world on fire.

Congratulations graduates.

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Post COP21 - The real work is still yet to come

Micronesia Conservation Trust

The FSM and other small nations won big at the Paris UNFCCC COP21 when the larger, more developed countries agreed to the Paris Agreement which is pretty favorable to island nations such as ours. Our negotiators have been travelling around the world for years lobbying for more developed nations to assist us in fighting climate change, and it finally paid off. In the Paris Agreement, developed countries agreed to pursue efforts to limit temperature increases to 1.5 degrees, they agreed to a separate and standalone article on Loss and Damage (from climate change), and to simplified and scaled-up access to finance for Small Island Developing States (like FSM) that are specifically vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and have significant capacity constraints. That's great news to our community based conservation and climate adaptation efforts here in the FSM and we anticipate the switch

from burning fossil fuels to using more renewable energy sources in all four FSM states. This looks good for FSM meeting our goals under the Paris Agreement, but if you take a closer look at what is really damaging our island environment, we need to look at what we are doing here, at home, in our communities and in our coastal fishery.

For the most part here in FSM, after the Paris meeting, things still remain business as usual. One activity that happens here in Pohnpei that speaks opposite to our voice in Paris is the dredging of mangroves and reefs. There are approximately 50 dredge sites (old and new) around the island of Pohnpei. This means there is a dredge site every mile. So while we spent a whole lot of time fighting to have the developed countries significantly decrease their carbon emissions into our atmosphere to help reverse global warming, we continue to allow dredging of our mangroves and corals, which

Pohnpei police ask for leads in what may be the murder of a Palikir man

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Palikir, Pohnpei—Police are currently conducting a murder investigation into the death of Relent Hadley who was 31 years old. Hadley went by the nickname, "Katar".

Early on Monday morning, June 6, Pohnpei State Police received a call that Hadley's body had been found under one of the bridges in Palikir not far from the FSM Capitol complex.

One woman who lives nearby reported having seen him the night before he was found in what she thought was a highly intoxicated state. At that time he was headed toward the bridge which is an open bridge with no guard rails. The next morning he was dead beneath the bridge.

While many of the people in the surrounding homes thought that his death had been by accidental drowning after falling into the river and being knocked out, police thought otherwise.

Captain Edmund, currently the Acting Chief of Police said that the family would not allow an autopsy, but the injuries reported by the Pohnpei State Hospital led police to believe that Hadley had potentially been murdered. He said that X-Ray results and the small amount of water in his lungs did not add up to accidental death.



Two detectives have been assigned the task of finding the alleged murderer. They have interviewed people who live nearby but so far they have no leads.

Captain Edmund has asked for assistance from the community. "If anyone has any information about the death of Relent Hadley, we urge them to contact detectives at the Pohnpei State Police Department."

For now, an alleged and currently unidentified killer is at large.

ultimately decreases our resilience to the impacts of climate change. We need to stop/limit these activities, and help ourselves strengthen our island's resilience to climate change. And when we fly all over the world saying that we are concerned about climate change and impacts on our communities, we need to start acting like we are really concerned by changing our own actions. Dredging mangroves and corals every mile around our island shows a true lack of concern by our leaders and citizens. If we are going to allow for these types of activities to continue, let's not kid ourselves and basically stop wasting money and time traveling the world to protest the developing countries hurting our environment with their CO2 emissions.

No matter how many solar powered power plants we have, if we don't change the way we dredge up coral we are not going to see improvements in our local environment, and we could still see the continued erosion of

shoreline of our coastal communities, sedimentation of our reefs, and a lack of biodiversity in our coastal fishery.

So with funding we will be receiving for climate change adaptation from the Paris Agreement, we need to find ways to stop the dredging of our mangroves and corals. We all want our island to develop, but there are better ways than to ruin the coastline of Pohnpei with so many dredge sites.

It's time for us to come up with specific solutions to our specific problems and then use the funds that COP21 will see come available to developing island nations to solve these problems that only we can solve. These are the problems that we are causing, and no one else can fix them. Having the funding is only half of the solution. Getting communities to roll up their sleeves and get to work on committing to positive conservation efforts is the real work to come.

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two separate trainings. The evidence says that the trainings ran simultaneously and that it was therefore impossible that former Director Carlos attended both. The investigation further alleges that Mr. Carlos requested and received funding from Pohnpei State Government but then never attended the training.

The State Auditor's office had also been investigating allegations that Mr. Carlos repeatedly used state prisoners and employees from the Department of Corrections to farm his crops of sakau and yams, as well as to manage his property at times when he was off island.

"This investigation is part of a new directive from the Governor to investigate and prosecute all reports of fraud and abuse within the Pohnpei State Government in a timely and active manner" said a source close to the Governor's office. "In addition, this is the sort of activity that the Government of Pohnpei is no longer going to allow of its employees."

The source, who requested anonymity, was quick to add that there are other investigations being pursued, and further arrests are anticipated." Formal charges are expected to be filed against Mr. Carlos by the Attorneys General's Office later in the month.

"I have to follow the law," said Governor Peterson this afternoon after a signing ceremony for the Liduduhniap Falls tourism project. "I have to do this, even if it sometimes involves family."

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Festival of Pacific Arts in Review

By Stephanie Jano Edward
 FSM's Media Representative

June 8, 2016

Guam--After two extraordinary weeks of non-stop cultural festivities in blistering heat, the Pohnpei delegation is finally back on home ground.

The last week of the Festival of Pacific Arts (FestPac) went by in a blur, as performers and artists delivered their final performances and pieces. The festival huts bustled with activity as members of other delegations and FestPac attendees roamed and shopped their traditional wares. The live musical bands from each delegation also gave stellar last performances for FestPac attendees, closing the Village hours after the designated closing hours. Everyone felt the subtle change in tone of the FestPac, a bittersweet aura, as it had become our home away from home for the past couple of weeks.

In the last week of the FestPac, the Pohnpei delegation continued to proudly display Pohnpei's culture with demonstrations of the traditional sakau ceremony, presided over by Wasalalalap, Soukisehleng, Nahmwarki en Kitti and Nahnalek Kitti. After the demonstrations, Senator Miguel, serving as Master of Ceremony for the demonstration invited audience members to try the sakau. The audience poured in, men and women, adults and children alike, to try the numbing concoction. After the tasting, many came by the Pohnpei hut asking to buy bottles of sakau to enjoy on their own time. Unfortunately, we were unable to sell bottles of sakau due to time restraints and lack of manpower to prepare the sakau in time to sell each evening.

Pohnpei's performing artists were also a big hit at the FestPac, with numerous requests for extra performances at the Pohnpei Hut. Despite exhaustion from the heat of the day and the previous performances during the day, the Mwoakilloa delegates were always ready and willing to perform the Jipwiki Parano for anyone requesting

it. They became a crowd favorite at any venue they performed at, rivaling the ever-popular delegates from Rapa Nui and Cook Islands.

The Pohnpei delegation, led by Governor Peterson was also able to leave a friendship token for the people of Guam in the newly-built Guam Museum. In a short ceremony, Governor Peterson, on behalf of the people of Pohnpei presented a traditional peitehl and sakau to be left on display in the Museum.

The closing ceremony of the FestPac 2016, June 4 was a momentous event with delegations entering the stadium for the last time to bid farewell to everyone. It was a grand and bittersweet event for all participating countries since the event meant the end of a two-week celebration of cultures and heritage with newly-made friends.

President Christian and Governor Peterson led the FSM delegation towards center stage to give their final farewell.

The Pohnpei delegation would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the people of Guam and the participating countries in the FestPac for the experience and the privilege of showcasing our heritage and culture with everyone. We would also like to thank the Pohnpei community of Guam for the support throughout the FestPac from the welcoming to the closing of the event and all the needs in-between.

This was a spectacular event, one that will not soon be forgotten and solidifies the need to preserve and enhance our understanding and our pride in our own distinct cultures.

The Festival of Pacific Arts will be hosted by Hawaii in 2020.



Deserving U.S. territory employees to receive increased benefits

During the week of May 23, 2016 the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) awarded additional money to the Prior Service Trust Fund Administration (PSTF) to enact and fully fund an increased cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all existing PSTF beneficiaries. This is an addition to the annual funds received from OIA earlier this year to maintain existing payments to PSTF beneficiaries for the immediate futures as well. With the additional funds provided this week, PSTF can immediately raise the minimum benefit payment to \$50, retroactively award a 20% COLA to those above the new minimum, and provide a 3% annual COLA beginning October 2016.

Jerry Facey, an Advisor to PSTF, has been leading an annual delegation visit to Washington, D.C. to address this very issue. Upon receiving the news from

OIA, Mr. Facey shared, "This is the most significant Prior Service achievement in many years and will impact the lives of close to 1,000 Micronesian families. While I regret that we were not able to accomplish this long overdue adjustment years ago, I find great joy in knowing we finally succeeded in a reasonable COLA." Mr. Facey, joined by Alexander R. Narruhn, the Administrator of the FSM Social Security Administration, was also very grateful to OIA Assistant Secretary Esther P. Kia'aina for her understanding and granting of this COLA request.

Brendan McCann, who recently joined the D.C. visit effort said, "We are very grateful and appreciative that OIA has recognized and funded the previous mishap of not providing enough funding that more appropriately reflected the needs of the beneficiaries. With these additional funds the COLA issue has

been rectified. This is a major win for a very much deserving group."

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Congress creates 2023 Committee

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. June 9, 2016 - The Fourth Regular Session of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned on Tuesday May 31, after its series of public hearings on the National Government's proposed 2017 fiscal year budget and following action on various measures pending before the Body.

Among the measures acted upon by Congress was one to address the eventual expiration of the financial terms of the amended Compact. Congressional Act (CA) No. 19-86, called for the establishment of a Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) along with the creation of its Secretariat. The measure was introduced in May 2015 at the beginning of the 19th Congress to create an entity to oversee and coordinate the Nation's preparations for the eventual expiration of the financial terms of amended Compact of Free Association with the United States of America, which is set to expire in 2023. The JCRP would be comprised of nine members: one representative from each of the four States; one representative from each of the congressional delegations; and the final member would be the Secretary of Foreign Affairs as member ex-officio.

Another measure acted upon for membership composition was CA 19-85, which called for the establishment of a national scholarship board to administer and coordinate all scholarships awarded by the National Government. The board would be composed of five members: one from each of the four

states and one from the national government. According to the Act, members of the FSM Scholarship Board would serve a three-year term.

Congress also passed CA 19-87, to address the renewal of FSM passports. As a matter of evidence through the Act, "a citizen who holds an FSM passport that has been renewed twice in a row is entitled to a rebuttable presumption that he has renounced the citizenship of another nation and that he is solely an FSM citizen."

In addition to the measures with membership, Congress passed CA 19-90, to appropriate a supplemental Budget request of \$2,468,650 with the bulk of it directed to the continuing efforts to assist the States for which \$1 million was to the Airport Improvement Program matching funds. Along the lines of continued efforts to assist the states, Congress passed CA 19-89 to appropriate \$1.4 million to fund public projects and social programs in the four states.

Within the purview of continuing assistance, Congress went through several prior laws and made changes to the use of various funds previously appropriated and changed the lapse date of certain laws, and those included the following Congressional Acts: CA 19-80 thru CA 19-84; CA 19-88; and CA 19-91 through CA 19-93.

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Opinion Editorial

We Are Oceania: a vehicle for empowering Hawaii's COFA migrants

Bradley Rentz and Josh Levy

We Are Oceania (WAO) is a collaborative, Micronesian-run nonprofit organization based in Honolulu, Hawai'i whose mission is to "empower our Micronesian community to navigate success while honoring the integrity of our diverse heritage." WAO aims to centralize the support system for all Micronesian communities, families, and individuals living in Hawai'i. It serves as a one stop center dedicated to addressing Micronesian community needs.

Those needs may be as diverse as basic translation services, guidance in locating legal assistance, help dealing with employers or landlords, or assistance enrolling in health insurance. WAO helps Micronesians adjust to their new homes by providing the skills they need to navigate American society: acculturation training, pre-employment training, census enumeration, and service referrals. It also helps COFA residents access US government programs to which they are legally entitled. Because of the prejudice many Micronesians in Hawai'i face on a daily basis, an organization that is able to demonstrate the understanding, humility, and respect for Micronesians in the way WAO has is vitally needed.

This respect is epitomized by the words of WAO's director, Jocelyn Howard, originally from Onoun: "[I give] my humble admiration for the people of Oceania for our usual courage in navigating unfamiliar waters and having the perseverance to sail through rough waters, strong currents, and powerful winds while staying loyal to maintaining, repairing, and rebuilding 'our canoe' for our generation and for the next generations to carry on our voyage to our 'destination.'" It is with this tirow fairo (respect) that she and her colleagues formed this organization. WAO is the culmination of a long journey of Micronesians empowering other Micronesians to become integrated members of American society.

On May 31, 2016, Neil Mellen published an op-ed in the Honolulu Star Advertiser entitled "Interior Department bungling making COFA mess worse." Mr. Mellen is the founder and director of the Habele Outer Island Education Fund. His piece criticizes the US Interior Department's Office of Insular Affairs for building "stagnant, semi-cash, local economies" in the Freely Associated States and in particular for its "disastrous" support of one stop centers in Hawai'i. He writes:

[The Office of Insular Affairs] is now

training migrants to maximize their dependency on taxpayer-funded services in Guam and Hawaii. This disastrous policy includes awarding grants to so-called 'One-Stop Centers.'

Caseworkers at these centers are trained to immediately sign up migrants for entitlements, equipping them to aggressively cash in on the vast number of benefits available.

One DOI-funded group [WAO] goes further, organizing migrants to advocate for changing what they term 'unjust laws and practices that affect Micronesians in areas of health care, housing, labor, and education services.'

With respect to the important work Habele does in supporting education initiatives in Micronesia, Mr. Mellen misses the point here. While US government agencies, including the DOI, are by no means above reproach, Micronesians have been navigating a wider world for centuries.

As the Tongan scholar Epeli Hau'ofa has observed, thousands of Pacific Islanders crisscross the ocean every day, enlarging their worlds as their ancestors did before them. "Everywhere they go," he writes, "they strike roots in new resource areas, securing employment and overseas family property, expanding kinship networks through which they circulate themselves, their relatives, their material goods, and their stories all across their ocean." And, he continues, "the ocean is theirs because it has always been their home."

The migrants who arrive on the shores of Hawai'i, Guam, the US mainland, and beyond are not merely impoverished victims of US government mismanagement. They are navigators who help enrich their home islands even as they contribute to their adopted homes through their work in healthcare and manufacturing, tourism and education, agriculture and the service industry, and service in the US military far out of proportion to their numbers.

Nor are the provisions of the Compacts of Free Association, such as the right to travel freely and to access certain US government programs, gifts freely given. As Mr. Mellen rightly points out, the United States military has determined that it has a strategic interest in maintaining a post-independence relationship with the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. The Compacts of Free Association are treaties negotiated between independent nations that offer Micronesia's strategic

position to the United States government in exchange for certain provisions intended to benefit Micronesians. These provisions are the hard-won result of decades long negotiations meant to produce a mutually beneficial relationship.

This is not to say that Micronesian communities living in Hawai'i do not face real struggles with some of the issues Mr. Mellen mentions: elevated rates of homelessness, low rates of health insurance, and difficulty managing Hawaii's sometimes confusing healthcare and education systems. But this only underlines the need for an organization like WAO, which has the expertise and the commitment needed to position migrants for success.

Mr. Mellen closes by offering a substitution of State Department diplomats for Interior Department bureaucrats as a "smart first step" to more effectively implementing economic development funding and thus, he believes, to reducing migration. Yet the State Department became intimately involved in the affairs of the Trust Territory as early as the 1940s, and maintains a presence in Micronesia today.

Trust Territory office shelves were once

littered with economic development reports prepared by government experts and independent firms, from the monumental 1946 US Commercial Company survey to the infamous 1963 Solomon Report, to the 1966 Nathan Report, and a series of state and national development plans prepared since independence. Foreign embassies regularly attempt to make their mark on the islands through generous offers of technical assistance for economic development projects. Micronesia's economies may lack in some respects, but they have rarely lacked for outside economic development advice. The ultimate responsibility for managing the economic affairs of the COFA states lies, as it has since independence, with the leaders of those nations.

WAO works because it centers Micronesian talent, builds community relationships, and is grounded in the reality that Micronesians are navigators seeking to enlarge their worlds, not refugees enriching themselves at the expense of US taxpayers. For WAO, Micronesians working together to receive access to health care, public housing, and education so that they may better their families and their communities is not "big government." It is aloha.

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come close to winning a medal. Sure, the athletes' competitions were with the other competitors. It IS sports after all, but the most important competition, the one that provides the drive and power to compete effectively against others is the competition inside each athlete.

There were instances where that inner competition was easy to see. Take Daelan Kristofer Hilado Alviz, 17 year old high jumper from Guam as an example. Even after he had clearly beaten the two closest competitors, he continued to strive for his personal best, jump after jump, and soon the eyes of the crowd were watching that inner competition unfold on the field at the PICS track and they cheered when he was successful. After he had cleared the bar set at 6 feet to cheers from the smaller crowd on that last rainy day the bar was reset to 6'1".

Daelan, who is only 5'10" says that his unofficial personal best high jump is 6'1". His official personal best is 6'0". He wanted to make 6'1" an official personal best. Three times he tried and three times the bar clattered to the ground. He didn't make it official on that Saturday but I know that if he had he would have raised the bar even higher and tried for a new personal best.

It's a stunning thing to watch, really, and it's easy to get caught up in the drama of it. It's why so many people are sports fans. We can't know all of the athletes' personal stories or their journeys to where they were during the competitions. I know that now having done all of the work to do medals analysis only to wonder what the cold numbers actually say. They do say something and I'll talk about that, but there are stories behind every athlete that once known, make their performances all the more exciting.

Take the Chuuk team for example. They put up some decent win numbers especially when you consider the fact that they train in what most would call deplorable conditions without a real track to speak of. Yet they always struggle hard and the effort they put out always shows.

Yap didn't score any medals but I would venture to guess that there were some personal bests for their small team as well.

I noticed for the first time during this competition something that has probably been pointed out many times before but that I had never heard anyone talk about. The person who stands on the highest tier of the medals stand, the gold medal winner, must bow lowest to receive their prize. There are all sorts of things to be said about the symbolism of that.

Perhaps it is the mutual inner personal competition that made for such camaraderie both on the track and off it, but it was obvious to even a casual observer during the games.

So now on to the medals:

A team by team listing of medals won isn't really all that informative because all the



were silver, and nine were bronze.

NMI's athletes earned 1.33 medals per athlete. Eight were gold. Five were silver, and three were bronze.

Marshall Islands brought home one gold, three silvers and one bronze medal for .56 medals per athlete.

Chuuk brought home a respectable .47 medals per athlete. Four of those were silver and three were bronze.

For the most part the event was extremely well organized. It seemed that all of the volunteers knew exactly where they needed to be and what they needed to be doing once they got there. The medical team was outstanding and dealt with a few injuries during the championships. The live results that were being provided on the Oceania website during the championships was the best method of handling it that we've seen at any sporting event here. The technological support and attention to sporting standards were outstanding.

As good as the organization was for the games themselves, there were a few tense moments for members of the media who had not been invited to meetings they didn't know were happening. Otherwise, the organization of the games was magnificent and it showed right down to the police support on the streets.

teams had widely disparate numbers of athletes. Pohnpei kept 86 medals at home. Guam took 42 medals back with them, but the Pohnpei team had 40 athletes while Guam only had 18. The Northern Marianas Islands athletes took home 16 medals as did Nauru. Nauru had 11 athletes while NMI had 12. Palau's eight athletes took home 12 medals. Chuuk's 15 athletes flew home with seven medals. Marshall Islands' nine athletes took home five gold medals.

Guam took home more medals than other teams on a per athlete basis at 2.33 medals. At 26 gold medals, their percentage of gold medals to the total number of medals earned was also higher than any other team. Guam had 26 gold medals, nine silver medals and seven bronze medals.

Pohnpei took home 86 medals for the second highest "per athlete" medal score of 2.15. Of those 27 were gold, 39 were silver and 20 were bronze.

Palau's 11 medals meant that the team earned 1.5 medals per athlete. Six of those were gold. Four were silver, and two were bronze.

Nauru brought home 1.45 medals per athlete. Three of those were gold. Four

Well done Micronesia athletes and organizers. Well done indeed.



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On your mark, get set, read 2016 Summer reading program theme

Readers of all ages will explore all things sports and fitness this summer as Pohnpei Public Library presents "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" during their summer library program. Activities may include costume creation, group games, physical challenges, art projects, science and engineering experiments, and more.

The 2016 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through 8th graders, with programs, prize drawings, storytimes, a reading club, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. Summer Reading will kick off on June 20, 2016. Registration for "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" begins on May 30, 2016 and the fee is \$5.00. For more information, call the library at (691) 320-2423 or visit our website, <http://pohnpeipubliclibrary.blogspot.com>.



Congress provides monetary assistance to Island Food Community of Pohnpei

By: Mona Tara/Emihner Johnson

On May 30, 2016, IFCP received a Check in the amount of USD \$5,000.00 from Senator David Panuelo, FSM Congress at-large which came under Congressional Bill No. 19-106, C.D.I...Public Law No. 19-53.

IFCP would like to express our sincere appreciation and KALANGAN LAP to Senator Panuelo for your continuous support to the vision and mission of IFCP which help safeguard the livelihood of the people of Pohnpei as well as the whole FSM.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei(IFCP) is a non government organization with a vision: To live on an island where, with self-respect and dignity, people are actively producing and utilizing locally grown foods while preserving cultural values, improving health, achieving sustainable economic development, ensuring a healthy environment and achieving food security.

Warm Smile after painting of Nantaku Community Church

JICA Alumni Association (JAA) Pohnpei Officers, JICA Volunteers and Nantaku community members came together on a Saturday morning on April 16th, 2016 to help paint the Nantaku community church.

The pastor for the Nantaku community church is currently working with his community to build a church for the Nantaku area in Palikir and needed support from JAA to provide paint for the building. JAA-Pohnpei responded to the pastor's request and brought a team out there to help the Nantaku community. JAA-Pohnpei would like to acknowledge Genesis Hospital for sponsoring the lunch for the community project on this day.



New Zealand supports rain water resilience in Chuuk State

Community water supplies in Chuuk State were devastated during Typhoon Maysak in March 2015. With generous support from the New Zealand Embassy, IOM Micronesia has facilitated rainwater resilience programs for 17 communities on atolls outside of Chuuk's main lagoon, and 5 communities inside the lagoon, 22 communities in total.

When the project is completed, over 12,200 community members on these low-lying islands will have access to water supplies from free-standing rainwater catchments and storage systems that were specifically designed to provide optimum catchment with minimal construction and plumbing requirements.

Low-lying coral atolls such as the ones targeted through this program lack substantial water sheds and are particularly vulnerable to water security issues.

In addition to the increasing pressure from sea level rises, experts also suggest that current El Nino conditions are contributing to a looming threat of periods of drought.

The timely installation of these rainwater catchments and storage systems will help communities to rebuild and prepare for more resilient futures.



Completed Water Catchments at Xavier College in Chuuk State. Photo Credit: IOM 2016



Water Catchment in Losap, Chuuk State. Photo Credit: IOM 2016



IOM Team Installing Water Catchment in Paata, Chuuk State. Photo Credit: IOM 2016

Education Corner:

Richard Womack, Ed.D

BLOOM'S TAXONOMY—Evidence is all about verbs. When this Kaselehlie Press edition becomes available I am sure all the readers will have attended graduations and more than one. Our small family has been to four as of this writing and has several to go. Like any family member I sit and ask if the many certificates received mean more than attendance. As parents, grandparents, and all caregivers want to know that the certificates represent evidence of learning. Remember the teacher must know what to teach; how to teach; how to create a positive learning environment; and how to know students have learned what has been taught in the classroom. These are measured by different kinds of tests—some are high-stakes which were discussed last issue. But measuring learning is far more than multiple choice tests, or essay tests. Measuring goes on daily, weekly, quarterly in formative ways and is a must responsibility of every teacher. Teachers can never assume a lesson or any part of it has been learned and teachers must have proof of this. Parents likewise have a right to ask—what did my child learn to earn the certificate. To help more with the how do we know they have learned, it is useful review work done by Benjamin Bloom and a committee of educational psychologists from about 60 years ago (1956). All professional educators (in U. S. education) are familiar with what is referred to as Bloom's Taxonomy. Your Pohnpei teachers should be thoroughly schooled in Bloom and unless they are they cannot measure learning as it should be. The term 'taxonomy' should be familiar to many of you from science. Recall 'taxonomy' referred to groups like genus and species, groups of animals and plants that have characteristics that are so similar that they fit together into a certain group. We sometimes use a synonym as the term categories. When teaching science, teachers are always having students put items into categories. So Bloom's Taxonomy is about some groups or categories that are so similar that we may put them into groups.

At any rate Bloom (and the committee) proposed three kinds of learning—groups of learning or ways of learning referred to as domains. These domains are three groups which in turn have groups within the groups. It is like this. Bloom put learning into three general areas described or explained below

Cognitive Domain: This domain has to do with mental skills, thinking skills or knowledge. For example, naming five characteristics of mammals would be evidence of such mental or thinking skills. Recalling the multiplication tables or solving an algebraic equation is in the cognitive domain. Learning to read, write, and speak is in the cognitive domain. Memorizing history dates like "Magellan landed in Guam in 1521" or remembering the importance of Magellan's voyage is in the cognitive domain. This 'cognitive domain' is the area in which most of teaching and learning takes place in schools. For an elementary school teacher it is evidence for the standards and benchmarks. Almost all standards and benchmarks require thinking and knowledge and this defines the cognitive domain. But important about this domain is that we can measure thinking and knowledge and we can get some evidence that a student has learned. This domain has verbs that we can use to measure or get evidence.

Affective Domain: This domain is a little trickier. This has to do with an area that includes attitudes, feelings or emotions. Certainly, teachers teach attitudes and are concerned with emotions and feelings. Teachers want students to have good attitudes and not bad attitudes. We want our students to be caring and thoughtful of others. We want students to enjoy learning. We want our students to appreciate and like or even love music. For example,

learning to define the term 'classical music' is in the cognitive domain. Teachers can measure to see if the student can define the term. But learning to appreciate or enjoy music is in the affective domain. It is easy to measure if the students write down the correct definition of music but it is very difficult to get evidence if a student appreciates or likes music. Showing an appreciation for and enjoying the environment is in the affective domain. Listing the causes of Global Warming is in the cognitive domain. Once again the affective domain is the most difficult to measure. How does one measure feeling or attitudes? In Professor Emeritus Harvey Segal's Introduction to Teaching in Micronesia, Professor Segal uses the idea of volunteering. If you have done a lesson on littering/pollution and you see students voluntarily picking up trash around the school grounds, you might consider that evidence of a change in attitude and an appreciation for a clean, litter-free environment. Remember, it is very difficult to measure learning in this domain but it is a domain that is important. Remember teachers are teaching citizenship not just a definition of citizenship. We want our students showing respect, and caring for others not defining or describing what respect is. Simulations like class government and projects may be about the cognitive domain for practicing (and measuring) language arts skills but they also involved practicing to be good citizens and caring for others. We can measure when we see students are demonstrating appreciation, good attitudes, care for their environment and respect.

Psychomotor Domain: This domain covers physical skills and hand-eye coordination. It has to do with the development of fine and gross motor-skills. For example, at school in physical education and even playing at recess time the student learns in this domain. Students learn to skip and run; throw and catch a baseball; dribble and shoot a basketball; and so on. In the first grade, a teacher uses big fat soft rubber balls but by the eighth grade the students have learned and developed enough to throw and catch a baseball. This domain shares one thing with the cognitive domain. This domain is fairly easy to measure. Can a student run a mile in six minutes? Can a five-year-old catch a big soft ball? Can a student dribble a basketball ten times? Did the student make six out of ten free throws (60%), or did the student make only 40% or four out of ten. And too these are skills that can be practiced at home and away from school

Finally we answered the question—what do teachers teach? The answer is "curriculum." We said that formal curriculum is made up of the standards and benchmarks. Curriculum standards and benchmarks are almost entirely in the cognitive domain. So parents should know that all nearly all the tests measure Bloom's Cognitive Domain. Always remember that there is an Affective Domain as well as a Psychomotor Domain. Last summer (2015) at the National Teachers Conference traditional leaders and attending parents were pleased to learn that Pohnpeian Values will be part of the standards and benchmarks. We can only say this is good but schools can do only a part. When your children are not demonstrating respect at home—it's the job of the family.

You may look at these more if you like in by searching Bloom's Taxonomy on the Internet. The Introduction to Professional Teaching and Student Learning in Micronesia (2010), Richard A. Womack, Ed.D. is the primary reference for today's EC.

Listening to science is our best way forward in managing our sea

cucumber fishery

Conservation Society of Pohnpei

Sea cucumbers are a quiet sea invertebrate that have never made a lot of news in the past in Pohnpei, but that doesn't mean that we have been ignoring them. Since 2012, Dr. Peter Houk who heads up the University of Guam's Marine Laboratory has been working with the Conservation Society of Pohnpei and the Pohnpei State Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture on a long term coral reef monitoring program. This program conducted surveys at 21 sites on the shallow reef slopes around Pohnpei where many species of sea cucumber live. The main goal of the program was to understand how the near shore fisheries and corals respond to human stressors and management programs, such as Marine Protected Areas, and help to balance the social, economic, and ecosystem needs of fisheries. So, it made sense that with the recent announcement of a sea cucumber harvest that we would ask Dr. Houk to return to Pohnpei and do a rapid assessment of the current population levels of sea cucumbers and compare them to the levels in 2012 to see if we have a sufficient supply of sea cucumbers to harvest. The plan devised by the state allows for a whopping 67.5 metric tons of sea cucumbers to harvest. (That's 135,000 pounds!).

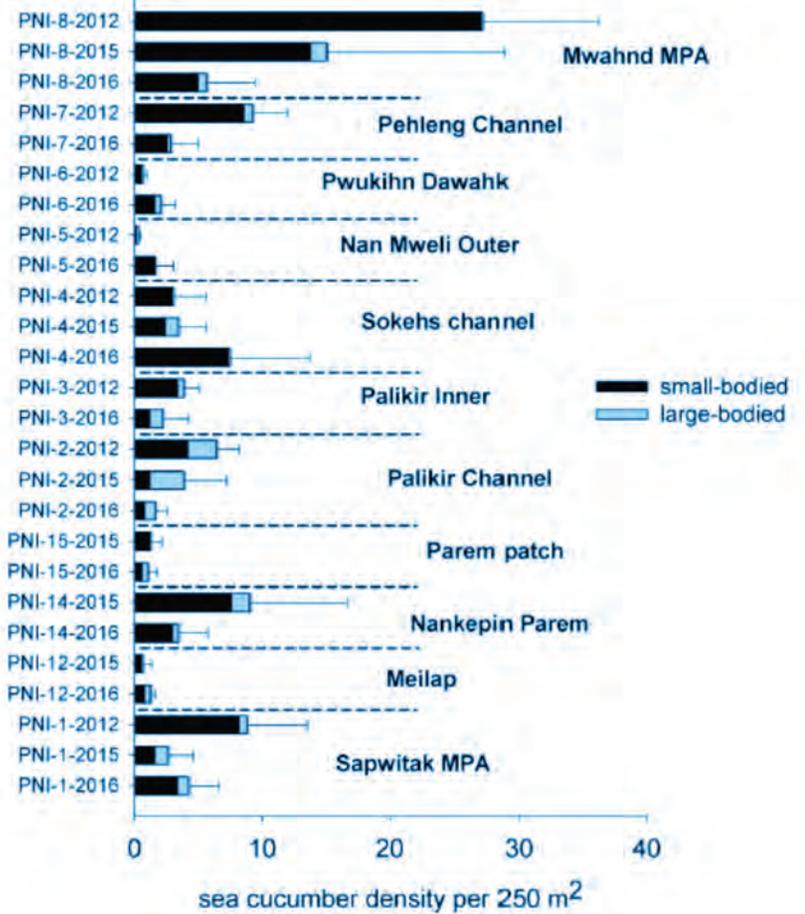
In early May the team finished collecting another round of data to help put sea cucumber population trends into perspective. The data showed clearly that sea cucumbers have declined since 2012 at almost all of the sites where sea cucumbers have been observed, including inside the no-take marine

protected areas. The team of Dr. Houk and members from CSP and OFA had informal conversations with numerous individuals (fishermen, community leaders and fisheries workers) and identified two events that may have contributed to this decline. In his report after the rapid assessment was done, Dr. Houk noted that there was a harvesting operation in 2013 that collected and dried sea cucumbers but never shipped them out because it was purportedly illegal. His report states that the declines in sea cucumbers between 2012 and 2014 around the island correspond with this timeframe. Secondly, his summary noted that there have been reports from communities that "unusually heavy rain events and/or extreme low tides with the ongoing El Nino have led to sea cucumber die-off events in some localities last year". His summary is that sea cucumber populations have declined significantly at the 21 sites monitored since 2012 and are currently at low levels. His report confirms what science has documented, "that sea cucumbers grow much slower than fishes, and while fish populations can start to recover within two years of successful management, sea cucumbers may take a minimum of 5 to 10 years."

The data in his report showed that harvesting at the present time is not recommended because of the low numbers of large species, and no substantial recovery of smaller species since their populations declined in 2013 (see graph below). According to Dr. Houk, the state should look to do a full survey of the shallow reef habitats that were not included in their program, and do a synthesis of all available past data on sea cucumber populations. The end conclusion is that harvesting low

populations now would jeopardize the ecological functions that sea cucumbers provide to Pohnpei reefs. For the people in Pohnpei, there is a lot of talk about the harvest

of sea cucumbers. Who should we listen to? Listening to science would seem to be our best way forward in managing our sea cucumber fishery.



Pohnpei sea cucumber trends based on Micronesia reef monitoring program data (standard error bars). Five 50m transect lines were placed at each location, and sea cucumbers that were found on 3m of either side of the lines were counted. Declines were observed for most sites, including marine protected areas. The declines in less favorable small-bodied species is concerning because they are worth less than the larger species. Given the low abundances of large species, it is likely that the 2013 small harvesting event targeted smaller species. In total, small-bodied species comprised 9 species, while large bodied species comprised 8 species.



Here, a surveyor is assessing sea cucumber and other macroinvertebrates abundances on the reef slopes during the recent 2016 monitoring event. For more information visit <https://www.micronesiareefmonitoring.com/>.



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