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<b>Project title:</b> Integrating biodiversity safeguards and conservation into development in Palau		
<b>Country:</b> Palau	<b>Implementing Partner:</b> Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism	<b>Management Arrangements:</b> National Implementation Modality (NIM)
<b>UNDAF/Country Program Outcome:</b> Environmental Sustainability		
<b>UNDP Strategic Plan Output:</b> Output 1.3 Solutions developed at national and sub-national levels for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystem services, chemicals and waste.		
<b>UNDP Social and Environmental Screening Category:</b> Moderate Risk	<b>UNDP Gender Marker:</b> 2	
<b>Atlas Project ID/Award ID number:</b> 00105164	<b>Atlas Output ID/Project ID number:</b> 00106389	
<b>UNDP-GEF PIMS ID number:</b> 5645	<b>GEF ID number:</b> 9208	
<b>Planned start date:</b> July 1, 2018	<b>Planned end date:</b> June 30, 2024	
<b>LPAC date:</b> 10 August 2017		
<p><b>Brief project description:</b> Palau’s economy is projected to become increasingly dependent on tourism that is rising by 30% annually, necessitating new tourism infrastructure and service industries. Agriculture and fisheries, even though contributing barely 4% to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continues to provide the main livelihood for about 20% of Palau’s population. Local food security is a national priority, given the heavy reliance on food imports, and these three sectors (agriculture, fisheries and tourism) are now growing in line with Palau’s national development policies and plans. However, increasing pressures from tourism and agriculture and fisheries development activities are also resulting in rapidly increasing pressures on the country’s natural resources and biodiversity; and the rich terrestrial and marine natural resources, on which tourism (and agriculture and fisheries) depend, are especially vulnerable to such pressures.</p> <p>This project aims to address the negative impacts of unsustainable sector-led development practices on biodiversity-rich landscapes of Palau, including its productive coastal and marine ecosystems, while taking into account climate change adaptation needs and inclusive and equitable social and economic development for dependent communities, as well as safeguarding against threats to biodiversity and the introduction and spread of Invasive Alien Species through the tourism and related sectors. <b>The objective of the project is to mainstream biodiversity conservation into integrated land and seascape governance, planning and management in Palau.</b></p> <p>The project recognizes the fact that these land and seascapes underpin the lives and livelihoods of a large number of local communities and that implementation of a coherent strategy to promote sustainable, biodiversity-friendly livelihood options is an integral part of the solution. The project objective is to be achieved through the implementation of four inter-related and mutually complementary Components (Project Outcomes) that are focussed on addressing existing barriers. The four Outcomes of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Outcome 1:</b> Enhanced national institutional framework for integrated planning and management of land and seascapes;</li> <li><b>Outcome 2:</b> Integrated multi-sector land and seascape planning and management operational in Babeldaob states to reduce threats to biodiversity and improve ecosystem services to benefit communities and state economies;</li> <li><b>Outcome 3:</b> Integrated multi-sector planning and management operational in 264,686 ha of seascapes and coastal</li> </ul>		

areas in the Southern Lagoon to reduce threats to biodiversity and improve ecosystem services to benefit communities and state economies; and  
**Outcome 4:** Knowledge management, monitoring and evaluation support, equitable gender benefits and biodiversity conservation in Palau.

<b>FINANCING PLAN</b>		
GEF Trust Fund		USD 4,233,562
UNDP TRAC resources		USD 0
Cash co-financing to be administered by UNDP		USD 0
<b>(1) Total Budget administered by UNDP</b>		<b>USD 4,233,562</b>
<b>PARALLEL CO-FINANCING (all other co-financing that is not cash co-financing administered by UNDP)</b>		
	UNDP	USD 0
	Government	USD 15,616,306
	Civil Society Organizations	USD 7,055,000
<b>(2) Total co-financing</b>		<b>USD 22,671,306</b>
<b>(3) Grand-Total Project Financing (1)+(2)</b>		<b>USD 26,904,868</b>
<b>SIGNATURES</b>		
Signature:  Faustina Rehuher-Marugg, Minister of State, Republic of Palau	Agreed by Government	Date/Month/Year: 06 July 2018
Signature:  Umlich Sengebau, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, Republic of Palau	Agreed by Implementing Partner	Date/Month/Year: 16 July 2018
Signature:  Bakhodir Burkhanov, Country Director, UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji and Head of Pacific Regional Programme and Policy	Agreed by UNDP	Date/Month/Year: 06/7/2018