

Preliminary national diagnostic for environment statistics

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National vision

- ▶ Our national vision for sustainable development, biodiversity, green economy and ecosystems for Palau is to “substantially enhance the quality of life of Palauans and future generations of Palauans”.
- ▶ NMDP recognises that protecting the natural environment is an essential component of achieving this vision. In the medium-term development strategy developed under this plan improving environmental management and data collection were listed as priorities.



Policy priorities and policy tools

- ▶ Sustainable development policy priorities:
 - Increase real economic growth per capita on a sustained basis;
 - Share the benefits of economic growth on an equitable basis; and
 - Enrich and enhance confidence in the Palauan culture, raise national consciousness, and protect the natural environment of Palau.

- ▶ Policy tools in place or planned:
 - Palau 2020 – National Master Development Plan
 - Energy Policy
 - Water Policy
 - Palau Climate Change Policy
 - Environmental and Natural Resources Action Plan



Institutions

- ▶ Stakeholders in environment sustainable development and green economy policy: Government (President's office, Office of Planning & Statistics, NEPC, Ministries & Departments), NGO's, Private Sectors.

- ▶ Institutional mechanisms in place to make sustainability and green economy decisions: National Environmental Protection Council (NEPC)

- ▶ The role of the National Statistical office: Provide data evidenced based policy making; to establish, develop and maintain a general data dissemination system that provides reliable economic and socio-demographic statistics to support developmental planning and the formulation of appropriate economic and fiscal policies and their assessment.



Knowledge

- ▶ Key documents and data sources:
 - Palau 2020 – National Master Development Plan
 - Palau Climate Change Policy
 - State of Environment reporting
 - Other relevant sectoral policies
 - Energy Policy
 - Water Policy



Existing compilations

- ▶ SEEA Central Framework Accounts
 - None at the moment but plan to prepare Energy & Water accounts.
- ▶ SEEA Ecosystem Accounts
 - No plans at this stage
- ▶ Other FDES indicators
 - None



Context

- ▶ Other national statistical development activities
 - Government Finance Statistics
 - Balance of Payment
 - National Account; GDP
 - Census, HIES, Statistical Year book
 - Agriculture Survey & Labor force Survey

- ▶ International activities focused on environment, sustainable development, biodiversity or green economy
 - Office of Climate Change



Priorities

- ▶ Priority accounts
 - Energy
 - Water



Constraints

- ▶ **Need capacity building**
 - For Water & Energy accounts as well as TA
- ▶ **Need data development**
 - Administrative data classification, coding & validation of data
- ▶ **Need institutional coordination or financing**
 - Use existing NEPC mechanism
 - Financing needed for supporting capacity building & data development



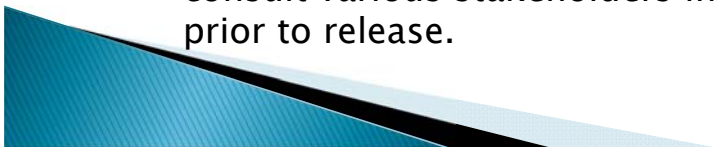
Opportunities: Priority Actions

1. Account: Water

Actions: Create a data sharing agreement between OPS (compiler) & PPUC (data provider), reconciliation of raw data from PPUC against the ISIC, attempt compiling Water accounts using SEEA Central Framework, consult various stakeholders including NEPC to review prior to release.

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