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Enhancing the Palau PAN enforcement coordination and to develop and implement a conservation academy curriculum.

The Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN) has been working to enhance enforcement coordination by developing a conservation academy curriculum aimed to fill in the training gaps of the PAN Rangers. A special project between the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and the Environment (MAFE), the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), PAN Fund Board, and relevant partners was developed with a goal to improve PAN Rangers capacity to enforce and manage protected areas.

Through partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), WildAid was contracted to assist PAN create a conservation academy curriculum and develop a robust citation process for the Palau PAN Rangers. Madam Vice President and Minister of Justice, J. Uduch Sengebau, Sr., Esq. has appointed a legal advisor to assist in developing a template legislation that would provide state PAN rangers with the authority to enforce state laws and identify key strategies to guide the development of policies to support both state government in the enforcement and management of PAN sites.

On April 14, 2022 during Our Oceans Conference (OOC) in Palau, WildAid Marine Program Director, Meaghan Brosnan, announced to all the participants its commitment to continue its support of the Palau Protected Areas Network towards the successful implementation of the Palau PAN Rangers Conservation Academy. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment (MAFE) in partnership with the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) along with WildAid's support, aims to enhance PAN enforcement coordination and implement a PAN Rangers conservation academy aligned with Palau's requirements for enforcement force.





(Front left: T.H. Vice President of Palau J. Uduch Sengebau Senior Esq.) (Front Right: WildAid Marine Program Director Meaghan Brosnan) (Back left to Right: 1. Roxanne Blesam- Chief of Staff of the Vice President of Palau, 2. Duke K. Gibson- PAN Capacity Development Officer, 3. Elilai Ngirmang- Legal Assistant of the Vice President of Palau, 4. Joyce K. Beouch- Acting Chief of the Division of Protected Areas and Species of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment and the Palau PAN Program Coordinator.