



## **WFLC PACIFIC ISLANDS FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

### **2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan**

## **LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW**

### **COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

<b>2025 Leadership Team</b>	<b>2026 Leadership Team</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Christine Fejeran (Guam) <b>Vice Chair:</b> Jenny Grimm (HI) <b>Secretary:</b> Randon Jack (RMI) <b>Past Chair:</b> Marlyter Silbanuz (FSM) <b>USDA Forest Service:</b> Miranda Hutten <b>CWSF/WFLC Staff Liaison:</b> Sara Goodwin	<b>Chair:</b> Jenny Grimm (HI) <b>Vice Chair:</b> Vacant <b>Secretary:</b> Kiyara-mae Eluil Swanson (Palau) <b>Past Chair:</b> Christine Fejeran (Guam) <b>USDA Forest Service:</b> Miranda Hutten <b>CWSF/WFLC Staff Liaison:</b> Sara Goodwin

### **MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE**

View the mission on the committee's webpage at  
<https://www.thewflc.org/about/committees/pacific-islands-forestry-committee>.

## **2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Created a [grant program information spreadsheet](#) and updated it on a quarterly basis.
- Neil Simpson, CWSF/WFLC Director of Policy, provided updates at the July PIFC Meeting and the 2025 PIFC Executive Committee Meeting.
- Initial ideas and materials were pulled together for a joint LSR proposal. Further action will take place in 2026.
- Conducted a survey to identify priority training topics for PIFC members. Additional discussions took place during the 2025 PIFC Executive Committee Meeting to further nail down details of specific training needs.
- Guam, FSM, and Palau engaged in DACUM (an acronym for Developing a Curriculum) discussions with Forest Solutions. Aviva Gottesman provided an update during the 2025 PIFC Executive Committee Meeting.
- Key messages about the importance of PIFC and regional priorities were drafted and discussed during the August PIFC Leadership team meeting. [Final messages](#) were shared with PIFC members in September prior to the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Annual Meeting. Additional messages will be added as appropriate.
- Christine Fejeran served as a speaker during the 2025 NASF Meeting during the 'Lessons from the Islands' breakout session.
- CWDG executed for Palau, CWDG application put in for CNMI for round 3 CWDG implementation, utilizing their hazard mitigation plan. Palau's CWDG was executed for the development of a CWPP.
- Jenny Grimm, Kristina Estrada, and Philip Kitamura (HI) have been working with a small group from Palau, RMI, and FSM to discuss the traditional ecological knowledge transfer of culturally and ecologically important trees.

Kristina and Philip provided an update during the 2025 PIFC Executive Committee meeting.

- Created a running list of [PIFC Resources](#). The list will be updated on an ongoing basis.

## 2026 WORK PLAN

### MEETING(S) AND CALLS PLANNED FOR 2026

- Planned Zoom calls for 2026 include January 26/27, April 27/28, July 27/28, and October 26/27.
- PIFC Executive Committee Meeting: Week of October 19, 2026, Location TBD.

### KEY ACTIVITIES, DELIVERABLES, AND OUTCOMES PLANNED FOR 2026

- Identify capacity/expertise needs, along with potential barriers, and work together to match needs with opportunities and barriers with solutions. Part of this effort would include assessing the alignment with existing funding opportunities, such as the USFS IRA grant, the CWSF Forest Products Committee grant, while also exploring other solutions and leveraging the broader PIFC network to find solutions/move these forward.
- PIFC members enhance coordination at the local, state, and regional levels to be more effective on invasive species management.
- Assist with the dissemination of the report for the DACUM project and showcase its successful applications and feedback.
- Explore opportunities in wood innovations and agroforestry, focusing on training and strategies for coconut, pandanus, and breadfruit.
- Invite the PI-CASC to a quarterly call to explore partnership opportunities.
- Continued work on a multi-island LSR proposal.
- Explore fire hazard mitigation opportunities and needs, including increasing applications from the islands for CWDG, SFA/WUI, and other similar funding opportunities.
- Continue to advance efforts to coordinate and create a proposal around traditional ecological knowledge transfer and identify support funding.
- Share lessons learned/data collection/resources post-disaster, particularly for FEMA support.
- Work with the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry to determine issues and opportunities, including enhancing the connection between research and end-users.
- Build upon the identification of training needs and host or explore opportunities available for those needs.

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## FOR APPROVAL BY CWSF/WFLC MEMBERSHIP

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- Recommendation for State Foresters to approve the Pacific Islands Forestry Committee's 2026 Work Plan.