



URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

The Federated States of Micronesia consist of diverse islands with unique ecological systems that are vital to the well-being of local communities. Urbanization and environmental impacts pose significant threats to these islands. Effective urban and community forestry can play a crucial role in mitigating these challenges by providing habitat restoration, improving air quality, and enhancing overall community aesthetics.



Consultation Meetings

Consultation Meetings for the Kupluc Mangrove Landowners was held on September 12, 2024, in Kosrae State with the Mayor of Malem and some members of the Shrew Jonas, one of key landowner of Kucpluc. The meeting was a success; the group of family landowners/members showed interest and noted that not all the rightful landowners in the family were on island. As a result, the landowners agreed that the best way to move forward was to meet other adjacent landowners who shared similar interests in the project and who are currently on island. Thus, UCF Program Coordinator and Mr. Shrew Jonas agree to organize another meeting and invite adjacent landowners to seek interest and endorsement to join the project.



Nursery Improvement

In Pohnpei State, the Urban and Community Forestry Program has been supplying communities and farmers with fruit, ornamental, and medicinal trees for over ten years. However, there have been concerns about the seedlings' ability to thrive after distribution due to their small size. The UCF Program has provided essential financial support for maintaining the nursery. To improve seedling survival rates, the NRM division has begun cultivating seedlings to a height of up to 10 feet before distribution. Additionally, plans are underway to expand the nursery with more cloth, bedding, and space for larger seedlings. A site has been selected, with foundational work already in progress.

Distribution of Tropical Fruits Trees

In 2023, a severe drought hit the islands of Yap State and disrupted many of the island ecosystem services. Yap U&CF program response with agroforest enhancement program through fruit tree replanting in the communities. This resulted in requests from the community for fruit tree seedlings. Citrus, mountain apple, cacao plants, Sour sap, breadfruit, mango, and other fruit trees, were distributed to many communities in Yap. In 2024, the severe drought impact continued affecting several outer islands, impacting 70% of crops and trees on Fais limestone atoll. To help mitigate the effects of the severe drought, the Urban Community Forestry combined efforts with Forest Stewardship to support the planting of fruit trees in Fais. Through the partnership of Melai Mai and Yap Forestry, U&CF and other Agriculture and Forestry Staff sent one hundred ten assorted tropical fruit trees to one of the communities on Fais Island.

Header: Yap Agriculture & Forestry Staff
Distributing Tropical Trees in Fais Island
Left: Consultation Meeting in Malem (Kosrae)
Center: Nursery Improvement in Pohnpei

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