

Email from Conservation International to Minister Sengebau and ED Sakuma:

Dear Minister and KB,

Alii. Since President Remengesau's request in late 2015 to CI to work together to support the Palau National Sanctuary we have been looking for ways and means to support this. Our recent trip to Palau has helped crystallise thoughts based on the good discussions we have had with you.

I am writing to ask for an in principle commitment to include the Palau Sanctuary elements we have discussed working on including:

80% Sanctuary Zone:

- Assessment of the role of the sanctuary in climate change adaptation measures for tuna
- Support to Palau in Sanctuary management planning particularly around climate issues, marine mammals and other key species
- Support to Palau's Sanctuary to engage in the Pacific Oceanscape and Big Ocean networks

20% Fisheries /Zone:

- Support to share experience of CI Hawaii's coastal fisheries program

PAN & PANF

- Support to phase two of Palau's goals for the Micronesia Challenge as protected areas are a common sense adaptation measure to climate change
- PANO capacity building
- PANF capacity building to assess role in handling climate financing linked to natural resources in Palau

PALAU

- Engagement by Palau with CI in trialling tools e.g. Ocean Health Index as a means to track decision making, SDG progress as part of a 'whole-domain' management engagement

into a proposal CI is developing to support implementation of the Leaders' Pacific Oceanscape Framework to the German IKI (Climate Change Adaptation Fund). Please note I have looked at Palau's Climate Change Strategy as given to us by Tarita and we see great synergy with this and the proposal should be packaged

under this strategy and there may be additional elements you would see useful.

The elements highlighted are our response to the request for support from President Remengesau to CI ions for improved ocean management. Tools we are looking to trial locally within countries include the Ocean Health Index, Mapping Essential Natural Capital, Natural Capital Accounting and Ecosystem Services- this would be applied at across Palau's marine domain and could form a basis useful for your monitoring and evaluation of the sanctuary.

Together these could also complement the potential of the Green Climate Fund adaptation initiative that Palau is currently considering and the German funding could help start this work if secured. Please note we also plan to work with Tobi State on adaptation work in Helens' Reef that would complement the above. There would also be potential to build in support for the PAN network and PNF Board capacity building to be able to manage endowment and other funds in relation to climate

We would like to proceed quickly noting the German IKI Fund deadlines is June 6. At this point in time I request an in principle agreement to develop a concept with CI based on the above and we can go from there. There would be ample time to finalise a detailed proposal before June 6.

I would greatly appreciate your urgent consideration of this.

Kind regards