

# invasive Species Taskforce Of Pohnpei

## Strategic Action Plan

### 2018 - 2022

POHNPEI STATE, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

#### Invasive Species Taskforce of Pohnpei Members

College of Micronesia FSM, Cooperative Research and Extension (COM-FSM/CRE)  
Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP)  
FSM Resources and Development (FSM-RD)  
Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT)  
Pohnpei Farmer's Association (PFA)  
Pohnpei State Public Safety (EOC)  
Pohnpei State Attorney General Office (AGO)  
Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety - Fish and Wildlife (PS-FW)  
Pohnpei State Department of Resources and Development – Division of Agriculture (PR&D-DOA)  
Pohnpei State Department of Resources and Development – Natural Resource Division (PR&D-NR)  
Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Pohnpei State Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA)  
Pohnpei Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD)  
Pohnpei Women's Council (PWC)  
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)  
The Pacific Community (SPC)  
United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

#### Invasive Species Taskforce of Pohnpei Partners

Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC)  
Pacific Invasive Initiative (PII)  
Pacific Invasives Species Network (PILN)  
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)  
United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)  
United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS)  
University of Guam (UoG)  
University of Hawaii (UH)

## Vision

*Pohnpei will sustain biodiverse terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems for the environmental, social, cultural and economic well-being of future generations.*

## Mission


*Invasive Species Taskforce of Pohnpei (iSTOP) strives to enhance and preserve the natural biodiversity of Pohnpei State through collaborative efforts at all levels of our society while cooperating with neighboring states and countries to identify, prevent, and eradicate or manage/control invasive species.*


## Current Species of Concern for Pohnpei

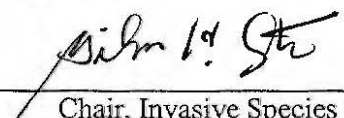
<u>Status /</u> <u>Management Goal</u>	<u>Common name</u>	<u>Scientific name</u>
<b>Eradication</b>	False Sakau	<i>Piper auritum</i>
	Chain of Love	<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>
	Honolulu Rose	<i>Clerodendrum chinense</i>
	Bengal Trumpet Vine	<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i>
	Ivy Gourd	<i>Coccinia grandis</i>
	Myna Bird	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
	Octopus Tree	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>
<b>Managed population</b>	Mile-a-Minute	<i>Mikania micrantha</i>
	Koster's Curse	<i>Clidemia hirta</i>
	African Tulip Tree	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>
	Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>
	Black-spotted Eel	<i>Mastacembelus dayi</i>
	Eel Catfish	<i>Plotosus lineatus</i>
	Milkfish	<i>Chanos chanos</i>
	Tilapia	<i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i>
	Crown of Thorns Starfish	<i>Acanthaster planci</i>
	Whitefly	Family <i>Aleyrodidae</i>
	Papaya Mealybug	<i>Paracoccus marginatus</i>
<b>Threat of special concern</b>	Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle	<i>Oryctes rhinoceros</i>
	Brown Tree Snake	<i>Boiga irregularis</i>
	Little Fire Ant	<i>Wasmannia auropunctata</i>
	Black Sock Fungus	<i>Phelinus noxious</i>
	Fruit Flies	<i>Bactrocera spp.</i>

# Adoption of Strategic Action Plan

We, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge the responsibilities inherent in invasive species response and control planning within our respective jurisdiction. Through the acceptance of this Strategic Action Plan, we will work together to ensure that control/eradication of selected species will be successful. We are charged with additional responsibilities of keeping this plan current and ensuring those persons involved are made aware of their respective roles in this plan. This plan is also directly in line with the national commitments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

5/17/18   
Date Governor, Pohnpei State

5/17/18   
Date Director, Pohnpei State Department of Resources and Development

5/17/18   
Date Chair, Invasive Species Taskforce of Pohnpei

# Goals, Objectives, Activities and Outcomes

## Goal 1: Conserve Biodiversity and Protect Livelihoods from the Threat of Invasive Species

Objective	Activities	Time Frame	Outcomes	Lead	Progress / Activities / Outcomes To Date
<b>1. By mid-2022, at least 5 of the 7 targeted species are eradicated:</b> 1. False Sakau 2. Chain of Love 3. Honolulu Rose 4. Bengal Trumpet Vine 5. Ivy Gourd 6. Myna Bird 7. Octopus tree	a. Assess distribution of all 7 species and update GIS map.	Ongoing	1. Current GIS map updated at least quarterly.	CSP	
	b. Respond to newly reported sites.	Ongoing	1. Eradication efforts following Control Plan initiated.	CSP	
			2. Initial control applied.	CSP	
	c. Follow-up visits to known sites and reapply control where necessary.	Ongoing	1. Update database on results after each site visits.	CSP	
	d. Quarterly monitoring and reporting on results of invasive control activities.	Quarterly @ iSTOP meetings	1. At least 5 target species eradicated.	CSP	
			2. Results of eradication activities reported quarterly.	CSP	
<b>2. Management for 9 targeted species:</b> 1. Mile-a-Minute 2. Koster's Curse 3. African Tulip Tree 4. Tree Sparrow 5. Black-spotted eel 6. Eel Catfish 7. Milkfish 8. Tilapia 9. Crown of Thorns Starfish 10. Whitefly 11. Papaya mealybug	a. Determine management plan for each species identified involving communities.	Ongoing	1. Management plan for each species identified and completed.	OFA, PR&D DOA / NR	
			2. Provide information to landowners/managers on how to manage.	OFA, PR&D DOA / NR	
	b. Implement management plans with communities.	Ongoing	1. Management plans implemented.	CSP, OFA	
	c. Quarterly monitoring and reporting on results of invasive management activities.	Quarterly @ iSTOP meetings	1. Results of management activities reported quarterly.	CSP, OFA	

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<b>3. Bio-Control of Mile-a-Minute and Koster's Curse</b>	a. Monitor progress of bio-control efforts in Pacific region.	2018	1. Success stories available.	PR&D DOA / NR	
	b. Introduction and distribution of bio-control agent	2019	1. Quarantine requirements met.	PR&D DOA / NR	
			2. Appropriate application to selected sites.	PR&D DOA / NR	
c. Monitoring and evaluation of bio-control effectiveness.	2019 - 2022	1. Results documented and reported.	PR&D DOA / NR		
<b>4. Prevent introduction of new invasive species (e.g. CRB, BTS, LFA, RIFA)</b>	a. Be vigilant with inspection protocols at ports of entry.	Ongoing	1. Early detection and identification of possible invasives at port of entry.	PR&D DOA / NR	
	b. Pest surveillance and monitoring around Pohnpei.	2018	1. Early detection and identification of possible invasives.	PR&D DOA / NR	
	c. Training of quarantine officers.	Ongoing	1. Well trained quarantine officers to respond to possible invasives.	PR&D DOA / NR	
			2. Attend at least one training per year.	PR&D DOA / NR	
	d. Public awareness of invasive species impacts	2018	1. See detail in Objective 6.	iSTOP, FSM RD	
e. When suspected introduction of new invasive species, initiate ERP process	Ongoing	1. ERP implemented as needed.	PR&D DOA / NR		
<b>5. Provide response in the event of a newly found species</b>	a. Develop a Generic Emergency Response Plan.	2018	1. Generic ERP available for use.	iSTOP	
	b. Finalize the CRB and BTS ERP documents and obtain State authorization.	2018	1. CRB and BTS ERPs endorsed by Department of R&D.	iSTOP	
	c. Include specific information of new invasive species into the Generic ERP.	As needed	1. Specifics of ERP for new species endorsed by relevant State agency.	iSTOP	
	d. Implement the ERP as needed.	As needed	1. Efficient and effective response to possible invasive introductions.	iSTOP	

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<b>6. By 2022, 90% of Pohnpei communities will have an increased awareness of invasive species and control methods</b>	a. Training of Community Conservation Officers (CCO)'s on invasive species identification and basic weed control.	Ongoing	1. 15 CCO's are trained annually.	CSP	
	b. Provide annual training on safe use and handling of herbicides and pesticides.	Ongoing	1. Trainings conducted annually.	EPA	
	c. Continue production and distribution of awareness materials for schools, libraries, communities, and travelers.	2018	1. Invasive awareness video produced.	iSTOP	
			2. New poster and new flyers produced.	iSTOP	
			3. Updated invasive species booklet.	iSTOP	
			4. Develop iSTOP web site.	iSTOP	
	d. Public awareness announcements are released through various media outlets.	Annually	1. Two news articles to KPress per year.	iSTOP	
			2. At least one radio announcement per year.	iSTOP	
	e. Present awareness CD and materials.	Ongoing	1. Use video at the schools.	CSP	
			2. Video used at the airport.	CSP	
	f. Conduct community surveys on awareness level of invasive species	2018	1. Results of survey are made available for use.	CSP	
	g. Community meetings will be held yearly in each municipality.	Ongoing	1. At least 5 community meetings conducted.	CRE, CSP	
			2. Increased public understanding of the impact of invasive species and their identification.	CRE, CSP	
h. iSTOP members participate in regional trainings, conferences and meetings.	Annually	1. At least one iSTOP member attends a regional or national meeting or training per year.	iSTOP Chairman		
i. Display invasive species exhibit at public events, e.g. World Food Day.	As Needed	1. Displays for at least two events annually.	iSTOP Members		
j. Guest lectures at COM-FSM, Pohnpei campuses on invasive species.	Annually	1. At least one lecture per year.	iSTOP		

**Goal 2: iSTOP Increases Capacity and Builds National and State Leadership to Support Legislation, Funding and Support for Invasive Species**

Objective	Activities	Time Frame	Outcomes	Lead	Progress / Activities / Outcomes To Date
1. Review Legal Authority to enforce control of invasive species	a. iSTOP maintains invasive Species Control Plan to authorize activities.	2018	1. Control Plan updated and approved as needed. 2. Partners maintain Control Plan. 3. Regulation provides “teeth” to iSTOP activities.	iSTOP Members, AG	
	b. Liaise with AG office to get invasive species act / regulation				
2. At least one major grant proposal to be funded by 2019	a. Identify donors or funding sources.	2018	1. Funding source is identified.	CSP	
	b. Draft and submit proposals for funding.	2018	1. Proposals drafted and submitted.	CSP	
3. By 2018 iSTOP will have a full time coordinator in place	a. Identify donors or funding sources for position.	2018	1. Funding is secured for iSTOP coordinator.	CSP	
	b. Recruitment and hiring of full-time iSTOP coordinator.	2018	1. Coordinator is hired.	CSP	
4. iSTOP maintains networks and communications with partners	a. iSTOP meets at least once quarterly.	Quarterly	1. Meeting minutes distributed to members and partners. 2. iSTOP plans, minutes, reports are housed in a central location.	iSTOP Chairman	
	b. iSTOP member attends RISC and other priority meetings.	Annually			
5. Increase leadership support for invasive management	a. Conduct a yearly invasive species awareness seminar to share progress and new materials for policy makers and relevant partners.	Annually – prior to budget development	1. Increased level of awareness increases leaders’ ability to make decisions regarding invasives management.	iSTOP Members	
	b. Encourage and promote invasive species management to be included into State budgets.	Ongoing	1. Increased funding for more resources and activities is allocated.	iSTOP Members	
	c. Review SAP annually and update as needed. d. Awareness of iSTOP SAP increased at all levels of State and National Governments, Traditional Leaders and interested parties.	Annually - July Annually	1. SAP reviewed and updated as needed annually. 1. New SAP is distributed to all levels of Pohnpei State Govt. and all National and interested parties.	iSTOP Chairman iSTOP Members	

## Cost Summary by Objective

### iSTOP SAP Estimated 5-Year Cost 2018-2022

Goal	Objective	Estimated 5-year Cost
<b>Goal 1:</b>	<b>Conserve Biodiversity and Protect Livelihoods from the Threat of Invasive Species</b>	
	1. By mid-2022, at least 5 of the 7 targeted species are eradicated	\$120,000
	2. Management for 9 targeted species:	150,000
	3. Bio-Control of Mile-a-Minute and Koster's Curse	75,000
	4. Prevent introduction of new invasive species (e.g. CRB, BTS, LFA, RIFA)	500,000
	5. Provide response in the event of a newly found species	50,000
	6. By 2022, 90% of Pohnpei communities will have an increased awareness of invasive species and control methods	500,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,395,000</b>
<b>Goal 2:</b>	<b>iSTOP Increases Capacity and Builds National and State Leadership to Support Legislation, Funding and Support for Invasive Species</b>	
	1. Review Legal Authority to enforce control of invasive species	30,000
	2. At least one major grant proposal to be funded by 2019	10,000
	3. By 2018 iSTOP will have a full time coordinator in place	150,000
	4. iSTOP maintains networks and communications with partners	50,000
	5. Increase leadership support for invasive management	25,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$265,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated 5-year Cost</b>		<b>\$1,660,000</b>