



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Northern Mariana Islands 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$35,000
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$40,000
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$30,000
Urban and Community Forestry	\$79,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$0
Total	\$184,000

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of CNMI's forest lands and rural economies. Emphasis were extracted from its developed "Forest Action Plan", addressing Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of forest settings, wildlife and water resources. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of CNMI's landscape and its relation to the current economy.

Program Goals

- Increase cost effectiveness through the use of partnerships in delivery, Increase values through sustained productivity of forests, and are voluntary and use non-regulatory approaches.

Key Issues

- Key issues which State and federal programs will address together in the next few years include:
 - Conserve Working Forest Landscape
 - Protect Forests from Harm
 - Enhance Public Benefits from Trees and Forests

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	69,221	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	7
Acres of Forest Land	60,206	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	0
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	4,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	0
Number of NIPF Landowners	680	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	11
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	8	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	4	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	0
Forest Based Employment	5	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	0
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	0	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	1,000
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	185,000		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Forest Health Protection and Invasive Plant Management program addresses issues on forest pest including fungal and other plant diseases. Pest suppression methodology includes chemical treatment, physically removing of target species, monitoring for any new species of concerns and the effectiveness of released biological controls. Some of these acres are retreated with chemicals herbicide while other sites were inoculate with biological control for more than once within this funded period. The discovery of Erectus rhinoceros on Rota are being addressed using all available means to eradicate the pest, especially in light of recent storm activity.

Forest Stewardship

The Forest Stewardship program remained supportive in providing needed plant assistance to all qualifying landowners who were interested in improving their private forestland. These types of landowner assistance comes in a form of consultation and planting materials, emphasizing the importance of trees for the enhancement of wildlife refuge, minimization of soil erosion, and diversification of mono-forest tree stand or conversion of grassland as a reduction of light fuel on fire prone areas. Impart of these benefits shared are to restore the loss of natural habitat, minimize soil erosion, improve forest tree diversity and enhance the general private forest landscape. Recent surge in devastating storm activity has also prioritized restoration projects and restoring nursery supplies.

Urban and Community Forestry

The program remained as an integral part in any Urban Greening Enhancement Projects, endorsed by the current administration. The future vision is to achieve a healthier community throughout the CNMI (Saipan, Rota, Tinian and Northern Islands). These projects contributed toward the reduction of energy use; improves aesthetic qualities' while sustaining the islands fragile resources. Collaboration between agencies aimed to address, soil erosion in urban areas, beach beautification projects, forestry plant nursery improvement. Recent surge in devastating storms has also prioritized restoration projects and trainings.

Contact Information



CNMI Department of Lands & Natural Resources

Martin D Pangelinan Jr.
Acting CNMI Forester
P.O. Box 10007
Saipan, MP 96950
670-256-3320
pangelinan.martin@gmail.com

US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

Kathleen Stearns Friday
Forest Legacy/Stewardship Program Manager
USDA Forest Service
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592
808-854-2620
kfriday@fs.fed.us
