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**January 27, 2023**

**Emanuel Mori**  
**Interim President**  
**College of Micronesia-FSM**

**Subject: GEF-6 FSM Invasive Alien Species Project Partnership Agreement**

Dear President Mori,

I hope this letter finds you in great health.

I write to you on behalf of the FSM Invasive Alien Species Project, funded by the Global Environment Facility through the United Nations Development Programme. The FSM Department of Resources & Development (DRD) being the Implementing Partner, has been tasked to partner with the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) to develop a Biosecurity Modular Training Program. For informational purposes, the COM-FSM was represented by the Interim President, Mrs. Karen Simion, during the Project Preparation Grant (PPG) mission via various stakeholder consultation sessions.

Given the recent commencement in Project implementation, there is a need for a Partnership Agreement to be developed between the FSM DRD and COM-FSM that sets out the relationship between the two parties in relation to establishing the Training Program under the auspices of the project and the potential to sustain it in perpetuity. The Partnership Agreement has recently cleared a legal sufficiency review by the Department of Justice (as attached).

In light of the above, the Project Team is respectfully soliciting for your time to a briefing regarding the Project at the DRD Conference Room. Please do let us know of a convenient date and time of your availability.

Sincerely,

Elina P. Akinaga

**Enclosure: Partnership Agreement and Project Brief**



Department of Justice  
Federated States of Micronesia

Joses R. Gallen, Sr., Secretary

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November 4, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Secretary, Department of R&D

FROM: Assistant Attorney General

THRU: Secretary Joses R. Gallen, Sr. 

**SUBJECT: Partnership Agreement between FSM DR&D and COM-FSM**

We are in receipt of your request to review the above subject matter for legal sufficiency. This partnership agreement intends to support Component 2 of the FSM Invasive Alien Species (IAS) project, funded by the Global Environment Facility through the UNDP. COM-FSM will serve as the training center for the Component 2. After our review, we find this proposed agreement appear to be legally sufficient.

Should you require other matters to be clarified, please do let us know.

Thank you,

  
Robert Nakasono, Jr.





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September 16, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Secretary, Department of Justice *el*  
**FROM:** Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** **Partnership Agreement between the Department of Resources & Development and the College of Micronesia - FSM**

The GEF-6 FSM Invasive Alien Species Project Implementation Unit, in close collaboration with the COM-FSM, seeks to enter into a Partnership Agreement to support Component 2 of the aforementioned project. As a key implementing partner for the project, COM-FSM will serve as the training center under Component 2 - Output 2.2: Modular Biosecurity Training Program on IAS management and compliance designed, delivered across relevant sectors and institutionalized.

Your assistance for the review of the attached Partnership Agreement for legal sufficiency is highly solicited.

Thank you for your continued support.

  
Elina P. Akinaga

Attachment: Partnership Agreement



# FSM INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES PROJECT

Safeguarding Biodiversity from Invasive Alien Species Project

## Partnership AGREEMENT

*Between*

Federated States of Micronesia - Department of Resources and Development

*And*

College of Micronesia - Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM)

This Partnership Agreement (hereafter called, the "Agreement") is made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 between the Department of Resources and Development (DRD) and College of Micronesia – Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM) in order to develop, implement and institutionalize a Modular Biosecurity Training Program as arranged through mutual consultations of by both parties. The Modular Biosecurity Training Program is part of the FSM Invasive Alien Species Project, funded by the Global Environment Facility through the United Nations Development Programme.

### Section I: BACKGROUND

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) comprises some 607 islands, including its four High Island states of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae that span a distance of some 2,700 km. Its oceanic islands are home to some of the most biologically diverse forests and coral reefs in the world, rich in species and many of which are endemic. Globally significant features include: the world's deepest trench (Marianas); among the world's most endangered rainforests on Mt Winipot (Chuuk State); the largest green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) rookery in the insular Pacific; globally rare montane cloud forests at just 450 m on Pohnpei and Kosrae; and a diversity of marine ecosystems from high volcano islands with fringing and barrier reefs to coral atolls including Chuuk lagoon, among the world's largest (3,130 km<sup>2</sup>) and deepest (60 m).

Invasive Alien Species (IAS) are the greatest threat to biodiversity in the Pacific Islands. They are the largest cause of extinction of single-country endemics in the Pacific, as well as contributing to the loss of traditional crop varieties, and they also impact on food security and tourism. Moreover, the threat is increasing as island nations develop, resulting in greater mobility among people, goods, and supplies. Introduced plant species, for example, account for 22% of plants in Kosrae, 40% in Pohnpei, 37% in Chuuk and 39% in Yap. In addition to established IAS are others of significant concern (e.g. Brown Tree Snake, Little Fire Ant and Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle) because they occur in Pacific countries that trade with FSM. Indeed, Little Fire Ant was detected in Yap in August 2017.

The project is designed to safeguard biodiversity in terrestrial and marine ecosystems, including agricultural and fisheries production systems, from the impacts of IAS by strengthening the institutionalization and enforcement of biosecurity measures across all sectors of government (federal and state), the private sector and civil society. Given that natural barriers to the spread of invasive species are thwarted by the movement of people, their goods and supplies, everyone (governments, citizens, visitors and traders) has a shared responsibility to safeguard natural and production ecosystems from the impacts of IAS. Hence, inadequate institutional policy and regulatory frameworks, lack of IAS awareness and understanding, and very limited operational capacity are key barriers to be addressed under the project's four components.

## **Section II: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The project is aligned with two of the nine goals of FSM Strategic Development Plan (2004-2023):

- **Goal 4:** Promote environmental sound and sustainable production, which includes the policy of establishing effective mechanisms for the control of invasive species.
- **Goal 7:** Establish effective biosecurity (border control, quarantine and eradication) programs to protect FSM's biodiversity from the impacts of IAS.

The main objective is to safeguard biodiversity in terrestrial and marine ecosystems and in agricultural and fisheries production systems from the impacts of invasive alien species in the FSM. This objective will be realized by deploying four strategies (Project Components):

**Component 1:** Institutionalizing a governance framework for IAS prevention, control and enforcement across member states, and in collaboration with other Micronesian nations.

**Component 2:** Raising awareness and strengthening capacity in IAS prevention and management.

**Component 3:** Demonstrating best practices in safeguarding biodiversity and food production systems from IAS.

**Component 4:** Knowledge management, monitoring and evaluation.

## **Section III: SCOPE OF WORK**

The COM-FSM is a key implementing partner under the FSM IAS project. As such, initial engagements have been made through the Project Preparation Grant phase where the need to improve the overall awareness and capacity for IAS management practitioners was identified as a priority to address. The COM-FSM will contribute to the project **Component 2: Raising awareness and strengthening capacity in IAS prevention and management**. Particular focus will be emphasized under **Output 2.2: Modular Biosecurity Training Program on IAS management and compliance designed, delivered across relevant sectors and institutionalized**.

Specific activities and milestones are listed below, provide an overview of its time frame extended over four years. A more detailed planning of activities, prepared by COM-FSM, is

expected to be aligned with this timeframe, to the possible extent. Activities may change, through formal writing and endorsed by the Project Steering Committee to ensure maximum effectiveness.

**Table 1: Multi-year work plan of key activities, milestones, and tentative timeline**

OUTPUT - ACTIVITY	2022				2023				2024				2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.2.1. Establish partnership agreement with COM-FSM.																
2.2.2. Design Biosecurity Training Program.																
2.2.3. Prepare capacity development plan.																
2.2.4. Develop and pilot core modules. Commence training.																
2.2.5. Develop further modules and deliver further training.																
2.2.6. Partner and train municipalities																
2.2.7. Develop and monitor feedback forms.																
2.2.8. Make training modules available online for wider use.																
2.2.9. Explore certification options for courses.																

#### Section IV: TERM AND CONDITION

**Value of this Agreement.** An indicative, but not committed, value of this agreement is US\$ 950,000 for four years, which shall be negotiated on task by task basis annually and on the basis of annual work plan and budget submitted by COM-FSM for approval by DRD.

**Term and Renewal.** This Agreement shall be effective as of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, and shall continue in full force and effect for four consecutive years, but no later than (input project termination date) unless otherwise is advised. DRD shall issue renewal on an annual basis, upon submission and approval of the annual work plan and budget by the COM-FSM.

**Termination.** DRD may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of the reason(s), for example, a) failing to accomplish task and activities timely, b) significant delays in the submission of deliverables, c) breach of terms and conditions as set forth under this agreement; d) failing to comply with the applicable financial and procurement guidelines and standards, e) failing to meet the reporting requirements, and f) failing to comply with the FSM Government's applicable laws and regulations.

**Responsibility upon Termination.** Assets procured by COM-FSM under this agreement, including, but not limited to, computers, laptops, and personal management tools, shall be used solely for the purpose of project deliverables. Upon the termination of this Agreement, assets may be transferred to the COM-FSM.

**Amendments.** If it is deemed necessary at some point, this agreement may be modified only by written agreement, signed by both parties.

#### Section V: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. **Quarterly Progress Report** –in a format consistent with FSM and UNDP's project performance reporting systems
2. **Annual Progress Report** – a consolidated annual report including (a) progress achieved by output as measure through the indicator's performance targets, (b) key

implementation issues and solutions; (c) updated procurement plan and, (d) updated implementation plan for next 12 months

3. **Project Completion Report** - a project completion report within 3 months of physical completion of the project. To ensure projects continue to be both viable and sustainable, the project accounts together with the associated auditor's report should be adequately reviewed.

**Section VI: PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Project funds are committed through the United Nations Development Programme based on the use of the UNDP Funds Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures Form. Expenditure threshold of at least 80% is required for subsequent quarterly disbursement of funds throughout the life of the Project. Alternative arrangements can be made through contractual services, and will be agreed to by both parties.

**Section VIII: ENDORSEMENTS**

This agreement shall enter into force upon final approval of its terms by the parties to approve. Signature by the named parties shall constitute final approval by that party.

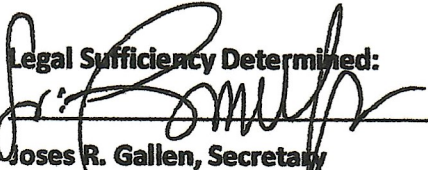
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Elina P. Akinaga, Secretary  
Department of Resources and Development  
FSM National Government

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Date

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Emanuel "Manny" Mori  
Interim President  
College of Micronesia-FSM

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Date

Legal Sufficiency Determined:

  
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Jose R. Gallen, Secretary  
Department of Justice  
FSM National Government

11/4/22  
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Date



## FSM GEF6 IAS PROJECT [2020-2025]

### INFORMATION BRIEF

#### PROJECT:

Safeguarding biodiversity from invasive alien species in the Federated States of Micronesia.

#### PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To safeguard biodiversity in terrestrial and marine ecosystems and in agricultural and fisheries production systems from the impacts of invasive alien species in the FSM.

#### GEF6 IAS APPROACH

The project is designed to safeguard biodiversity in terrestrial and marine ecosystems, including agricultural and fisheries production systems, from the impacts of IAS by strengthening the institutionalization and enforcement of biosecurity measures across all sectors of government (federal and state), the private sector and civil society. Given the natural barriers to the spread of invasive species are thwarted by the movement of people, their goods and supplies, everyone (government, citizens, visitors and traders) has a shared responsibility to safeguard natural and production ecosystems from the impacts of IAS. Hence, inadequate institutional policy and regulatory frameworks, lack of IAS awareness and understanding, and very limited operational capacity are the key barriers to be addressed under the project's four components.

#### PROJECT OUTCOMES:

1. National biosecurity governance framework strengthened, institutionalized, sustainably financed and aligned with relevant Pacific initiatives  
Total Cost: US\$ 1,972,205; GEF project grant requested: US\$ 548,205; Co-financing: US\$ 1,424,000
2. Enhanced biosecurity awareness and capacity to safeguard terrestrial and marine ecosystems and agricultural and fishery production systems from IAS impacts  
Total Cost: US\$ 3,111,984; GEF project grant requested: US\$ 1,010,984; Co-financing: US\$ 2,093,000
3. Biosecurity protocols operational and enhanced to prevent IAS introductions via ports of entry/exit and to safeguard natural and production terrestrial and marine systems from impacts of established IAS  
Total Cost: US\$ 5,054,343; GEF project grant requested: US\$ 1,572,343; Co-financing: US\$ 3,482,000
4. Effectiveness of IAS interventions improved by enhanced digital access to and management of information and knowledge, including IAS distribution data at state, national and Pacific levels  
Total Cost: US\$ 2,166,762; GEF project grant requested: US\$ 812,762; Co-financing: US\$ 1,399,000