



Resilient Communities Micronesia

*Strengthening communities,
ecosystems, and climate adaptation
across the Micronesia region.*

The islands of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau span more than 4.7 million km² of the Pacific Ocean yet have limited land area, making communities particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts.

Micronesian communities have long been leaders in adapting to environmental change, drawing on generations of traditional knowledge to steward coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass habitats that protect coastlines and support food security.

But as rising seas, stronger storms, and coastal erosion grow more intense, these ecosystems face increasing pressure—and many communities continue to face barriers accessing the international climate finance needed to implement locally driven solutions.

Program Approach

Resilient Communities Micronesia supports locally led ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) by giving local organizations and communities direct access to climate finance through country-based small grant programs, combined with organizational strengthening and regional learning.

Grounded in community priorities and informed by traditional knowledge and climate science, the program strengthens resilience for people and nature while demonstrating the potential of locally led climate finance to shape future adaptation across Micronesia and beyond.

About the Program

Resilient Communities Micronesia (SAP029: Ecosystem-based Adaptation for Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in Northern Pacific Small Island Developing States) is a Green Climate Fund initiative.

The **Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT)** serves as the Accredited Entity, working in partnership with the **Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN) Fund** and the Republic of the **Marshall Islands PAN Fund**, managed by the **Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA)**, to deliver the program.

By the Numbers

- Works across **4.7 million km²** of ocean across 3 Pacific Small Island Developing States
- **76,000+** people expected to benefit across the region
- **USD 9.9 million** total program investment, with **USD 4.3 million** available through small grants to support locally led adaptation initiatives
- **2024–2030** implementation period



Program Approach - Continued

The program works through three interconnected components:

- **Strengthening Local Organizations and Communities** - Training, technical assistance, and peer learning strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations, NGOs, and local and state governments to design, implement, and sustain EbA initiatives. Networks include:
 -  **Eco-Fin Micronesia** helps organizations build the long-term capabilities needed to access, manage, and sustain climate finance.
 -  **PoLLeN** provides law and policy analysis, training, and capacity development support to help local organizations and communities engage more effectively in climate and conservation decision-making processes.
 -  **The Pacific Islands Managed and Protected Area Community (PIMPAC)** enables members to share information, expertise, practice, and experience to develop and strengthen their area-based management capacity.
 -  **Micronesians in Island Conservation (MIC)** strengthens the organizational and technical skills of leaders and their organizations so they can better protect important natural areas.
- **Providing Direct Climate Finance** - Country-based Small Grant Facilities provide direct financing for community-led EbA projects through the Green Climate Fund's Enhanced Direct Access approach.
- **Advancing Regional Climate Finance Readiness** - The program documents and shares lessons, evidence, and best practices to strengthen regional collaboration, build institutional readiness, and demonstrate effective locally led models to support Micronesia's ability to access, manage, and scale future climate finance.

What is "Ecosystem-based Adaptation"?

(EbA) harnesses nature to help communities adapt to climate change. By protecting, restoring, and sustainably managing nature, EbA provides cost-effective solutions that support biodiversity while strengthening livelihoods, well-being, and resilience.

Resilient Communities Micronesia supports locally led EbA by investing in projects that strengthen mangroves, coral reefs, coastal forests, wetlands, and other ecosystems that reduce climate risks, support food security and livelihoods, and build resilience across Micronesia.

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