



## CNMI DLNR CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT 2022

DLNR was established by Public Law 10-57 on April 18, 1997.

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EMPLOYEES CARRY OUT ITS MISSION. DLNR HAS FOUR (4) DIVISIONS, EACH LED BY A DIRECTOR WHO REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DLNR:



**DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE:** To protect the natural resources of the islands, the marine environment, the endangered species, and prevent the spread of invasive species. In June 2020, over 50% of its personnel were put on furlough.



**DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE:** Promotes agricultural programs, animal industry, and health; and prevent the introduction and spread of plant and animal diseases, including invasive species.



**DIVISION OF LAND REGISTRATION AND SURVEY:** To conduct surveys of public lands; To preserve and protect land documents and maps.



**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION:** In charge of landscaping and beautification projects for all Commonwealth parks. This Division was temporarily transferred to the Department of Public Lands to prevent furlough of staff.

## HOW ARE WE DOING?



Honorable Governor Ralph DLG. Torres sworn in the newly elected Saipan & Northern Islands Soil and Water Conservation District Board members to work with the Secretary of DLNR and its local and federal partners to promote soil and water conservation programs to improve the use of the Commonwealth's natural resources.



The DLNR Division of Land Registration and Survey sent a crew of four (4) from Saipan to help DLNR staff Rota clear surveying backlogs. The stay lasted for almost a month, but the mission still has a long ways to complete. The Saipan staff will continue to return to Rota to help mitigate the lack of resources there.



The Endangered Species Program team continue to educate the community about endangere species' biological and environmental importance, including threats to their

existence and ways to help.



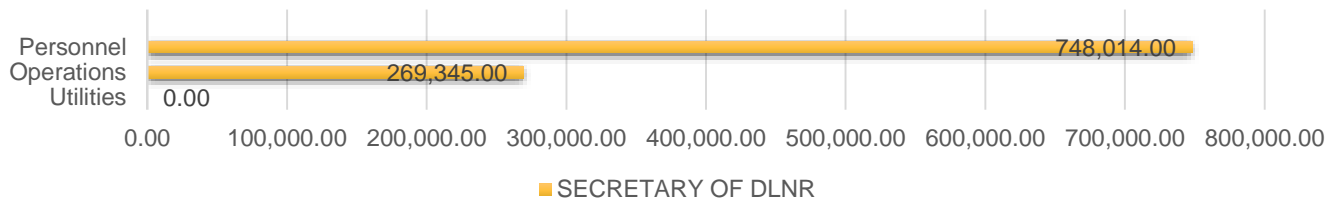
The DFW Data Section (DS) continues to conduct CREEL surveys and Commercial receipt collection throughout the island of Saipan.



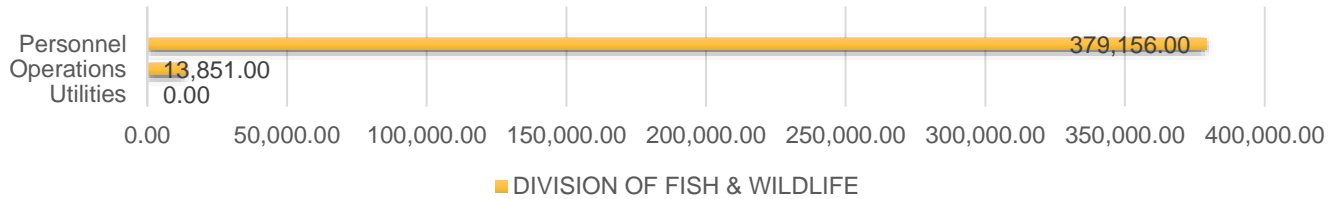
DFW Conservation Enforcement staff continue to conduct random monitoring of the conservation areas for poaching activities. Marine and terrestrial enforcement actions are also done on random basis.

# DLNR'S ANNUAL BUDGET

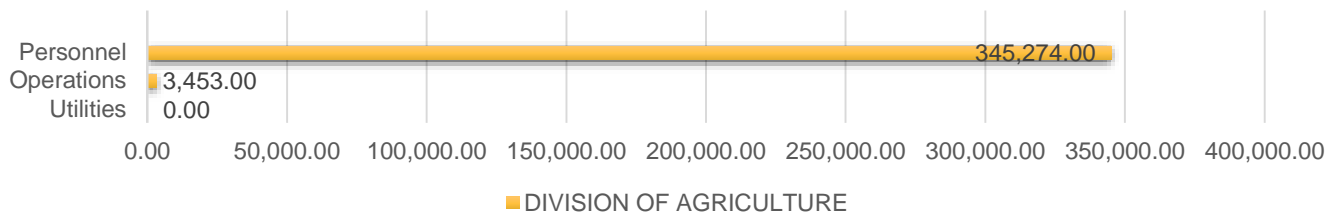
## SECRETARY OF DLNR



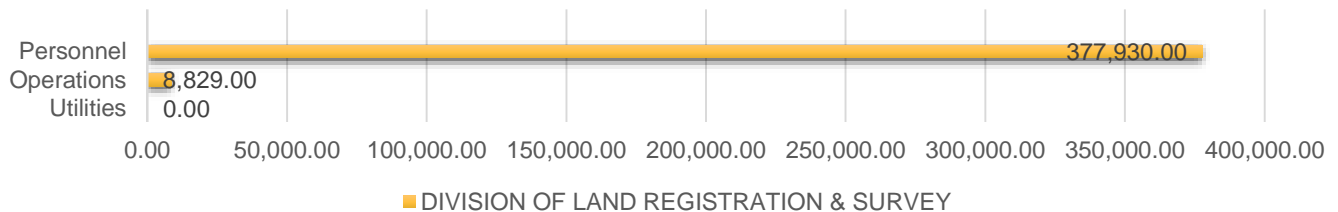
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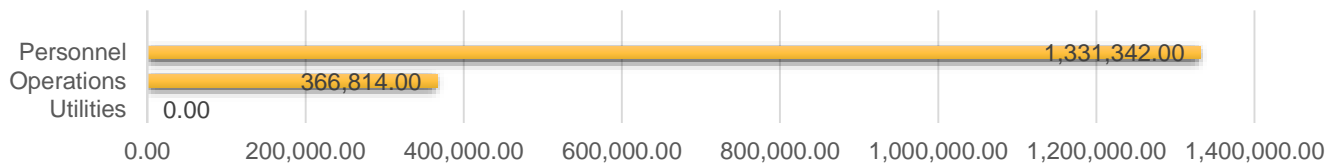
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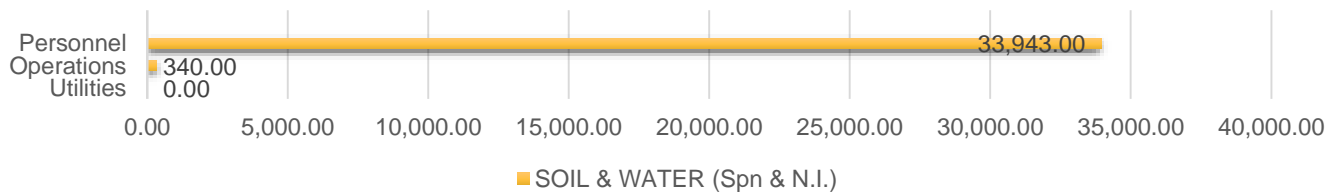
## DIVISION OF LAND REGISTRATION & SURVEY



## DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION



## SOIL & WATER DISTRICT (Spn & Northern Is.)



## WHAT IS NEXT?

DLNR will continue to carry out public services and work with the Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor. Although FY 2023 budget is limited in terms of operations, DLNR will continue to seek other avenues to help make up for the short fall. The main office and all its divisions remain open between Monday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Funds provided by FEMA following destructions brought about by Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018 will be utilized to renovate and construct new offices for the Secretary of DLNR and the Division of Land Registration and Survey. The project will relocate staff and equipment from the Lower Base building to Capitol Hill. We also await the issuance of 15,000 square foot of property from the Department of Public Lands to begin construction plans for a new office for the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Office of the Animal Health Clinic and Kennel.

### *DLNR continues to seek funds for the following:*

- To build and staff a brand-new **Outer Cove Marina office and facility**,
- To operate the **Marpi Public Cemetery**,
- To start running a **Submerged Land Office**, and
- To work with partnering agencies in the protection of our border against diseases and invasive species, maintain and beautify our islands, and keep our Commonwealth a safe place to live and visit.

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