

DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025



ABOUT DFW

The Division of Fish & Wildlife was established in 1981 through CNMI Public Law 02-51 and later amended in 1997 through Public Law 10-57.

The DFW team includes dedicated technical and professional staff who work together on various projects to improve habitats, promote sustainable resource use, safeguard vulnerable species, and encourage public stewardship of the Commonwealth's unique natural heritage.

OUR MISSION & VISION

Our mission is protect, and improve the fish, game, and wildlife resources of the Commonwealth. We strive to achieve this with comprehensive and combined efforts through scientific research, monitoring, regulation, enforcement, planning, and management initiatives, all aimed at ensuring the sustainability and continuity of both marine and terrestrial wildlife resources.



DFW Sections & Programs

- Wildlife Conservation Research and Management Program
- Geographic Information Systems & Spatial Data Management
- Brown Tree Snake Program
- Conservation Enforcement
- Recreation Boating Access Program
- Aquatic Education & Outreach Program
- Fisheries Data Collection Program
 - Inshore Creel program
- Fisheries Research and Development Section
 - Program Management & Technical Guidance Support
 - Movement and Connectivity of Reef Fish Species program
 - Fishery Independent Surveys & Habitat Assessment Program
 - Fish Aggregating Device Program (FAD)
 - Fish Life History Analysis Program
- Endangered Species Program
 - Endangered Plants Program (Rota)
 - Mariana Crow Conservation Research (Rota)
 - Sea Turtle Conservation Program

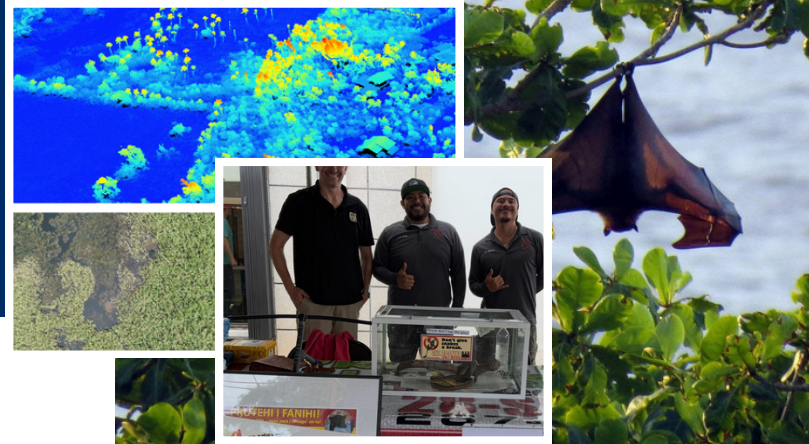


FY25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Wildlife, GIS / Spatial Data Management, & Brown Tree Snake Program

The Wildlife Section actively participated in 14 outreach events, conferences, and workshops, and successfully completed over 475 site surveys, along with 444 technical guidance assessments as part of the Technical Guidance and Disaster Risk Management Project. The GIS Section developed forest canopy and structure metrics for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota using LiDAR data collected in 2019 to improve habitat and wildlife assessments. Additionally, the Section's Conservation Planner finalized the 2025 State Wildlife Action Plan. The Brown Tree Snake (BTS) Program conducted 2,827 inspections across seaport, airport, and warehouse facilities to ensure the CNMI remains snake-free. Saipan-based canine handlers continued to support operations on Tinian.



Endangered Species Program & Enforcement

Management and enforcement efforts continue to safeguard endangered species throughout the CNMI. The Sea Turtle Program carried out daily beach monitoring, outreach, and rehabilitation activities, totaling 120 surveys, 17 outreach events, and 13 responses to strandings with the support of the Enforcement section. On Rota, the Endangered Plants Program monitored and propagated six federally listed species, with roughly 450 planted individuals surviving in the wild. The Mariana Crow Program, in collaboration with the University of Washington, monitored both wild and captive-reared crows, estimating a total population of around 200 individuals.

Aquatic Education Program

The program managed to connect with a broad range of people by offering interactive learning experiences, accessible fishing activities, and educational outreach about aquatic conservation. A key milestone was the signing of the Proclamation and the launch of Senate Resolution No. 24-02, which marked the beginning of the first Fishers Recognition Week from June 1-7. This week honored both past and current fishers of the CNMI and promoted the enjoyment of recreational fishing. The event also sparked new partnerships, resulting in initiatives like the Metaw Initiative, Spearfishing Dive and Rescue Training, and a Kids' Shoreline Fishing Derby.



Fisheries & Boating Access

Five team members completed a grants management workshop through USFWS OCI. Additionally, the section enhanced its staffing capacity through the recruitment of three skilled professionals—a Fishery Biologist, a Coral Reef Ecologist, and a Technical Guidance Coordinator, who provided support on approximately 40 permit reviews, 10 development projects, 5 military-related projects, and participated in 20 organizational meetings. Staff conducted maintenance service on active FAD systems around Saipan and Tinian and installed new FAD systems as well. The Life History Program focused on in-house lab processing, analyzing over 500 fish samples (otoliths and gonads) of 10 target species for age and reproductive development. Further activity includes toxicity assessments of over 200 fish samples. The Data section conducted 108 creel surveys and supported 7 fishing events, resulting in 229 fisher interviews and the identification and measurement of 1,001 fish. The Smiling Cove Marina maintained its core operations and routine maintenance like dock upkeep, facility management.



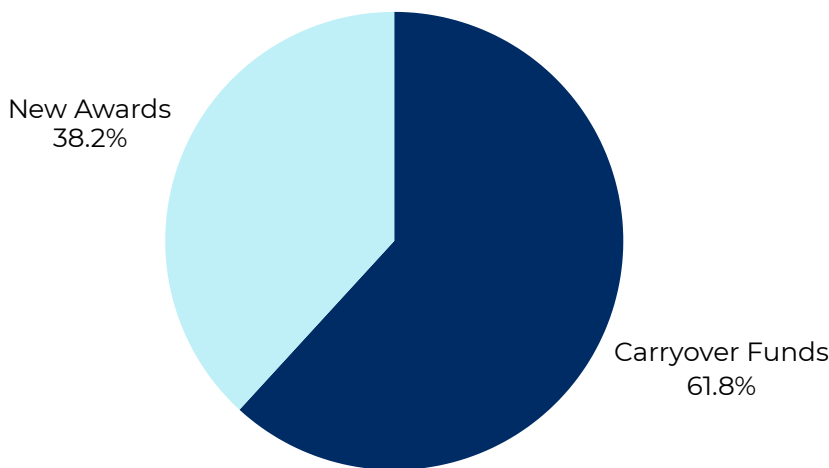
DFW FINANCIAL ANALYSIS



DFW managed 56 federal awards, 1 special account (9053A), and 1 revolving account. In FY25, DFW was awarded \$5,677,169.49 in new monies and managed \$9,188,323.74 in carryover funds for multi-year research projects. The DFW expended an estimate of \$8,997,969.14 in FY25, leaving the balance of unused funds for ongoing projects. While the largest federal awarding agency was the Office of Conservation Investment (OCI), DFW also received funds from USFWS Section 6, OIA, NOAA, and DOD.



FY25 FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES



Office of
CONSERVATION INVESTMENT

*Partnering to fund conservation
and connect people with nature*



Program operations are mainly supported through federal and local funds, with additional revenue collected from other services provided such as:

- Scientific Research Permits
- Biological Importation/Exportation Permits
- Fishing Permits
- Collection Permits
- Hunting Licenses
- Smiling Cove Marina Vessel Operations
- Special Event Permits



MOVING FORWARD



Wildlife, GIS, & Brown Tree Snake Program

The Wildlife section will resume the study and management of terrestrial wildlife and wildlife habitats within the CNMI with support from GIS and through the use of drone/unmanned aerial systems (UAS) with thermal imaging cameras to assist in monitoring wildlife populations and collecting habitat information. The Brown Tree Snake Program plans to secure a permanent canine handler for Tinian to keep carrying out inspections throughout all ports and additional access points and engage in more educational outreach events and sustain effective training operations.



Endangered Species Program & Enforcement

The Sea Turtle Program will continue monitoring, outreach, and rehabilitation efforts with help from the Enforcement section in response to stranding incidents. The Endangered Plants program will focus on further propagating and out planting federally listed plant species. The Mariana Crow Program will continue rearing, studying, and monitoring the endangered Åga on Rota. The Enforcement Section will continue to conduct regular patrols and surveillance to monitor compliance within marine sanctuaries, fishing areas, and other protected zones. It will also maintain efforts to prevent illegal harvesting activities and enforce environmental laws in collaboration with partner agencies.

Aquatic Education Program

The Aquatic Education and Outreach Program strives to further enhance the understanding and appreciation of aquatic ecosystems, promote responsible fishing practices, and encourage engagement in fishing and conservation efforts across all age groups through more community outreach events, fishing clinics, and to establish a steering committee to carry out the Fishers Recognition Week event once again.



Fisheries & Boating Access

The fisheries section will continue capacity building for team members, technical guidance support for key projects, and research efforts through data collection, sampling, toxicity assessments, FAD maintenance and in shore creel surveys. The Smiling Cove Marina Dredging Feasibility Study will advance efforts to identify sustainable solutions for maintaining navigational depths and improving vessel access. Ongoing projects include the Sand Spit Project to remove sand and sediment buildup at the marina entrance to enhance navigation and water flow as well as the Tinian Marina Dock Replacement Project, and maintenance and repair of the Rota West Harbor Marina.



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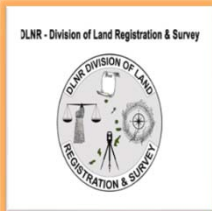


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Department of Lands & Natural Resources

Division of Land Registration & Survey

The Division of Land Registration and Survey is mandated by three (3) Public Law in the CNMI.

- **Public Law 3-79:** To establish an independent Land Registration & Survey for the registration of Land, to provide procedures for disputed claims, to repeal sections 101 through 120 title 67 of the Trust Territory Code, and for other purposes on Pre-War Properties.
- **Public Law 1-8:** Regulations Governing land Surveys in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- **Public Law 3-74:** To Provide for the transfer of title in real property homestead during a marriage to surviving spouse, and for other purpose.

Division of Land Registration and Survey – Functions and Mandate

- Conducting surveys of pre-war properties and government lands
- Issuing Certificates of Title
- Holding hearings on disputed land claims
- Reviewing all maps for clearance and approval
- Providing land documents and map-related information
- Inputting land data into AutoCAD/CPI (Mapping) systems and scanning land records
- Preserving all land documents and maps

The Division proceeds on a systematic geographical basis to:

- Promptly complete the registration of all lands within the Commonwealth
- Prioritize the survey of pre-war properties to which the Trust Territory Government issued ownership determinations without actual surveys
- Scan and digitize all original land records and maps
- Continuously maintain, update, and upgrade CNMI land parcel data

The DLRS is composed of four main sections:

- * **Director & Administration**
- * **Land Registration Team (LRT) Chairperson**
- * **Research Section**
- * **Survey Section**

Our Division operates on a daily schedule guided by none or zero operation measures and a strong commitment to service. We are always ready to provide professional and efficient services to our community — including the general public, government agencies, private companies, and CNMI-licensed private surveyors.

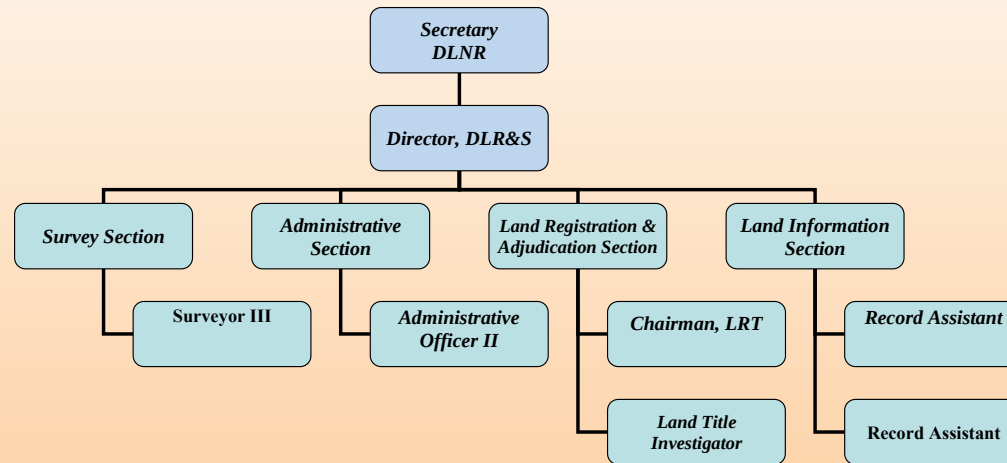
Documents & Maps CNMI

Mapping

MAPPING	10, 445
<i>LAND DOCUMENTS</i>	
SAIPAN	
TITLE DETERMINATION	684
AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD	870
EXCHANGE AGREEMENT	585
CADASTRAL	5,926
YELLOW BOOK	604
BROWN BOOK	12

DLR&S *Daily Operation





The Divisions of Land Registration and Survey are comprised of four key sections:

Survey Section

The Survey Section prioritizes the surveying of pre-war properties, a responsibility that began in 1969 with the inception of the former Land Commission. This work continues today as the Division's primary mandate, pursuant to **Public Law 3-79**.

Land Registration & Adjudication Section

This section is tasked with completing the registration and titling of all pre-war lands within the Commonwealth and resolving new and late land claims, in accordance with **Public Law 3-79**.

Land Information Section

The Land Information Section manages all land documents and maps. It organizes and updates land data, files all incoming land documents, and maintains a dedicated server to store and manage all record data. This section also provides convenient public access to land records through reproduction services and a self-service research area.

Administration Section

The Administration Section is responsible for ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of the Division. It provides structural support across all sections, managing human resources, budgets, internal records, and overseeing administrative staff to ensure effective performance and compliance.

DLRS FY'25 Budget Review

Division of Land Registration & Survey (DLR&S) – FY2025 Budget Summary

Public Law Reference: Public Law 24-01

Total Authorized FTEs: 11 Employees: 7 Active Employees

Vacant Positions: 4 FTEs (Budgeted at **\$1.00** each Title)

Personnel Budget

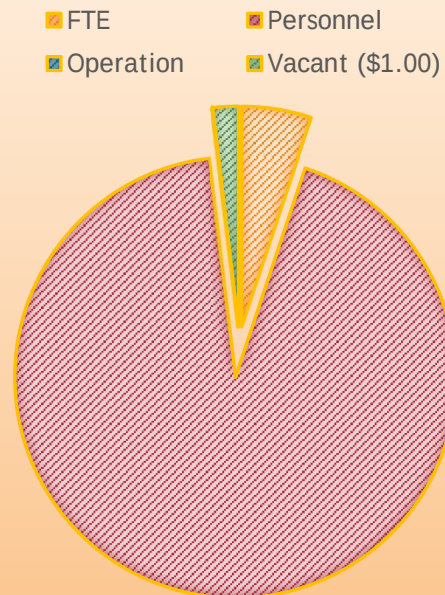
- Total Personnel Salaries: \$238,833
- Total with Fringe Benefits: \$241,221
- Coverage: 100% funded under Public Law 24-01
- Impact of Austerity Measures:
No direct operational impact despite a 10% personnel budget cut
DLRS operations remain unaffected.

Operational Budget

- FY2025 Additional Request: \$26,462
- Approved Amount: \$0.00 (0% funded)
- Outcome: Request not approved due to budget constraints

Additional Requests

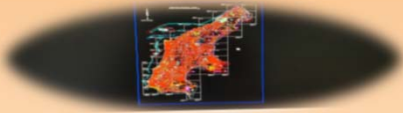
- DLRS has requested new FTEs to support operations
- Due to budget limitations, no new positions were approved for FY2025



What's Next DLR&S? Future Challenges

Faced & Strategies

- ▶ The Division of Land Registration & Survey is collaborating with Turn Key Solution Company to design Imagery for Saipan Land Parcels and Data to be implemented for the use of a more advance and organize Land Information System but to no avail.
- ▶ The Division of Land Registration & Survey have over 10,500 original maps & 13,000 Land Documents that needs to be digitize into a e-recording system for safety and networking system for updates all land data.
- ▶ New Networking System for faster and reliable Data information on Land Records and Maps for providing services to the public and private businesses.
- ▶ Request to Create Revolving Fund for Division of Land Registration & Survey Research Section on Charges of xerox copying and requested emails Land Maps and Documents.
- ▶ Relocating or New Office DLRS Office for a more spacious, safety workplace, and cleaner environment.
- ▶ DLRS Files and Maps are station in two location Garapan (CAO) and MIHA (Container)
- ▶ New Building or Relocation concern with the Safety and Health of Customers and Employees (DLRS Office).
- ▶ Division of Land Registration & Survey been sending staff with customers to print copies of maps and documents at a private company upon request.
- ▶ Division of Land Registration & Survey has no privacy on telecommunication conversation and Land Owners complaints, conducting interviews and important issue for employees and customers in the Divisions.



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2025 CENTRIC REPORT DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

WHO WE ARE: The Division of Agriculture is mandated under Public Law 10-57 section 2653 (j), through the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, to promote, develop, and administer agricultural programs, including but not limited to plant industry, agricultural extension services, forestry, and animal health industry.

The Division of Agriculture (DOA) has four functional sections or branches that operate under the auspices and direction of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, headed by the Secretary of DLNR. The Division's Director of Agriculture is responsible for managing and overseeing the functions of these sections.

- **ANIMAL HEALTH:**

To act as the housing of all imported animals under public law 4-55, section 5321, subsections A through D, as established, was defined as a system of animal quarantine, inspection procedure, and disease control activities to provide for the sound protection of domestic animals, poultry, and birds, as well as livestock animals.

- **FORESTRY:**

Forestry is about promoting best management practices while sustaining a healthy, diverse, and productive ecosystem on our limited and fragile forest and grassland resources for present and future generations. Such objectives will be carried through conservation, protection, and enhancement practices, while keeping the island's landscape provision. This program is also federally funded by the USDA Forest Service.

- **HEMP PROGRAM:**

Local PL 21-25, which was signed into law on July 20, 2020, designates DOA to regulate hemp in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Although regulation is still being developed, any producer can apply to operate a hemp industry with the federal government.

- **PLANT INDUSTRY SECTION** The Plant Industry Section continues to serve as the distribution center for seedlings, cuttings, and other plant propagative materials sold or donated to farmers, as well as the general public. Variety testing of different seedlings of vegetables, fruit trees, and other plants are being conducted and passed on to interested farmers.



Mayor Aubry Hocog took time out from her busy schedule to help plant trees along the road to the Rota Airport

DOA also administers the **Specialty Crop Block Grant Program**, funded by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, which enhances the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture. Other programs from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service include the Micro Grants for Food Security Program and the H.R. 133 Stimulus funding, which encourages states to prioritize projects addressing the impacts of COVID-19.

DOA is also a recipient of funds under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), now known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), to rehabilitate the nursery facilities on Saipan and Rota, which Super Typhoon Yutu damaged. In addition to the construction costs, funds were also used to purchase a pickup truck for the nursery program in Rota.

Furthermore, DOA manages the Kagman Farm Plot Program, consisting of forty-eight farm plots. Each farm plot, covering an area of 10,000 square meters, is available for interested individuals to learn how to plant, harvest, and either consume or sell their crops and vegetables.

In line with its Zero Waste Initiative Program, the DOA is working with the Office of Planning and Development and the Department of Public Works to establish an Organic Processing Facility at its compound in Kagman. The program will eventually produce much-needed materials for fertilizers, benefiting farmers and others who require these materials. The establishment of such a facility will help reduce or slow down the use of the Marpi Landfill.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

- DOA applied and was awarded under the FY24 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program the amount of \$244,562.69. The SCBGP funding supports farmers growing specialty crops, including fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and nursery crops.
- DOA applied and was awarded \$139,701.24 under FY24 Mini-Grant for Food Security Program (MGFSP). The program has been soliciting applications from eligible individuals and organizations to increase the quantity of locally grown food through small-scale farming, herding, and livestock operations in communities with significant levels of food insecurity. Awards will be distributed in December.
- DOA applied and received \$237,100.00 under the FY25 MGFSP. Applications will be solicited in March of next year.
- The \$2,038,278.00, awarded to the CNMI last fiscal year, will benefit seven of the twenty applicants who completed their project proposals under this program. The program is designed to assist mid-sized food chain establishments that supply farm produce to the market.
- Forestry nursery propagated around 1,165 trees on Saipan, 2,788 on Rota, and 808 on Tinian.

- They also produced and distributed 1,227 seedlings on Saipan, 1,694 on Rota, and 90 on Tinian.

Furthermore, they collected 12.25 lbs on Saipan, 13.25 lbs on Rota and 8 lbs on Tinian.



On June 21, 2025, a pest discovered at the Division of Agriculture, Kagman, Saipan, was positively identified as the mango fruit borer (*Cirripestis eutrapphera*). Dr. Michael Melzer confirmed this identification at the University of Hawaii after analyzing the collected samples.



Proclamation signing for Arbor Day

- DOA applied and was awarded \$244,149.83 under the FY25 SCBGP. Since the solicitation of project proposals for the FY24 award is still in progress, the solicitation for the FY25 award will be made in March of next year.
- The renovation of the nursery facility on Saipan is about to be completed soon, which would include two nursery facilities and one working station. A total of \$75,000.00 was awarded to DOA for the construction of the forestry nursery facilities. The exact amount was also awarded to renovate the nursery facility on Rota and to purchase a vehicle and other equipment to operate their program.



The new forestry nursery facility will soon be completed to begin serving the island

- Funds under FY24 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for the Forest Health program to address the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, *Macuna puriens*, the little red fire ants, and other new existing invasive vines and plants.

- 12,450 customers visited the Garapan Farmers Market, which made \$137,708.36 in sales from 33 farmers, including one from Rota.
- Seventy-four projects were awarded funds under the FY23 solicitation for funding assistance under the Micro Grant for Food Security program. Checks have been distributed to the successful recipients to either plant vegetables and crops, or raise ducks, pigs, goats, and cows, and other animals.
- 68 tractor services were performed for farmers, which included 29 mowers, 3 plows, 28 rotovators, 1 auger, 4 bedding, and 3 land clearing.

REVENUES & EXPENSES

Division's local budget: \$575,758.00

- Personnel: \$570,057.00
- Operation: \$5,701.00

Federal Grant:

- USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program: \$244,149.83
- USDA Micro Grant for Food Security Program: \$139,701.24
- USDA Forest Health Program: \$85,000.00
BIL Forest Health: \$46,000.00
- USDA Urban & Community Forest Program: \$64,205.00.00
- USDA Forest Stewardship Program: \$100,000.00
- BIL UCF/FSP: \$75,000.00 Sent Lynda request



Feegan, a Blue Heeler breed dog from Guam, recently arrived at his new home on Saipan on October 10, 2025



(L-R) DLNR Secretary Sylvan Igisomar, Honorable Governor David Apatang, and Honorable Lt. Governor Dennis Mendiola



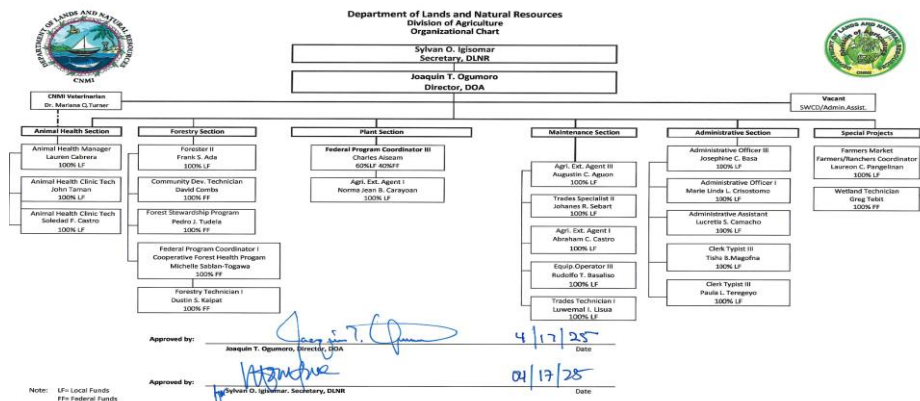
(L-R) Journie Hofschneider, a cattle rancher from Tinian, Lauren Cabrera, Animal Health Manager, and Ruby Ma, Saipan Humane Society Clinic Director, during a ParaVet Training involving

participants from Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, which was held on Saipan and conducted by SPC and the Australian Government from July 7 – 11, 2025. The five trainers and their organizations donated over \$10,000 worth of medical supplies for the CNMI, paid their way, and conducted the training for free.

WHAT'S NEXT?

DOA will be performing the following activities in the coming fiscal year:

1. Distribute awarded funds to successful applicants under the FY24 Micro Grant Program
2. Solicit project proposals under the FY25 Micro Grant Program
3. Implement Crop Rotation for the Kagman farm plot farmers
4. Distribute awards under our Resiliency Food Security Infrastructure Program
5. Establish the first-ever certified Organic Processing Facility on Saipan
6. Complete updating the farm plot permits to incorporate agroforestry farming techniques
7. Raffle out farm plots for interested farmers as part of our agricultural education and access.
8. Participate in the Forest Inventory and Analysis
9. Utilize solar energy to provide power to the five water wells being used for the irrigation system for the farm plots
10. Distribute available farm plots
11. Complete the construction of the new animal health clinic in As Lito.



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2025 CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Who We Are: The Division of Parks and Recreation is under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources with mandated duties to upkeep public parks, recreational facilities, tourist sites and the Marpi Public Cemetery. Division of Parks and Recreation was established through the passage of Public Law 11-106 & PL14-27 authorizing and enabling the division to continue promoting sound management practices while complying CNMI's Local and Federal laws where it's applicable. The division guided by the established and approved regulation chapter 85-50.2 implement permit fee collections to cover the cost of maintenance throughout its identified jurisdiction.

Our Vision

To avail the public full access to enjoy nature at its best, granting opportunities to visit historical sites, structures and beaches that are significant to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (Saipan).

Our Goals

To improve Live/Work/Recreation/Health/Diversity/Customer Service and Environmental Sustainability.

Parks and Recreation Values

Integrity, Community, Collaboration, Safety, Leadership, Positive Attitude.

Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life in the CNMI by providing exceptional parks and recreation experiences while preserving significant natural and cultural resources and its economic stability.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE DIVISION WITHIN THIS REPORTING PERIOD/FISCAL YEAR

- Koblerville basketball court renovation.
- Chalan Kanoa #3 basketball court renovation.
- Playground installation at San Isidro Beach Park.
- Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park installation of flag poles.
- Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park sign painting with assistance of MVA.
- Chinatown baseball court renovation.
- Capitol Hill Recreational Park playground installation.
- Tanapag basketball court renovation.
- Paupau restroom renovation.
- Repair of Paupau playground equipment.
- Walkway installation and wheelchair access to Paupau restroom.
- Open the Marpi Public Cemetery for public use.
- Installation of fencing around the grave site in the Marpi Public Cemetery.
- Maintaining Park and Recreation sites as mandated by the PL 11-106.
- Maintaining tourist sites mandated by PL 14-27.
- Maintaining the CNMI Marpi Public Cemetery.
- Marine Beach restroom renovation through Congressman Angelo Camacho.
- Assist DPL with maintenance of Kanoa, Marianas Resort, and Managaha as per a MOA.
- Public Restrooms that are operable: San Isidro Beach Park, Marina, Capitol Hill Baseball Field, PauPau, Central Park, Grotto, Kilili Beach.

Competing Interests

Parks and Recreational areas have been established by constitutional mandate and public laws to ensure that prime spaces under public lands are maintained for community purposes and activities. Along with such acres developed exclusively for public recreational purposes, the neighboring vicinities have increased its land value by 100%, causing developers to race and retain private acres for hotels and other developments.

Public input and analysis also identified several challenges to completion of individual projects as well as general direction about where the community would like to see action. The primary challenges of CNMI faces is the financial balance of moving projects forward and committing operations and maintenance resources to sustain the facilities once they were completed and turned over to the division.



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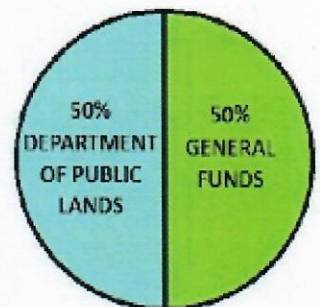
There is a strong community support for completing projects in the CNMI is currently engaged expansion of greenways and the joint facility with the tourism district. At the same time the recognition limited operating resources challenges the division to find new partnerships and commit additional operating resources prior to initiating new projects. However, with the division current partnership with the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and Department of Public Lands continues to remain strong and vibrant throughout these challenging times.

Another challenge that the community in indicated strong interest is in “how to increase access” to and use the parks in the most useful beneficial purposes. In addition, safety and security are included in the concern increase due to the current population and popularity of Parks and Recreation.

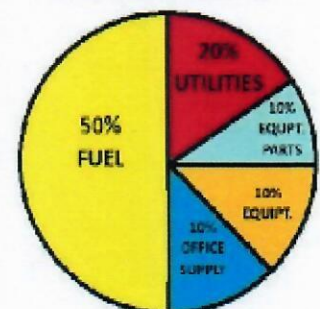
Operation Expense

Division's Budget and Personnel

- Personnel Funding
 - o 50% CNMI General Funds
 - o 50% Department of Public Lands
 - o \$1,106,053.00 – Civil Service Employees/Personnel and Fringe Benefit
- Revolving Account
 - o \$121,000.00
- Monthly Collection of Park Fees
 - o \$3,000.00
 - o Grotto Collection - \$7,000.00
- Expenses on Utilities
 - o \$33,000.00 per year
 - o Grotto
 - Water \$5,760.00
 - Sewer - \$3,840.00
 - o Central Park
 - Power - \$3,600.00



PERSONNEL FUNDING



UTILITIES COST

- Water - \$300.00
- Garapan Office
 - \$850.00 per month (\$10,200.00 per year)
- AsPerdido Shop
 - Power - \$60.00
 - Water - \$400.00
- San Isidro Beach Park
 - Water - \$4,000.00

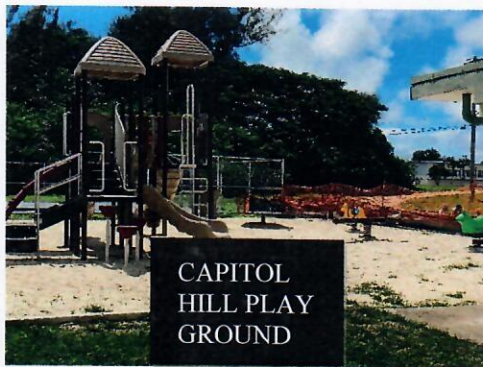
- Monthly Billing for Communication
 - \$300.00 (\$3,600.00 yearly)
- Monthly Billing for Fuel
 - \$5,500.00 (\$66,00.00 yearly)
- Monthly Billing for Operation Repair
 - \$1,000.00 (\$12,000.00 yearly)
- Operational Vehicles – 11 operational
- Operational Equipment's, Machinery, and Tools
 - All small engines are working except for one John Deere Zero Turn Mower
 - Mower – 5 units operational, 1 brand new
 - Bush Cutters – 16 units operational, 10 brand new
 - Blowers – 8 units operational, 3 brand new
 - Chain saw – 2 operational (20 inch), 4 brand new (16 inch)
- Dera Grant for tractor mower

Saipan Local Delegation appropriation

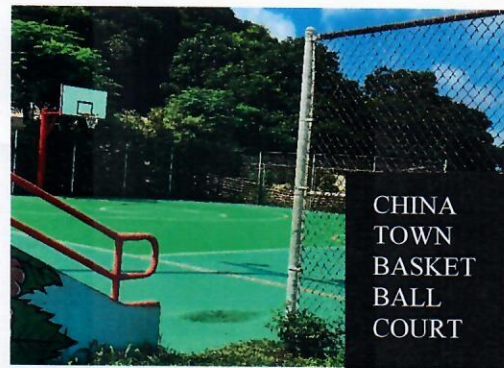
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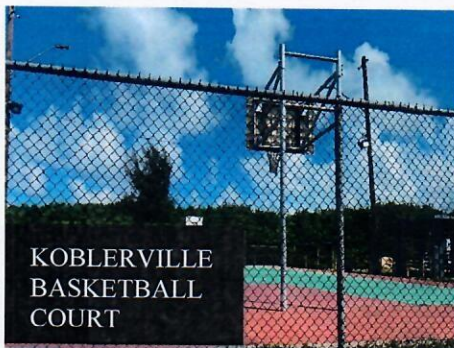
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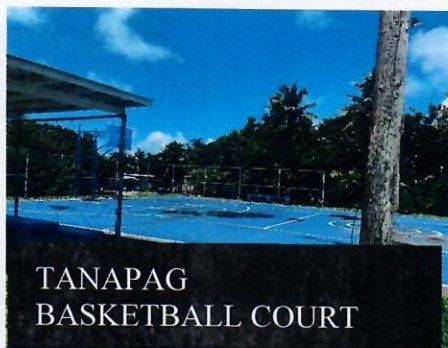
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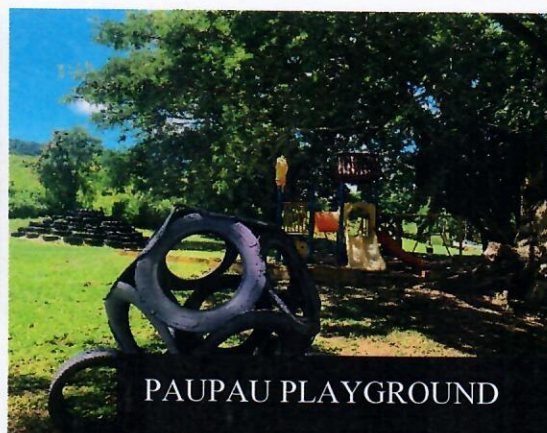
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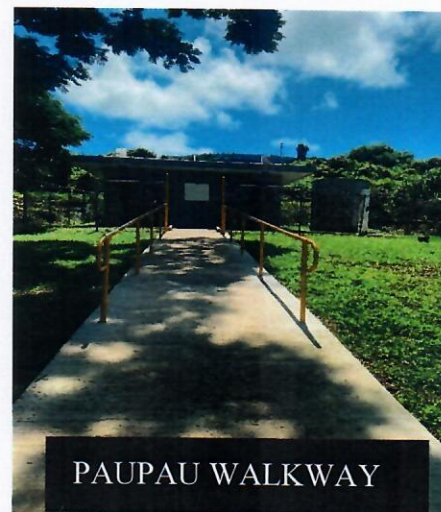
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SAN ISIDRO PLAYGROUND



PAUPAU PLAYGROUND



PAUPAU WALKWAY



FISHING BASE BALLARDS

DLNR SECRETARY
SYLVAN IGISOMAR

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MICHAEL CRUZ

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BUCK ODOSHI

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VACANT

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ADMIN OFFICER II
EMILY MACARANAS

ADMIN SPECIALIST II
ELISA BORJA

**FIELD
OPERATION I**

**SHEET/METAL MACHINE
MGR.**
RAYMOND SABLAN

**MECHANIC SHOP
SECT.**

EQUIPT. MAINT. SUPT.
ELLERY CRUZ

PLUMER FOREMAN II
IGNACIO CAMACHO

ELECTRICIAN FOREMAN
JOAQUIN CAMACHO

BUILDING MAINT.
MANUEL CABRERA

EQUIPT. OPERATOR III
BRANDON INDALICIO

EQUIPT. OPERATOR III
LARRY SEBAKLIM

EQUIPT. OPERATOR II
MICHAEL PALACIOS

EQUIPT. OPERATOR II
IGNACIO AGULTO

TRADES SPEC. I
RUDY CAMACHO

GROUND S FOREMAN I
MICHAEL REYES

GROUND S FOREMAN I
ANTHONY BENAVENTE JR.

TRADES TECH. II
MARCELINO ROBERTO

TRADES TECH. I
AKIKI ALEXANDER

TRADES TECH. I
ERNEST EUGENIO

TRADES TECH I
JOSEPH AGULTO

TRADES TECH. I
LORAN PUA

TRADES HELPER
DANIEL REPEKI

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RAMON SABLAN

TRADES HELPER
RAMON MATAGOLAI

TRADES HELPER
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VICENTE BABAUTA

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LABORER I
KEVIN BABAUTA

LABORER I
JESSE TEIGITA

LABORER I
MARCELINO AGUON

LABORER I
AUSTIN LIZAMA

TRADES MAN
ANTONIO ROGOLOFOI



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Department of Lands & Natural Resources



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

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources contains four (4) divisions and (2) programs, each led by a respective director or program manager who reports to the Secretary of the DLNR. **Our Mission: Sustaining, Enhancing, Protecting, and Conserving the Natural, Historic, and Cultural Resources of the CNMI.**

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.

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.

INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM: to serve as a frontline which provides the necessary support to properly manage prevention and eradication efforts. Managing the protection of our borders from the threat of invading invasive species in collaboration of multiple agencies.

PROGRAM FUNDING:

1. Office of the Secretary of DLNR: \$332,151.00 (Local)
 - (a) Personnel: \$328,862.00
 - (b) Operations: \$3,289.00
 - (c) Utilities: \$0
2. Division of Agriculture: \$575,758.00 (Local)
 - (a) Personnel: \$570,057.00
 - (b) Operations: \$5,701.00
 - (c) Utilities: \$0
3. Division of Land Registration and Survey: \$241,221.00 (Local)
 - (d) Personnel: \$238,833.00
 - (e) Operations: \$2,388.00
 - (f) Utilities: \$0
4. Division of Parks and Recreation: \$527,306.00 (Local)
 - (g) Personnel: \$522,085.00
 - (h) Operations: \$5,221.00
 - (i) Utilities: \$0
5. Division of Fish and Wildlife: \$351,834.00 (Local)
 - (j) Personnel: \$348,359.00
 - (k) Operations: \$3,484.00
 - (l) Utilities: \$0
6. Invasive Species Program: Total: \$929,075.46 (Federal)

** The Department of Lands and Natural (DLNR) has been awarded more than 110 federal grants, totaling more than \$15 million in federal funds. Such funds are utilized to cover over 80 NOPs and other various expenses.*

STAFFING:	TOTAL:
Office of the Secretary of DLNR	6 (Local)
Division of Agriculture	18 (Local)
Division of Lands Registration and Survey	11 (Local)
Division of Parks and Recreation	40 (Local)
Division of Fish and Wildlife	14 (Local)
Invasive Species Program	8 (Federal)

EXTERNAL PROJECTS:

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES FUND: Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) for the Northern Mariana Islands. Magnuson-Stevens Act Section 204(e) authorizes the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce, and in consultation with the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), to negotiate and enter into a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement (PIAFA). Before entering into a PIAFA, the applicable Governor, with concurrence of the Council, must develop and submit to the Secretary of Commerce a 3-year MCP providing details on uses for any funds collected by the Secretary of Commerce under the PIAFA. NMFS is the designee of the Secretary of Commerce for MCP review and approval.

CHALLENGES:

- Addressing the Sand Spit issue at the Smiling Cove Marina and the receding shoreline at Micro Beach.
- Resolution of audit findings at Outer Cove Marina due to lack of funding.
- Lack of local funding to cover operations and utilities.
- Lack of local funding for programs, in the process of identifying federal funds to assist.
- Lack of equipment needed to efficiently and effectively carry out operations.
- Staffing shortages
- Migrating locally-funded personnel salaries to federal funds
- Paul Russ Restoration - Devising plans to address the damage caused by the Paul Russ Shipwreck.