



Developing a new MOU between NPS and Palau





Origins

Tracy Atkins: Embassy
Science Fellow (2019)

Saw visitor management
and planning challenges

Former NPS – knew where
to look

NPS role with World
Heritage





Denver Service Center

Expert Planners

Project Funded

Needed an official
agreement with Palau





USAID Role: 607 Determination

First needed approval from
USAID to receive funding





Objectives of the MOU

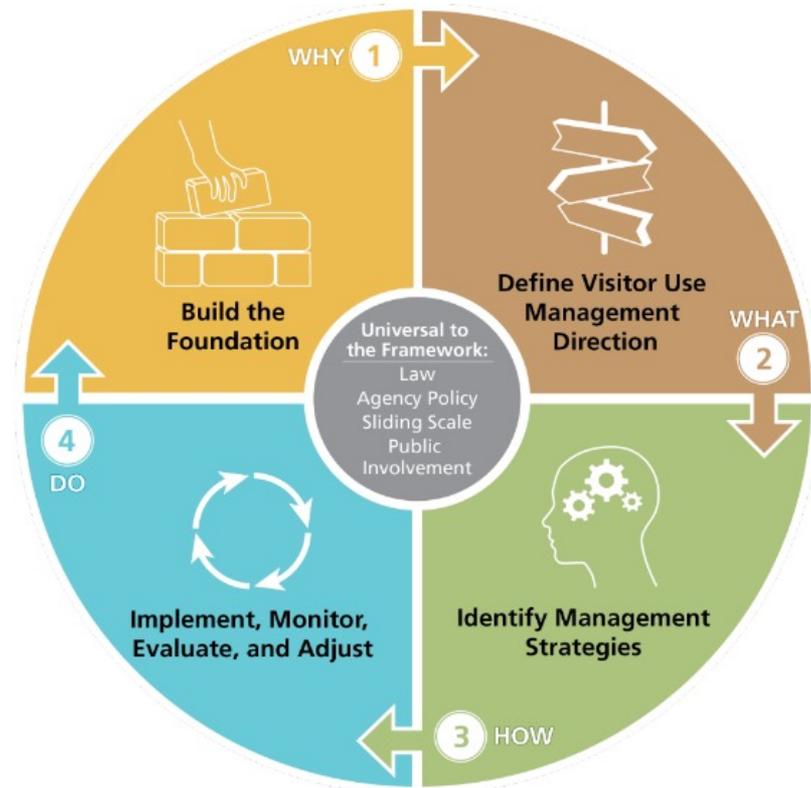
- Facilitate the development and application of a decision-making framework for Sustainable Visitor Use and Tourism Planning with Foundation Document Elements.
- Provide planning and technical assistance by advising managers on how to apply the decision-making framework at one marine and one terrestrial demonstration site.
- Conduct a site visit to both the Marine and Terrestrial demonstrations sites. The site visit will focus on documentation of baseline conditions as well as monitoring assessment of management actions.
- Collect lessons learned from Palau on climate change, marine protected area management, and visitor use and tourism management to inform and guide work within NPS, DOI, as well as sharing out with other marine protected areas around the world.



Development of MOU

Multiple calls and drafts of MOU

Significant help from Interior's Solicitor office and Office of Insular Affairs





State Department Legal Review

Most challenging part of
entire process





Interior Department Final Review

Dozens of individuals need
to surname

Communication Plan

Multiple briefings





Success

Support from Office of
Insular Affairs

Our Ocean Conference
April 2022





Implementation

Virtual workshops
underway

DSC team to visit in
October 2022



Ngardok Protected Area



National Park Service

International Programs



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