

Bureau of Tourism

UPDATES

GEF 6

- **Development and Pilot of Green Certification Program Criteria and launch program**
 - Deliver a Certification System
 - Test the certification system and assist Palauans to become certified
 - Complete work on legal and policy tools and implementation tools
 - Work with enforcement partners to help them mainstream updated tourism regulations, policies, and rules.
- **Responsible tourism established in coastal and marine habitats (contributing to improved fisheries, coral health, and biosecurity/reduced threats to biodiversity – as indicated by endangered bird health)**
 - Development of improved business planning guidelines, protocols, and tools
 - Pilot environmentally friendly business plans
 - Design and implementation of biodiversity-friendly tourism products and services
- **Pilot biosecurity measures into Green Certification Program (or tour operator training)**
 - Biodiversity-friendly business tools & plans and product development
 - Private-Public Partnership with a tourist company/resort/site to convert introduced plants to a native plant garden and implement Best Practices that mainstream biodiversity (with BOA).
 - Update/Inclusion of IAS management and Biosecurity into a Certification Program or partnership to incorporate Biosecurity into a Tour Guide Training program to prevent the spread of IAS through tourism. Gender balance needs to be achieved.
 - Partnership with Koror State to pilot, test, and ensure that National Government biodiversity-friendly tourism regulations are mainstreamed and implemented by States, with upscaling to other States planned.

Carbon Offset Program

- Pending Contract Signature/execution from Pamela and STI team regarding the Carbon Calculator and methodology transfer

US National Parks Services

- Regular update meetings with the NPS team every Thursday morning via Microsoft Meets
- Regular meetings with the Pledge team on integration of the Alii Pass into the US NPS project
- Proposed meeting with NPS Representatives in Palau in December 2021

BOAT OVERVIEW

Bureau of Tourism report on Boat Owners Association for Tourism (BOAT)

CREATION

- National Tourism Regulation of the Republic of Palau; Part II: Regulation Governing the Boat Owners Association for Tourism, 17th April 2019.

BOARD

- 1 Chairman – Minister of MHRCTD
- 0 Vice Chairman – (Vacant) Director, Bureau of Tourism/Secretariat
- 2 Members – Appointed by the Minister
- 3 Members – Appointed by General Membership

Year	Approved New Members	Registered Boats
2019	15	50
2020	28	70
2021	21	80
Totals	64	200

TOUR OPERATORS OVERVIEW

YEARS	Registered
2019 – 2020	35
2020 – 2021	46
2021 – 2022	31

CREATION

- National Tourism Regulation of the Republic of Palau; Part I: Regulation Governing Tour Operators, 17th April 2019.

PANDEMIC CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

CREATION

- National Tourism Regulation of the Republic of Palau; Part III: National Pandemic Safety Regulation for Tourism, 18th November 2020.



Business Category	Description	Totals
Accommodation	Lodging - Hotels, Resorts	43
Administrative	Main offices	2
Attractions	Museums, ets	3
Boat Charter Services	Boat rentals, charters	29
Cleaning Service	Cleaning	1
Construction	Construction	1
Food & Beverage Services	Restaurants, Deli's	58
Government Agency	State offices	7
Health & Beauty Services	Beauty salons, massage parlors	11
Media	Newspaper company	1
Night club	Bars	1
Printing Shop	prints	2
Retail	Department stores,wholesale	28
Space Rental	space rental	1
Tour Operator	Tour services	36
Transportation Services	Car Rental, Bus	5
Travel Agency	Travel agencies	1
Grand Total		230