



MCT MACP Request for Concepts:

Building on success to meet the Micronesia Challenge 2030 Goals

The Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) is inviting short concepts for community-based projects that will support the achievement of the Micronesia Challenge 2030 goals and help build the resilience of Micronesian communities and ecosystems to better withstand the impacts of increasing stressors by expanding the protection of the region's most critical natural resources.

The Micronesia Challenge 2030 extends the original challenge to effectively manage and protect at least 50 per cent of nearshore marine resources and 30 per cent of terrestrial resources by 2030 and incorporates an expanded set of goals that encompasses climate change adaptation, sustainable livelihoods, invasive species management and control, and community fisheries management.

MCT invites project concepts from organizations and communities in all five Micronesia Challenge jurisdictions: the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau.

PROJECT SCOPE

Projects should support actions under one of the following impact areas:

- Coastal fisheries management plans and action
- Forest stewardship plans and actions
- Expansion and improvement of Protected Areas Networks (PANs)
- Generation of alternative livelihood income streams tied to conservation programs
- Scientific studies that support science-to-management feedback loops for protected area managers
- Watershed/forest management that leads to higher climate resilience for participating communities
- Invasive species control, eradication and management training, plans and action

Priority will be given to projects that support the implementation of, or actions under, existing Management Plans or Local Early Action Plans (LEAPs) over those that directed at the development of new management plans.

PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Projects should commence no later than September 2022 with a maximum duration of 18 months.

PROJECT FUNDING

Grants for individual projects are expected to average between US\$20,000 and US\$30,000 (maximum US\$50,000).

CONCEPT SUBMISSION

Interested groups are invited to submit a short concept using the template overleaf.

Concepts should be submitted to Tamara Greenstone-Alefaio (conservation@ourmicronesia.org) cc Danalynn Worswick (grants@ourmicronesia.org) no later than **Friday May 20th, 2022**. MCT will acknowledge receipt of concepts and will notify applicants of the outcome of their submission by **Friday June 3rd, 2022**.

Organizations submitting concepts that are deemed to strongly align with the above scope will be invited to submit a full proposal for their project. Organizations invited to submit a full proposal will be provided with further details about the application process.

PROJECT CONCEPT FORM

Name of applicant / organization			
Contact details	Name:		Title:
	Tel:		Email:
Organization type (please check appropriate statement)	<i>Legally recognized not-for-profit organization, including: non-governmental conservation and resource management organizations; associations; schools, colleges and universities; religious organizations/church groups; research organizations; other institutions</i>		
	<i>State or Municipal government agency</i>		
	<i>Community</i>		
Financial eligibility (please check appropriate statement)	<i>Organization is registered and has been in existence for at least two years and has a proven track record of grants management</i>		
	<i>Requires fiscal sponsor</i>		
Project title			
Project context / background (max. 250 words)			
Brief project summary (max. 500 words)			
Project objectives	<i>These should describe the purpose of the project, or what you hope to achieve from it, e.g. we have healthy populations of target fish species in our community waters</i>		
Proposed activities			
Expected outcomes	<i>List the specific changes that you expect this project will create that will help achieve the project objectives listed above, e.g. our MPA is regularly patrolled by community members; illegal fishing activity has stopped in community waters</i>		
Project start and end date			
Summary project budget	<i>Please note, this is an estimate. A detailed budget will be required for a full proposal.</i> Workshops/consultation: US\$ Personnel: US\$ Local travel: US\$ Equipment/supplies: US\$ Contractual: US\$ Total: US\$		