

New Palau Conservation Society website and video showcase success

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The Palau Conservation Society (PCS – BirdLife Partner) works to empower their communities to steward Palau’s environment and launched a new website and video recently showcasing their work.

PCS’s Mission is to work with the community to preserve the nation’s unique natural environment and perpetuate its conservation ethic for the economic and social benefit of present and future generations of Palauans and for the enjoyment and education of all. They are a community-based organization that implements conservation activities through partnerships.

The website outlines how the Conservation and Protected Areas Program is PCS’s largest area of work. It prioritizes on-the-ground community-based action to protect and manage critical sites and species.

The Program’s guiding core value is a respect for the scientific principles of conservation. PCS know that protected areas, resource use planning, and adaptive management are effective methods to protect their natural resources by working with communities to establish protected areas, effectively conserve resources, and protect critical species.

A successful programme outlined on the new website is focussed on eradicating rats from Kayangel Atoll. Kayangel State is an atoll at the northern end of Palau, with four islands making up the atoll, including the IBA of Ngeriungs Island and three other islands of Orak, Ngerebelas, and Kayangel island. Together the four islands cover 160 hectares, and are home to Palau’s biggest population of Micronesian Megapode– an Endangered bird on the IUCN Red List that triggered a recent rodent eradication project with BirdLife International.

The new website also features a video describing the joint project and is displayed below:

To find out more about PCS’s work, please visit www.palauconservation.org.

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