



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

**PRESIDENTIAL ORDER**  
**Establishing a national task force for the Blue Prosperity Micronesia**

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia launched a national initiative called the Blue Prosperity Micronesia, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Blue Prosperity Coalition (BPC), aimed at preserving the marine environment of the Federated States of Micronesia and its natural resources through the designation of at least 30% of the FSM's waters as fully protected marine protected areas;

WHEREAS, through its ongoing partnership with the Blue Prosperity Coalition formally launched in the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2019, the FSM consolidates further partnership through in-country collaboration and also key partnerships with international organizations in the area of marine spatial planning with a view towards ensuring that the marine resources are sustainably utilized and properly preserved; and

WHEREAS, key to the success of this initiative is the establishment of a special national Task Force that will work with the leaderships across the nation with key representations from the FSM States.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, pursuant to the authority vested upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the Federated States of Micronesia, do hereby DECLARE as follows:

- (1) The National Task Force on the Blue Prosperity Micronesia is hereby established as the national working group and official focal point to coordinate all the activities relating to the planning, coordination and implementation of the program of the Blue Prosperity Micronesia. The Department of Resources and Development is designated as the lead department and the chair of the Task Force. As Task Force chair, the Department of Resources and Development shall coordinate among members, including the FSM States, the formulation of plans and coordinating the key activities of this initiative. The members of the Task Force will include high-level officials representing the following:
  - Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECCEM)
  - Department of Foreign Affairs
  - Department of Finance
  - Department of Justice



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- Office of National Archive, Culture and Historic Preservation
- National Oceanic Resource Management Authority
- One representative from each of the FSM States designated by the Governors of each State

(2) The Task Force may adopt appropriate terms of reference, internal guidelines and procedures, and such further documentation or instrument, as it may deem essential or practical to enable itself to operate as such in the most efficient and effective manner. It may also establish committees or focus groups as may be necessary.

(3) The Task Force may hire appropriate support staff, including a coordinator, to provide administrative services and expertise. The Blue Prosperity Micronesia Coordinator and Program Assistant shall provide administrative support, functioning as the Secretariat to the Task Force.

(4) The Task Force shall collaborate with the Blue Prosperity Coalition in formulating action plans and key activities of the Task Force, as it relates to marine protection, marine spatial planning blue economy planning, and sustainable fisheries. The Waitt Institute and its partners under the Blue Prosperity Coalition are welcomed to join the meetings of the Task Force and share ideas and recommendations on the elements of the action plan or the activities of the Task Force in general, where they have expertise or capability to provide.

(5) The Task Force may invite other organizations or individuals to participate in meetings of the Task for to provide input where they have expertise or capability to do so.

(6) The Task Force shall continue to hold regular meetings upon the call of the Chair. Timely reports and updates shall be provided to the President.

(7) The Task Force shall make plans and recommendation for its administrative support and budget as may be necessary.

(8) The President may issue subsequent directive to further clarify the mandate or the assignment of the Task Force.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David W. Panuelo", is written over a horizontal line.

David W. Panuelo  
President