

# CNMI DLNR CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT 2019

DLNR was established by Public Law 10-57 on April 18, 1997.

117

EMPLOYEES CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.

IT HAS FOUR (4) DIVISIONS, EACH LED BY A DIRECTOR WHO REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DLNR:



**DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE:** To protect the natural resources of the islands, the marine environment, the endangered species, and prevent the spread of invasive species.



**DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE:** To promote agricultural programs, animal industry, and health; To prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species and, to maintain and provide for the preservation of forests.



**DIVISION OF LAND REGISTRATION AND SURVEY:** To conduct surveys of public lands; To preserve and protect land documents and maps.



**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION:** To establish landscaping and beautification projects; To maintain tourist sites; and to construct and repair recreational facilities.

Tel.: (670) 322-9830/34 Fax: (670) 322-2633

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

DLNR is doing its best to prevent an invasive species known as the *Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, which* infected the island of Rota in 2017 from spreading in the CNMI.

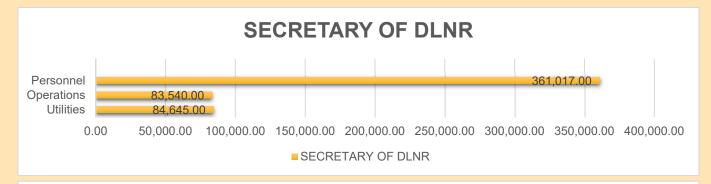




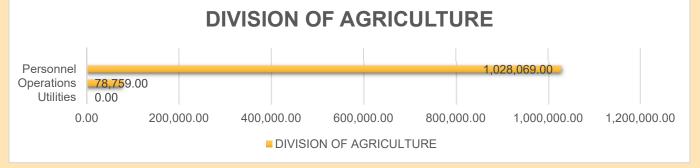
The Outer Cove Marina needs significant repairs. Due to challenges in finding interested bidders to design, build, and manage a new marina facility, DLNR has reached out to the Army Corp of Engineers, the Department of Public Works, the Office of

Planning & Development, and the Office of Grant Management for help.

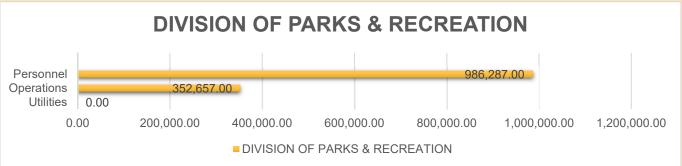
### **DLNR'S ANNUAL BUDGET**











#### WHAT IS NEXT?

DLNR operates out of an old office sitting in a flood zone in Lower Base. The Division of Parks Recreation, the Division of Land Registration Survey, the Endangered Species Program, the Invasive Species Program, and the Sea Turtle Program share the building. Once typhoon recovery efforts free up funds, the main office will need immediate relocation



#### DLNR also needs funds for the following:

- To build and fully staff a brand new *Outer Cove Marina*,
- To operate the *Marpi Public Cemetery*,
- To hire and train personnel in *Biosecurity* to better protect our borders,
- To start running a Submerged Land Office, and
- To recruit more staff, and to acquire better equipment to beautify our islands for a better Commonwealth.

For more information about DLNR, please do not hesitate to call (670) 322-9830/34, or E-mail kaipat.dlnr@gmail.com.