

CNMI DLNR CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT 2020

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

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EMPLOYEES CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.

EXCEPT FOR THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION, DLNR HAS THREE (3) 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. In June 2020, over 50% of its personnel were put on furlough.



DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE: To promote agricultural programs, animal industry, and health; and prevent the introduction and spread of plant and animal diseases, including invasive species. In June 2020, over 50% of personnel were put on furlough.



DIVISION OF LAND REGISTRATION AND SURVEY: To conduct surveys of public lands; To preserve and protect land documents and maps. In June 2020, over 50% of personnel were put on furlough.



DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION: In charge of landscaping and beautification projects for all Commonwealth parks. In June 2020, all employees were transferred to the Department of Public Lands. About 25% are on furlough.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

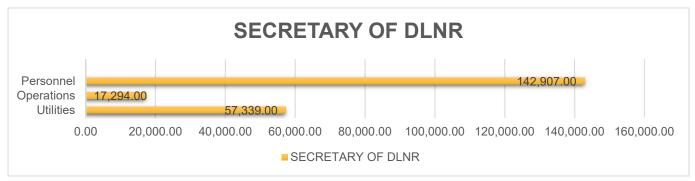


A 3rd wave of CRB infestation makes its way towards the south east side of Rota in early October 2020 as DLNR and the island's leaders work hard to contain the spread since its discovery in 2017. The Office of the Mayor of Rota has declared a state of significant emergency to secure more funding to prevent an outbreak to other neighboring islands.

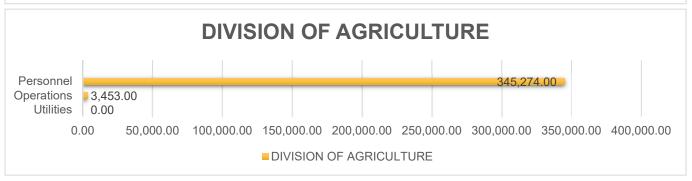
On Tinian (& Aguiguan) and Saipan, the DLNR Invasive Species Coordinator and staff continue to set up trap to help monitor main points of entry to ensure protection against an invasion.

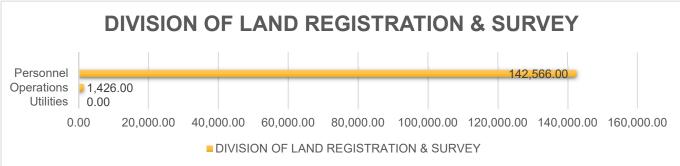


DLNR'S ANNUAL BUDGET











DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION



WHAT IS NEXT?

DLNR will continue to carry out public service while adhering to the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force protocol to ensure everyone's safety. Except for federally funded programs, the main office and all its divisions will remain open from Tuesday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DLNR will continue to seek 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 to help protect our border against diseases and invasive species, maintain and beautify our islands, and keep our Commonwealth a safe place to live and visit.

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