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Mission Statement

The Department of Lands & Natural Resources' mission is to sustain, enhance, protect, and conserve Tinian & Aguiguan's natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations.

To provide efficient public services for the farming and ranching community and other community groups in all areas related to the natural resources development and for the promotion of local products.

To enforce the protection and conservation of forests, wildlife, marine, and other related natural resources. To ensure the protection of the islands from the introduction of invasive species that will cause harmful effects to our natural resources and community.

To maintain and improve historical sites, public parks, and other government facilities for recreation and economic purposes.

To revitalize the farming industry among our locals as Tinian was at one time a major supplier of fruits and vegetables to the Department of Navy in Guam, as well as Saipan.



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CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

Fiscal Year 2020 was indeed a very challenging time due to still-recovering stage from Super typhoon Yutu, followed by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Despite these two events, our department was fortunate to be funded by CNMI's General Fund Appropriations Act for our Personnel and Operations expenditures.

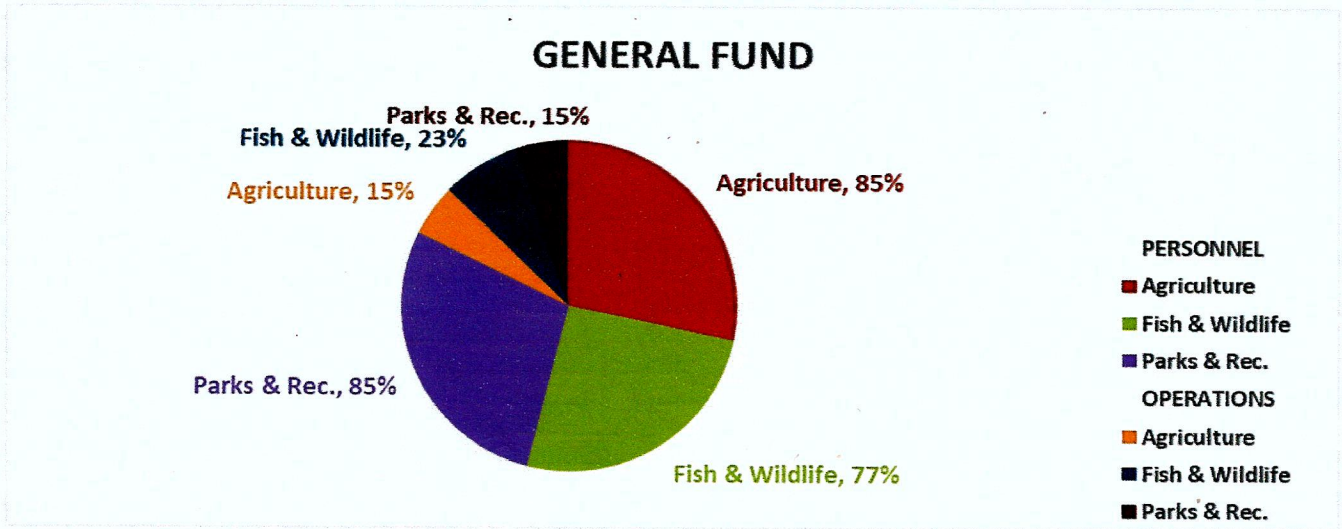
The following is our department's accomplishments during F.Y. 2020:

1. Continuing rendering heavy equipment service to farmers and ranchers.
2. Acquired new gov't vehicle from Saipan's Rhino Beetle Prevention Section.
3. Modernize/Upgrade Div. of Fish & Wildlife's Enforcement Personnel safety supplies for routine enforcement patrol activities.
4. Takeover, together with DPW, of MVA's tourist sites ground maintenance due to MVA's field personnel furloughs.
5. On occasional equipment breakdowns, our department assists DPW with the maintenance of public road shoulders.
6. Assisted Mayor's Office with mowing service of their sites when requested.
7. Assisted Commonwealth Ports Authority with their ground maintenance request when their equipment breaks down. We also occasionally helped CPA with mechanical service when requested.
8. Provided boating assistance to Saipan Rhino Beetle Prevention Division for trips to Goat Island for setting of CRB traps.
9. Provided round-trip marine transportation assistance to MOT Dog Control Division in bringing in the veterinarian from Saipan to perform euthanizing of dogs.


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As provided by law, Tinian Department of Lands & Natural Resources fiscal budget includes appropriations from the general fund. The appropriation pays for personnel and fringe benefits, fuel and lubrications, travel, office and operational supplies, and utilities, as shown on the graphic above.

OTHER REVENUE-GENERATING SOURCES – FISCAL YEAR 2020

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| 1. Agriculture Quarantine Certificates | \$275.00 |
| 2. Cattle Slaughter Permits | \$167.50 |
| 3. Fish & Games Permits | \$1,065.00 |



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CHALLENGES

The current fiscal year will continue to be challenging in terms of fuel expenses. Gasoline and diesel are more expensive than in Saipan and has the highest percentage in our operational expenses, coupled with the fact that our department together with DPW, now handles MVA's tourist sites ground maintenance. Another area of equally critical, is the absence of a local parts supplier. Whenever a light vehicle or heavy equipment breaks down, not only is the order of parts time-consuming by the time it arrives to our office, but it also creates a backlog of the need to consistently maintain public parks sites and also the inconvenience for our farmers and ranchers.

There is a critical need for a more active marine patrols and to replace our DFW's Boat as it is now more than thirty(30) years old. The urgency is there to enforce Tinian Local Law 13-1 to protect Tinian and Aguiguan's marine resources. Additionally, having an operational boat that is Coast Guard regulations compliance, will ensure the prevention of illegal activities at Aguiguan, such as illegal entry, illegal poaching of endangered species, illegal fishing activities, etc.

The department's Repair Shop Facility liability issue or inconvenient working environment continues to be a major problem due to damages caused by Super typhoon Yutu. We are still waiting for the funding assistance from FEMA for the Yutu recovery to finally repair the shop facility that will be structured typhoon-proof. Additionally, we are also looking into the revival of the Forestry Program to encourage our local population to start farming citrus fruits.

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Thank you.


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