

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Lands and Natural Resources P.O. Box 520172

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2024 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

GENERAL OVERVIEW

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. (DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE)

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. (DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE)

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. (DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE)

To maintain and improve historical sites, public parks, and other government facilities for recreation and economic purposes. (DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION)

PERSONNEL LISTING

RESIDENT DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Guillermo C. Borja

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Estevan P. Cabrera

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR:

Corrine Sn. Cing

D.F.W. SUPERVISOR

Chad B. Palacios

REPAIR SHOP SUPERVISOR

Juan A. Cabrera

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPS. SUPV.:

Manuel N. Cruz, Jr.



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HIGHLIGHTS





Tinian DLNR DFW 2024 Summer Youth Fishing Derby.





Tinian DLNR F.Y. 2024 FORESTRY PROJECTS.

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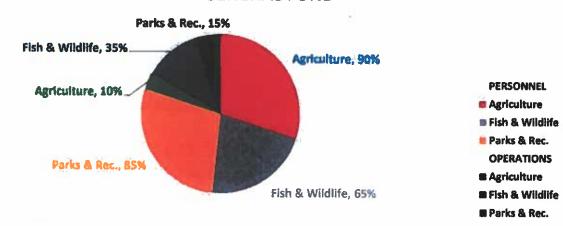


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GENERAL FUND



1. DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE 2. DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

3. DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

PERSONNEL - \$230,391.00

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PERSONNEL - \$ 58,261.00

OPERATIONS - \$23,000.00

OPERATIONS - \$33,000.00

OPERATIONS - \$10,000.00

OTHER REVENUE-GENERATING SOURCES - FISCAL YEAR 2023

1. Mowing Services for Ranchers/Farmers \$3,504.00

2. **Cattle Slaughter Permits** \$ 150.00

Fish & Games Permits 3.

\$1,240.00

PREPARED BY: Lyn F.

Admin. Assistant

DATE: 10.18. 24

CONCURRED BY: Guillermo C. Borja

Resident Dept. Head

DATE: 10-18-24



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Throughout the Fiscal Year 2024, our department still managed to do with what funding we had to better serve the community, especially with our mandated duties with farmers and/or ranchers and the public parks sites designated under the authority of Division of Parks and Recreation. Lastly, the coordination with assisting other departments due to unforeseen circumstances still plays a part in our daily operations due to the mandated duties and for the benefit of the general public.

The following is our department's accomplishments during F.Y. 2024:

- 1. Annual Youth Fishing Derby.
- 2. Construct a High-Tunnel for plant experimentations.
- 3. Reinstate Agriculture Fair(Livestocks only due to limited funding).
- 4. Temporary repair of Forestry Nursery greenhouse while awaiting for FEMA funding.
- 5. Continue serving farmers and ranchers with mowing service.
- 6. Designated areas to be re-forested and for tourist attractions along the cliffline, from Leprosarium Beach to Barcinas' Beach.
- 7. Established a "Community Gardening" pilot program where locals will grow crops within DLNR compound. The main goal is to bring back the interest in local farming for personal consumption and/or commercial purposes.
- 8. Continued assistance to DPW and MVA with their ground maintenance sites for locals and visitors alike to enjoy the scenery.
- Designation of land for Re-Forestation purposes by producing seedlings of indigenous plants and trees under the Urban and Stewardship Federal Grant Program.
- 10. Collections of indigenous plants for re-forestation purposes on Aguiguan Island.
- 11. Restoration of abandoned tourist sites in Kastiyu Plateau.

Certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2024.

Guillermo C. Borja Resident Dept. Head



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CHALLENGES

The lack of funding and manpower is a major obstacle affecting our department's plan for community gardening, backyard gardening at Tinian Elementary School program, and any related outreach gardening activities. It is equally critical to procure new vehicles for the Administrative Section(unavailable) and Heavy Equipment Operations Section (vehicle in fair condition). Funding is very critical for fuel, parts and repairs expenses, communications as they play a major role in our daily operations.

For more information about Tinian DLNR, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact information can be seen on our General Overview page.