

# **Palau Island Group Presentation**

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# BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

- Food is a mandatory component of customs
- Traditionally, Palau was self-sufficient in food
- In contrast today, Palau is heavily dependent on imported food
- The dietary shift from “traditional” foods to imported foods erodes the quality of life



BUSHICH \$1.00 ea.  
 KUKAU \$1.25/lb.  
 KLSOUS EL DIOKANG \$1.75/lb.  
 PRAK  
 Diokang  
 Biliu  
 EMUTII  
 SANDWICH  
 ICE CANDY!!  
 OKOKO  
 FRIED PAPAYA W/RICE \$1.50  
 DONATS  
 TAMA  
 KOROKI  
 B. PRAK  
 Fresh Sashimi



FRIED FISH \$2.75/lb.  
 Klengoes  
 SISKEBAB COCONUT Oil  
 CHICKEN AUS  
 EREMURUM SODA  
 KIM MENGUR  
 DEMOK BANANA  
 TET

MARKET



INSIDE MARKET

# **What type of research/educ./dev. is necessary over the next 10 yrs?**

- Promote local produce and producers.
- Livestock feed mill development.
- Promote farming as a noble profession.
- Meat inspection and quality control standards.
- Reorientation/reeducation to permaculture.





# **What will be needed to create stronger local food systems ?**

- Fruit fly eradication.
- Consistency and variety of produce and livestock.
- Farmers/central/national market.
- Incentives such as tax breaks.
- Persuasive unrelentless champion(s) for agriculture.
- National agricultural plan.





# What are the local food production trends on your island?

- More pests less food production.
- More imports less production.
- More foreign and illegal producers less production.
- More regulations less production.
- More taxes less production.
- More thieves less food production.

# **Can Palau's farmers produce enough food for its people 5-10 years from now?**

- YES. The resources and interest and demand are there.
- It is our politics and poor planning that is holding back the development.

# What areas of production need improvement?

- Apply research feasible to Palau's soil/markets to yield products/services.
- Fruit and nut trees
- Feed mills
- Medicinal and health promoting plants
- Bio gas
- Spices
- Packaging/value adding
- Tourism products
- Animal husbandry
- Farm tours





**VALUE ADDED  
PRODUCTS**





**SOAP MAKING**





**PALAUAN WELLNESS**



# **What projects should be emphasized if there was additional \$1 million ?**

- SARE est. in Palau a Resource, Grantmanship and Training Center.
- SARE sponsor a permaculture designers training and certification program.
- Invest in livelihoods (not farm fronts) committed to dev. of ag. as model farms ...
- BOA assistance to invest in different areas in agriculture that can really help boost up the production and operation.



PEPPER PASTE

# Has SARE been a success in your area of influence?

- Farmers are unaware of SARE, its state coordinator, its contact person in Palau...
- There has been no publicity of SARE for almost 20 years. Grossly underserved.
- Only three grants were approved.
- State coordinator is 1000+ miles away.
- The writing, reporting and documentation turn off many farmers.
- SARE Resource, Grantmanship & Training Ctr. may design/implement marketing/publicity action plan.



**...Thank you**

