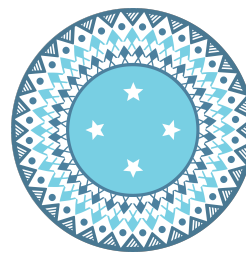


# MARINE SPATIAL PLAN FOR THE OFFSHORE



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**Blue Prosperity Micronesia** is a 5-year program to support the sustainable growth of marine resources in the Federated States of Micronesia. Led by national and state governments and building upon existing initiatives, it aims to optimize ocean uses, protect 30% of the FSM's waters, strengthen fisheries management, and develop strategies for sustainable economic growth to improve the environment and livelihoods for future generations.

## OFFSHORE PLANNING 2021

The development of an offshore Marine Spatial Plan is a core focus of Blue Prosperity Micronesia.

- This offshore MSP will establish use zones and conservation areas to support FSM's goals in its offshore waters, defined as the ocean area 12-200 nautical miles from the coast.
- It is being developed by a Working Group comprised of FSM national and state government representatives and the Micronesia Conservation Trust.
- A draft of the offshore MSP is scheduled to be released for stakeholder review by December 2021.


### Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is:


- A public, stakeholder-driven, and science-based process, using spatial information about natural resources and human uses to determine best uses of an ocean space.
- A tool to reduce user conflict, protect important species, increase ecosystem resilience, and achieve FSM's goals for its offshore waters.


## OFFSHORE MSP TIMELINE



## OTHER BPM ELEMENTS

 Identify and quantify opportunities for sustainable economic growth and improved livelihoods.

 Assess fisheries management and markets to identify areas of improvement through sustainable development and reform.

 Undertake an Expedition to all four states to gather ecological data, hold consultations, and create a documentary film.

## WHO WE ARE

BPM was founded by the Government of the FSM and its four states, the Waitt Institute, National Geographic Pristine Seas, Oceans 5, and the Micronesia Conservation Trust in 2019. A National Task Force of FSM agencies and organizations is guiding the development of the offshore MSP and other elements, supported by a network of local and international technical experts, NGOs, academic institutions, and foundations.



## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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