

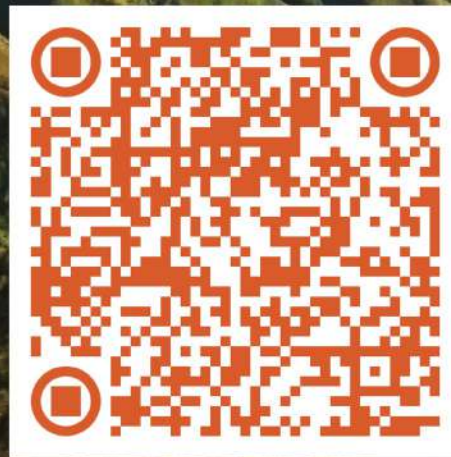


GUAM FOREST SYSTEM PLAN SUMMIT

JUNE 20, 2024 - HYATT REGENCY GUAM



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9:00 am - 10:00 am

SESSION 1: Watershed Management

This plenary will bring together experts to discuss water resource efforts that will support **Goal 1 of the GFSP: Manage watersheds to protect and improve water quality of surface water, groundwater, and near-shore habitats**. Discussion can center on how water quality is a common denominator for multi-agency areas of responsibilities and how the GFSP can serve as a framework for engagement and project design.

Panelists:

Dr. Yu Ming Wen & Dr. Nathan Habana, Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI)

Margaret Aguilar, Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA)

Vangie Lujan, Guam Waterworks

Marie Auyong, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP)



10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

SESSION 2: Recommendations for the Sustainability of the Forest System

This plenary will focus discussions on the recommendations for sustainability of the Forest System which includes: (1) forest and open space management practices; (2) wildfire prevention and suppression; and (3) bio-security and invasive species control. The plenary will look at the Guam ESA requirements, focus on how this can complement the federal ESA requirements (e.g. HCP), and discuss ideas and planning specifications to meet **Goal 2 and objectives: Maintain and enhance biological integrity of native ecosystems.**

Facilitator:

Christine Fejeran, Forestry Division Chief, Department of Agriculture

Panelists:

Charles “CJ” Paulino, Biologist, Tano, Tasi, yan Todu

Else N. Demeulenaere, Ph.D., Associate Director, UOG Center for Island Sustainability

Ajalyn Omelau, Forester II, Cooperative Fire Protection Program Manager, Forestry Soil Resources Division, Department of Agriculture

Jeffrey S. Quitugua, Program Coordinator, Technical Guidance, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, Department of Agriculture

Jessi Mendiola Mariano, Agriculturalist III, Biosecurity Division, Guam Department of Agriculture

Christopher A. Rosario, State Entomologist, State Plant Regulatory Official, State Apiary Inspector, Biosecurity Division, Department of Agriculture

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11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

SESSION 3:

Heritage Preserves: How the GFSP supports Guam Preservation Trust Initiatives

This session will cover an overview of the utility of the Guam Forest System Plan in preserving Guam's cultural and historical resources, taking a close look at the value of these resources in proposed areas as heritage preserves.

Goal 3: Support public access to the Forest System.

Panelists:

Joe Quinata, Executive Director, Guam Preservation Trust

Andrew Tenorio, Guam Preservation Trust

Lawrence Borja, Guam Preservation Trust

Kyle Riordan, Guam Preservation Trust

Troy Cruz, Guam Preservation Trust

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11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

SESSION 4:

Procedures and Protocols for the Discovery or Presence of Historic Artifacts

This session will provide an overview of the procedures and protocols for the discovery or presence of historic artifacts. Topics will include local and federal statutes, local overview and permitting process, archeological work on private land, and federally-funded projects.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lujan, Guam State Historic Preservation Officer



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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

SESSION 5:

Working Lunch Presentation: Capacity Building in Terrestrial Conservation

This session will focus on capacity building in terrestrial conservation, highlighting funding opportunities and collaboration opportunities.

Facilitator:

Carly Champaco-Munoz, Guam Coastal Management Program



1:00 PM - 1:35 PM

SESSION 6: Supporting Public Access to the Guam Forest System

This session will look at how the GFSP framework could be useful in providing a leverage for acquiring the resources needed to support and advance the public access goal (Goal 3) in the Guam Forest System Plan.

Goal 3: Support public access to the Forest System.

Facilitator:

Joseph Borja, Director, Department of Land Management

Panelists:

John Taitague, Department of Parks and Recreation

Megan Voslteadt, Department of Agriculture

Mayor Anthony Chargualaf, Mayor of Inalåhan

Glenn Eay, Chamorro Land Trust Commission

Jimmy Camacho, Department of Agriculture

Fran Castro, Associate Director, Sea Grant



1:35 PM - 2:10 PM

SESSION 7: Strengthening Guam's Green Economy

This plenary will focus on presenting Goal 4 of the Guam Forest System Plan.

The goal addresses considerations to strengthen the economy by sustainable use of forest products, and protection of key forest ecosystem services, such as flood abatement, erosion control, carbon fixation, and ecotourism.

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Facilitator: Christine Camacho Fejeran

Panelists:

Anthony Chargualaf, Mayor, Inalåhan Mayor's Office, Mayors' Council of Guam

Dr. Yuming Wen, GISP, WERI Director, University of Guam – WERI

Linda Ibanez, Deputy Director, Guam Department of Public Works (DPW)

Annania Nauta-Kemp, G3CC & KUPU Corps Coordinator, Center for Island Sustainability, University of Guam



2:10 PM - 2:45 PM

SESSION 8: Green Infrastructure and Designing Functional Urban Forest

This panel discussion will explore the integration of green infrastructure and the design of functional urban forests through the lens of successful community tree planting projects. Four panelists, recipients of the Fina'maolek sub-grant and a Guam UCF community coordinator, will share the results of their initiatives, highlighting key milestones and achievements in their respective projects. This session will provide valuable insights for participants, fostering a collaborative environment for knowledge exchange and the advancement of urban forestry practices.

Goal 3: Support public access to the Forest System.

Facilitator: Denise Crisostomo

Panelists:

Juanita Blaz, Executive Director - Kurason I Sengsong

Cynthia Cabot, Executive Director - Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence

Chauntae Quichocho, Project Manager - Guma Yo'Amte, House of Traditional Healers

PJ San Nicolas, Guam UCF Community Coordinator - Forestry and Soil Resources Division/Smart Trees Pacific

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3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

SESSION 9:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Programs

This session will provide discussions on how the resources and support available through USDA (NRCS) could greatly benefit the Guam Forest System, and ultimately support the implementation of the plan.

Facilitator: Jay Doronila