



Regional Biosecurity Training for the U.S. Territories, Freely Associated States, and Kiribati

Guam, November 27th – December 1st, 2023

Overall Agenda

Goal: The workshop will convene biosecurity personnel, their local government administrators, and regional leaders from across four U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands), and from across four countries (Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Kiribati) to enhance understanding of regional biosecurity and invasive species issues and challenges, develop island-specific and regional biosecurity goals, identify opportunities for action, and begin to build strategies to address these challenges. In addition, attendees will receive hands-on training on tools, techniques, and best management practices for terrestrial and marine biosecurity. The in-person training will also allow participants to share peer-to-peer experiences and knowledge of implementing institutionalized local funding for biosecurity needs.

Region: for purposes of this training, the region is the U.S. Territories of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Freely Associated States of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the nation of Kiribati.

Day 1: Monday, Nov 27, 2023 – All Tracks together at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom

9:10-9:30	Arrival and Refreshments	Emcee Roland Quitugua
9:30-9:45	Welcome, Guam Director of Agriculture	Chelsa Muna-Brecht
9:45-10:00	Welcome, President, University of Guam	Anita Enriquez
10:00-10:20	Welcome Remarks, Governor	Governor Lou Leon Guerrero
10:20-10:40	Group Picture with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero	Alex Ching
10:40-10:55	Coffee Break	

10:55-11:05	Welcome from Organizers	Basil Ottley, Phil Andreozzi
11:05-11:20	The Importance of Biosecurity	Christy Martin
11:20-12:00	Territories Biosecurity Presentations (7 mins each) • American Samoa • CNMI • Guam • USVI	
12:00-1:00	Working Lunch—Biosecurity Videos from Partner Organizations	
1:00-1:45	FAS and Kiribati Biosecurity Presentations (7 mins each) • Federated States of Micronesia • Republic of the Marshall Islands • Republic of Palau • Kiribati	
1:45-2:05	Terrestrial Biosecurity topics: Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, Little Fire Ant, Brown Tree Snake, etc.	Roland Quitugua, Chris Rosario
2:05-2:25	Marine Biosecurity Pathway: Diseases such as Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD), Ballast Water Management, Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA)	Christy Martin
2:25-2:45	Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC)	John Wichap
2:45-3:05	Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawai'i (RBP)	Roland Quitugua
3:05-3:20	Coffee Break	
3:20-4:05	Town Hall—High Priority Topics and Discussion	Basil Ottley
4:05-4:25	Wrap-up	Patty Baiao

Day 2: Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023

7:45-8:00	Breakfast, welcome, recap of previous day	Andrea Blas
8:00-12:00	Breakout Rooms—Start Tracks	
	Pre-Border Track—Ballroom	
	Post-Border Track—Santa Rita/Santa Rosa (upstairs)	
	Policy Track—Magellan (upstairs)	

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12:00-1:00	Networking Working Lunch in Ballroom	
1:00-4:30	Breakout Rooms—Continue Tracks Pre-Border Track—Ballroom Post-Border Track—Santa Rita/Santa Rosa (upstairs) Policy Track—Magellan (upstairs)	
4:30-4:45	Wrap-up	Andrea Blas
5:30	Optional Group Social Event—Food Trucks Night at Skinner Plaza (across from Chamorro Village, Hagatna) followed by optional Sunset and Brown Tree Snake Hunt at Two Lovers Point (<i>transport, drinks and food on your own</i>)	

Day 5: Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 – All Tracks together - 2nd Floor Ballroom

9:45-10:00	Breakfast, housekeeping and overview of previous day	Roland Quitugua
10:00-11:00	Policy, Pre-Border, Post-Border Tracks Reportout	Track Leads
11:00-11:50	Finalize Actions and Summaries	MJ Mazurek
11:50-1:00	Lunch—Working Session Discussion and Next Steps	
1:00-1:30	Workshop Evaluations by attendees	Andrea Blas
1:30-2:45	Closing Speakers	
2:45-3:00	Closing Remarks	Basil Ottley