

Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee — Palau's Statutory Tourism Levy for Protected Areas

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Palau's statutory \$100 Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee, paid by every visitor since 2018, has raised over \$13m (2012-2019) and about \$7m in FY2025 to fund 39 marine and terrestrial protected areas across all 16 states.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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