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Foreword

This document represents a concise report on the State of the Environment for the Republic of Palau. It was prepared as a component of the National Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS) Project. The NEMS Project was instigated to address sustainable environmental development and planning issues in a number of Pacific Island countries, namely Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Western Samoa. It was funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented through the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as part of a broader assistance project called Pacific Multi Island (PMI): Planning and Implementation of Pacific Regional Environment Programme, which concentrates on regional and in-country institutional strengthening and training of environmental managers.

The State of the Environment Report for the Republic of Palau is a comprehensive reference document on the current status of Palau's environment which should act as a benchmark against which changes to the environment can be gauged. The Report summarizes the current state of knowledge about the environment of Palau in areas such as the terrestrial environment, marine resources,

cultural and archaeological resources, and socio-economic environment, and outlines environmental challenges facing Palau. The State of the Environment Report also provides an important vehicle for raising the awareness of the community to the importance of environmental issues and how these should be integrated into future decision-making processes.

We also wish to acknowledge that the Report draws a substantial amount of in-depth information from the Comprehensive Conservation Strategy (CCS) for the Republic of Palau, authored by Demei Otobed, Jodi Cassell and Haruo Adelbai.

SPREP looks forward to working with the Republic of Palau and with other regional and international organizations in tackling the environmental issues identified in this State of the Environment Report.



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