Coral Reef Sustainable Destinations
Approaches for Local Action Strategies:
Recreational Use and Misuse

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Palau’s Rock Islands: a commitment to sustainability

- Community involvement
- Committed to reducing impacts
- Sustainable Financing
- Increased sustainable best practices
- Strong management
- Tourism returning benefits
Coral Reef Sustainable Destination Model

Integrated response to unmet capacity needs

- Resource management
- Fiscal Sustainability
- Community involvement

Leverages opportunities for change

- Existing mandate for protection
- Community desire
- Locally solvable challenges
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CRSD Progress

- New collaboration between private sector, government, and NGOs
- Plan for zoning for South Lagoon Management Area
- Proposal for increased tourism fees
- Better educated tourists
- Increased use of sustainable business practices
Next Steps

Rock Islands:

- Finalization and implementation of Management Plan, zoning and user fee
- Launch of tour guide training and certification
- Ongoing conservation projects
- Secure new funding
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CRSD Model:

- Testing components in PNG, Fiji, & Mesoamerica
- Selected application within LAS: Recreational Use and Misuse
  - Hawaii
  - Florida
  - Potential application in Guam, Saipan, USVI, PR
Thank You