

2ND WORLD HERITAGE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PACIFIC

PACIFIC STONE HERITAGE

A Workshop for State Historic Preservation
Officers from the Pacific & Insular Areas

May 3-5, 2023
Guam

Guam Historic Resources Division
Conference Room
490 Chalan Palayso
Agana Heights, Guam



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AGENDA

WED, MAY 3: DAY 1 SYNOPSIS AND GOAL

The first day of the workshop will welcome the return of delegates and reintroduce awareness of opportunities related to the World Heritage Convention. A quick review of the 2019 workshop will be provided and move forward to looking into stone heritage sites in the Pacific as possible new sites to be listed. Each island delegation will also provide a presentation on stone heritage sites in their respective jurisdiction with the goal of exploring the opportunity to list the site as a World Heritage site.

9am	Opening Remarks and Greetings (Patrick Lujan)
9:15am	Overview of World Heritage 2019 Workshop
9:30am	Stone Heritage in the Islands: Marshall Islands
10:15am	Break
10:30am	Stone Heritage in the Islands: American Samoa
12pm	Lunch on own
1pm	Stone Heritage in the Islands in the Mariana Islands: Guam and CNMI
3pm	End of day

THU, MAY 4: DAY 2 SYNOPSIS AND GOAL

The second day will revisit the path forward established in exploring heritage sites in their islands. The 2019 Delegation provided insight in our values in heritage preservation. This collective wisdom created "Resolution 1" which emphasized what matters in our Pacific communities and our work in heritage preservation. The goal of this day is to have each delegation voice the current condition, discuss strategies, and once again appreciate our collective wisdom and creative ideas to become wiser together.

9am	Grant Opportunities Workshop with Guam Historic Resources Division and Guam Preservation Trust Staff
10am	Focus Group Discussion on Resolution 1: Objective 1: Respect and Listening Objective 2: Traditional Values in Teaching and Storytelling
10:45am	Break
11:00am	Objective 3: Youth Engagement and trans-pacific networks Objective 4: Policies and Traditional knowledge
11:45am	Lunch on own
1:30pm	Objective 5: Importance of Cultural Value of Traditional Leaders Objective 6: Respect for environment/Holistic Management
3pm	Break
3:15pm	End of Day

FRI, MAY 5: DAY 3 SYNOPSIS AND GOAL

The final day of the workshop will chart the path forward in World Heritage Opportunities and how to increase appreciation of stone heritage sites in the Pacific. The goal is to codify this in a "Resolution 2" that each delegation can present to their leaders upon their return. The opportunity to discuss other preservation needs and concerns will also be given.

10am Pacific Café 2 Presentation

11am SHPO meeting / Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation (MEHP)

12pm Lunch on own/End of Workshop

Participants are asked to consider the following questions for discussion throughout the workshop.

In the past 3 years, examples of how our preservation community in our island was able to:

Objective 1: Stress the importance of respect and patience to listen to all stakeholders, especially elders and traditional leaders, as primary cultural values that must be acknowledged to conduct meaningful outreach to gain support of World Heritage Sites in island communities; are:

Objective 2: Underscore the need to use traditional values in teaching, storytelling, and promoting the idea of sacredness of sites as positive steps to ensure the maintenance of our unique cultural identities; are:

Objective 3: Encourage programs that foster youth engagement between island communities in the region as a pathway to develop trans-Pacific networks for Pacific entities who are not represented fully in internationally recognized conventions; are:

Objective 4: Instill policies that draw from traditional knowledge when involving island communities to preserve significant sites especially in light of changes in the natural environment; are:

Objective 5: Reaffirm the importance of the cultural value of involving traditional leaders when developing management policies for heritage sites; are:

Objective 6: Recognize Pacific Communities' shared cultural value of respect for heritage that includes land, sea, and surrounding resources as a strength and the foremost uniting value necessary for our communities to effectively implement and maintain a holistic management approach towards heritage sites; are:



December 3-4, 2019

**Senator Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum & Educational Facility
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RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the World Heritage Opportunities in the Pacific Workshop was held in Guam, December 3 to 4, 2019, and was organized by the United States Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and the National Park Service in partnership with the Guam Preservation Trust and Guam Historic Resources Division, Government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and the National Park Service look forward to sharing priorities and experiences that will help strengthen and build relationships and provide networking opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the workshop was to strengthen and build upon the efforts of the U.S.- affiliated Pacific Island communities and insular areas to preserve, protect, and promote cultural, historic, and natural resources and to learn more about the opportunities of engaging with the World Heritage Convention; and

WHEREAS, the World Heritage Opportunities in the Pacific Workshop has brought together HPO staff and other delegates from American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, those assembled participated in panel presentations and discussion of the World Heritage Convention, its opportunities and challenges, and the necessary steps to collaborate and advance a nomination; and

WHEREAS, through the Pacific Community Café exercise which creates a living network of collaborative dialogue, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the participants of the World Heritage Opportunities in the Pacific Workshop as assembled, in consideration of the above hereinafter set forth, do hereby:

Stress the importance of respect and patience to listen to all stakeholders, especially elders and traditional leaders, as primary cultural values that must be acknowledged to conduct meaningful outreach to gain support of World Heritage Sites in island communities.

Underscore the need to use traditional values in teaching, storytelling, and promoting the idea of sacredness of sites as positive steps to ensure the maintenance of our unique cultural identities.

Encourage programs that foster youth engagement between island communities in the region as a pathway to develop trans-Pacific networks for Pacific entities who are not represented fully in internationally recognized conventions.

Instill policies that draw from traditional knowledge when involving island communities to preserve significant sites especially in light of changes in the natural environment.

Reaffirm the importance of the cultural value of involving traditional leaders when developing management policies for heritage sites.

Recognize Pacific Communities' shared cultural value of respect for heritage that includes land, sea, and surrounding resources as a strength and the foremost uniting value necessary for our communities to effectively implement and maintain a holistic management approach towards heritage sites.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on the 4th day of December, 2019.

SIGNED BY THE DELEGATION FROM: America Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, & U.S. Virgin Islands