

ROTA SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY

LUTA ESIPIAT NA INESTUDIAN FRENKAS GINEN I NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
(NASIONAT PASEO NA SETBISIU), U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Maya Latte Village

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai,

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the launch of a study of the unique natural and cultural resources of the island of Rota (Luta) in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

As directed by the U.S. Congress, at the request of Representative Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, we are conducting a study of Rota's prehistoric and historic resources and limestone forests. The Rota Special Resource Study will evaluate the national significance of the area and the suitability and feasibility of designating the area as a unit of the national park system (P.L. 113-291 Section 3051, December 19, 2014).

This study will take place over the next two to three years. It will begin with gathering information about Rota's resources through research and community engagement and will conclude with study findings that are transmitted to the U.S. Congress. It will be up to Congress, in collaboration with the CNMI government, to choose whether to take an action, regardless of the results of the study.

During this early stage, the NPS would like to understand your thoughts, ideas, and wishes for Rota's special places. We invite you to attend public meetings in February 2017 to learn more about this study and the NPS, and to share your thoughts with us. If you cannot attend a meeting in person, you can send us your comments. See page 15 for the schedule of public meetings and information on how you can provide comments.

Your thoughts and ideas are important to the study. We look forward to meeting and hearing from you!

Si Yu'us Måasse'

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai,

I National Park Service (NPS) (Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu) sumen magof para uma anunsia i tinituhon-ña i inestudian i naturat yan kutturan guina-han frenkas gi tâno' Luta gi San Kattan Na Islas Marianas.

Ginen i otden I Kongressun Amerika, Estados Unidos yan lokkue' ginen i finaisen i Delagado as Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho Sablan, para uma kondukta inestudia pot asuntun guina-han frenkas gi hâlom tânu' Luta. Esti na inestudia para uma ebalua kao guaha nasionat na siknifikasion gi lugat anai para uma disik-na kao propiu para uma-na' omlat gi papa' i aturidat i sisteman Nasionat Paseo na Setbisiu yan lai Amerika, Public Law 113-291, Seksiona 3051 Disembre Disi Nuebi, Dos Mit Katotsi (2014).

Esti Na Inestudia para u tinaka' pot lumenus dos osino tres años na tiempo. I tinituhon-ña para uma chule' siha infotmasion pot guina-han frenkas giya Luta ginen inestudia yan konbetsasion yan inekongñog pupbliku siha. An monhayan esti na inestudia, para uma nâ'i guatu i kongressun Estados Unidos Amerika ya ginen esti na inestudia siña i kongressun Estados Unidos gumua-ha mas inadingñan yan i gobietnamentun i san kattan na islas Marianas anai para siña gumua-ha aksion yan disision pot esti na inestudia.

Giya hululo', i Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu, sumen malagu' para u komprende hafa hinason miyu, i edehun miyu, yan espesiat menti hafa in desese-ha para Luta ginen esti na asuntu. Lokkue' en kombibida hamyu todos para i mamamai-la' na inekongñog pupbliku gi Febreru Dos Mit Dissi Setti anai siña mas in tingño' pot esti na inestudia yan i (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Sistema yan lokkue' anai siña man na'hâlom hamyo ede-hu. Yanggen tisi-ña man matto hamyu petsonat menti gi fecha anai ma seña-la, siñ-a-ha' lokkue' muna'hâlom hao opinion gi "kompiuta online". (Referia hao guatu gi pahinan sekeyu' yan inekongñog pupbliku para mas infotmasion)

I hinason miyu yan todos ede-hun miyu impottanti para esti na inestudia.

Si Yu'us Måasse'

About the National Park Service

The National Park Service is a U.S. federal agency, charged with managing more than 400 units of the national park system, including national parks, monuments, historic sites, and a variety of other unit types, in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands. Administration of park units occurs in many ways, from traditional units which are federally managed, to non-traditional units, which rely on partnerships and may have little, if any, federal landownership.

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The treasures in this system have been set aside by the American people to protect, preserve, and share our nation's greatest stories. The NPS cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Hafa Esti I National Park Service (Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu)

I Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu guiya esti unu na ramas gubietnamentun Federat anai guaha responsapblidat-ña para u mane-ha pot lumenus mas ki (400) kuattro sentus na Nasionat Paseo, sagan proteksion halom tano', munumentun antigu siha gi halom todudu I sen kuenta na estados giya Amerika yan Distritu Kulumbia, Amerikan Samoa, Guahan, Saipan, yan Virgin Island. I atministrasion pot asuntun paseo "Parks" bula siha yan difrentis klassen minane-han lugat. Pot esu, ginen i Federat solamenti na minane-ha, yan lokkue' ginen i Federat yan gubietnamen-tun Luta.

I Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu ha embrabresa i proteksion naturat halom tano' yan guina-han frenkas yan kottura para i futturun i man mamamai-la' na hinerasion. I tisorun i tano' yan i sisteman Amerikano, para uma protehi yan uma na' best i guina-han nasion yan i estorian nasion. I (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu hana' guaha esti i kupurasion yan todos ayu siha na kuetpon oginasasion para uma ekstendi benifisio pot asuntun probiniyin naturat guina-han frenkas kottura gi halom Estados Unidos yan enterut mundo.



Alaguan limestone forest

What is a Special Resource Study?

A Special Resource Study (SRS) evaluates the eligibility of an area to be designated as a national park or other special designation. The National Park Service collects information about the quality of resources in the study area. If the resources meet the eligibility criteria, the NPS will evaluate the potential for visitor enjoyment and efficient management, and will analyze the feasibility and appropriateness of different management options. The NPS provides its findings to the Secretary of the Interior who then presents a recommendation to Congress. New units of the national park system can only be established by an act of Congress or by Presidential Proclamation.

Hafa Esti I Espesiat Na Inestudian Naturat Na Guinahan Frenkas

Esti i espesiat na inestudian guina-han frenkas, guiya esti I para ma ebalua i lugat anai siña para ma disik-na para "Nasionat Paseo" (Nasional Park). I Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu, man rekoko-hi kualidat na infotmasion guina-han frenkas gi lugat nai para ma estudia. Yanggen i lugat elihiple sigun gi ginanagao gi areklamentu, I (NPS) siempre ha ebalua lokkue kao guaha apresiasion yan minagof ginen i bisita siha. Yan kao siña ma mane-ha maolek anai para u ma analisa haf na klassen minane-ha propiu. Ginen esti nai siña i (NPS) hana' guaha rekomendasion guato gi sekretarian "Interior" anai siña ma presenta guatu gi Kongressun Estados Unidos. I para ma disik-na nuebu na Nasionat Paseo yan para ma estapblesi, gage enao na aturidat gi papa' Kongressun Amerika, Estados Unidos yan i Proklaman Presidentin Amerika.

National Park Criteria

For an area to be recommended as an addition to the national park system, it must meet all of the following criteria, established by the 1998 National Parks Omnibus Management Act (54 *United States Code* 100507):

- Contain nationally significant natural and/or cultural resources.
- Represent a natural or cultural resource that is not already adequately represented in the national park system or is not comparably represented and protected for public enjoyment by another land-managing entity.
- Must be (1) of sufficient size and appropriate configuration to ensure long-term protection of the resources and visitor enjoyment, and (2) capable of efficient administration by the National Park Service at a reasonable cost; important feasibility factors include landownership, acquisition costs, life cycle maintenance costs, access, threats to the resource, and staff or development requirements.
- Direct NPS management must be determined to be clearly superior to other management approaches.

Nasionat Paseo (criteria) Elihipble

I lugat anai siña elihible ginen rekomendasyon para u saonao gi sisteman i Nasionat Paseo, debi di u kompli todos i gaige na ma estapbesi gi papa' i Aktu (1998 Nasionat Paseo Manehanti, 54 Estados Unidos na lai 1000507)

- Kao guaha nasionat na siknifikasyon guina-han frenkas yan kultura.
- Kao ha represente naturat yan kotturan frenkas anai taya' gi otro lugat osino tima protetehi gi otro lugat siha na kuetpon Nasionat Paseo.
- Debi i lugat nahong dinangkulo-ña yan sufisenti figura-ña anai siña ma protehi i frenkas yan u guaha dibetsion i bisita. Debi di u guaha kapasidat anai siña maolek i administrasyon gi papa' i Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisu ya u bali todos i gastun salape' Impottanti gi inestudia i asuntun dueñon tano'. Kunto bali gi tano', i gastu para ma mane-ha, i chalan, i guinahan frenkas, yan lakkue' i gastun hutnaleru siha.
- Direktamenti ginen I manehante I (NPS) debi di uma dittimi-na klaru kao maolek-ña kino otro siha na planu.



Reef terrace at Alaguan Bay



Mochong Latte Village



View of Song Song and Liyo (Wedding Cake) from Song Song Lookout

The NPS study team will evaluate important natural and historic places of Rota based on the criteria listed above. If the area is found to meet all of the criteria, the study team will consider alternative ways that local, CNMI, federal, and private entities can further protect and interpret Rota's important places. These alternatives will also include the option of continuing current management of the area (the "no action" alternative). These alternatives will be developed with input from local stakeholders and officials and explore a range of opportunities and management strategies.

During the study process, the NPS will explore many topics including: significance of Rota's resources, preservation and recognition of prehistoric and historic sites; interpretation of the Chamorro culture, including the relation of traditional Chamorro life to natural resources; protection of native limestone forests; and the needs of the local community.

How Will This Study Affect Local Communities and Private Property?

The NPS will only consider management alternatives that respect and retain the authorities of the CNMI government and private property owners. The NPS seeks to work collaboratively with local communities and agencies. The study team will take into account the desires of private landowners and Rota and CNMI governmental managers, local land use, and cultural practices. Since the NPS cannot own land in the CNMI, no management options would include NPS land ownership. However, there could be potential for a national park unit which is managed through leases, agreements, or other partnership approaches.



View of Alaguan area.

I (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu yan todos i membro siha, para uma ebalua I man impottanti yan naturat yan kutturan frenkas i lugat gi Islan Luta sigun gi ginagagao gi papa I mam ma lista siha (Criteria) kao elihible. Kumo I lugat ma sodda' na ha fa'tinas i listan (Criteria) elihible, i membron i (NPS) siempre ma konsidera otro siha na cheche'gue-ña anai siña i munisipat, i gobeitnamentun (CNMI) i Federat yan lokkue' i pupbliku ma abansa mas proteksion yan intetpitasion para i lugat gi Islan Luta. Ginen esti na tratamentu siña ha' lokkue' ma mane-ha i lugat anai taya' tinilaika. Esti siha i ma propoponi gi katkuet manera anai siña I taotao yan i man ma'gas ma li'e todos i opotunidat yan manera i para ma usa-ña i lugat proteksion Nasionat Paseo enteramenti.

Gi durantin I inestudian I (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu, para uma attan lamigai siha na asuntu: I siknifikasion frenkas Luta gi papa ma probeniyi yan rekognisasion ginen I tiempon antigu, Intetpitasion kutturan Chamorro yan tradision Chamorro yan i frenkas ñiha, I proteksion natibu yan i acho' yan hãlom tãno' gi hãlom kuminidat ñiha.

Hafa Gi Hãlom I Sengsong Yan Propiadat Taotao Para Ufan Enefekta Ginen Esti Na Inestudia?

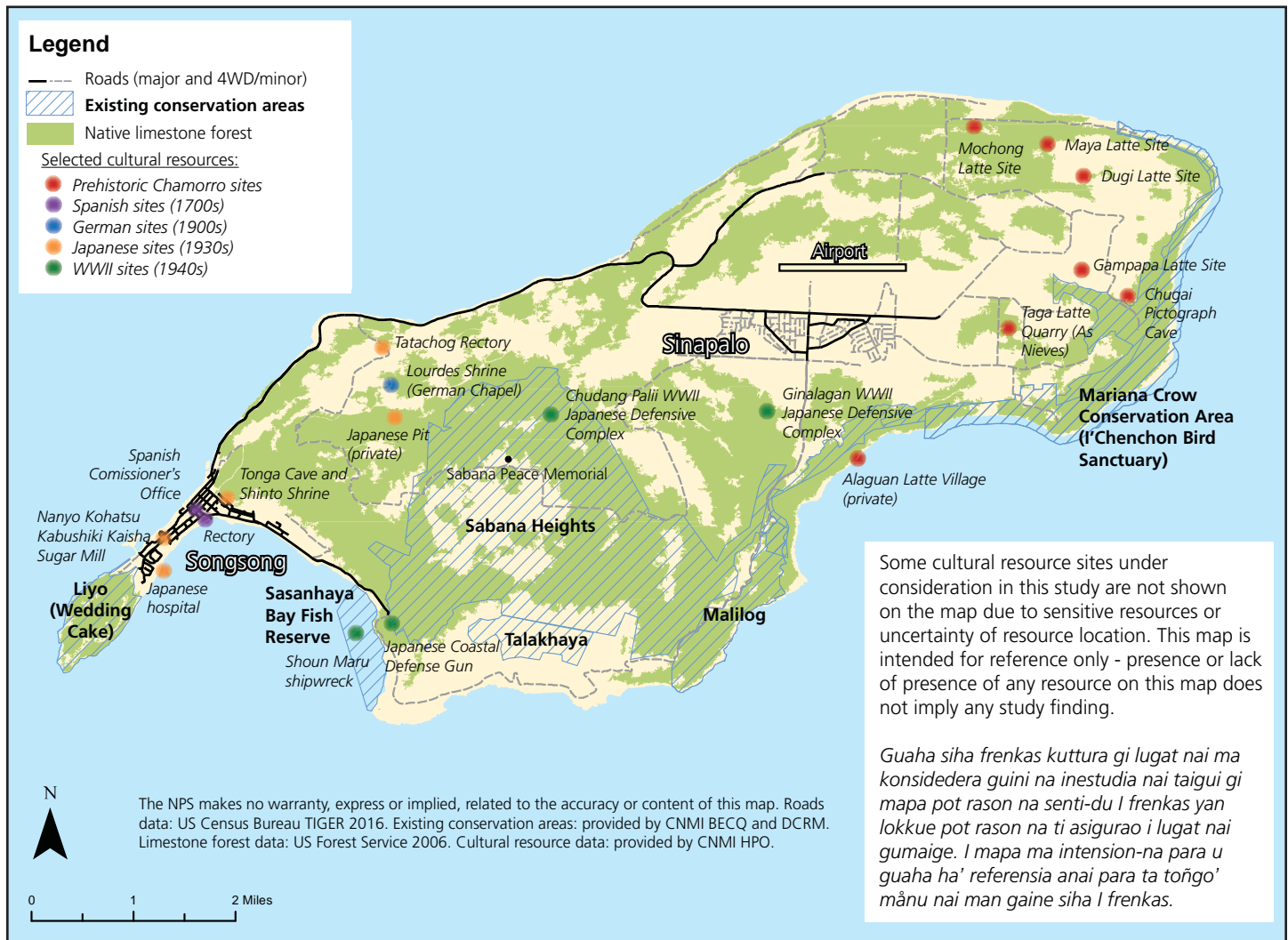
I (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu eyuha' solamenti para u konsidera yan ha na'i dãnku na respetu i gobietnamentu yan todus i dueñun tãno'. Lokkue' i (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu, ha pitsisigi para u guaha ina ayuda yan todus i taotao i sengsong yan i ramas gubietnamentu siha. I membron esti na enestudia para u ina todus i dinise-han dueñun tãno', residentin taotao Luta yan i manehantin gubietnamentu pot asuntun ma usan i tãno', i kutturan Chamorro. I (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu, ha komprende na tisi-ña gai tãno' gui'gi halom Luta osino gi San Kattan Na Islas Marianas. Todu minane-han tãno' ti para u trata kumu guiya dueñun tãno'. Gi mismu tiempo, yanggen ha atkila i lugat para Nasionat Paseo anai para u mane-ha gi hilu' inafa'maolek yan i kuetpon kuminida.



View of Liyo (Wedding Cake) from Isang cliffline. Courtesy Ann Marie Gawel.

STUDY AREA MAP

I MAPAN I LUGAT NAI PARA MA ESTUDIA



The map above generally depicts the natural and cultural resources and protected areas of Rota. The NPS will be evaluating these resources to see if they meet the study criteria.

I sigenti na mapan hinerat, uma anok siha i naturat na frenkas kottura proteksion gi island Luta. I (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu para uma ebalua kao todū esti siha na frenkas hahong para u ma konsidera para Nasionat Paseo gi papa' i areklamentu siha.

What Are Some of the Possible Outcomes of the Study?

Over the last 15 years, approximately one in four completed special resource studies have resulted in a recommendation for inclusion in the national park system. Many studies conclude that resources do not meet the required criteria or that existing management, technical or financial assistance, or local, state or private initiatives are preferable to the establishment of a new national park unit.

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Hafa Siha Para Ufan Masusedi Yanggen Monhayan I Inestudia?

Gi mapos kinsi anos maloffan, pot lomenus uno gi halom kuattro na inestudia siha, mana' hālom gi papa' i Nasionat Paseo Na Sistema. Mimi gaiña na inestudia kutturan frenkas nai ti elhipble para u mana' saonao pot rason na ti chilong i finansiat yan teknikat i lugat anai para u ma mane-ha gi municipal gobietnamentu yan i pribet siha na kuetpo i para ma establesin i Nasionat Paseo gi lugat.

Gi mismu tiempo, yanggen i risut tun i inestudia ma rekomenda ginen i Siketarian i (Interior) na i lugat yan frenkas giya Luta siña sumaonao para Nasionat Paseo, siña ha' i kongressun Estados Unidos mama' Aktu osino ti mama' Aktu sigun gi rekomendasion.



Taga Latte Quarry (As Nieves)

In the event that the Rota study results in a recommendation from the Secretary of the Interior that areas of Rota warrant addition to the national park system, Congress may or may not act on or follow the recommendation. Other outcomes of the study could include: no change from the existing management structure, local CNMI public and/or private management options, additional NPS technical assistance, or other local, national, or international designations.

I otro siha nai siña masusedi, tat kumo taya'ha tinilaika ya ha kontinuhu i munisipat gobietnamentun Marianas yan i kuetpon pribet para siha ha' para u maneha osino siña ha' lokkue' man ayuda i (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Sistema gi asuntun finansiat osino siña-ha' lokkue' ma disikna otro na klasen proteksion.



Gagani Point

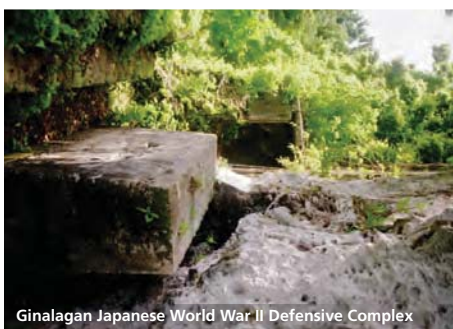
NPS and Other Protected Area Examples

THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AND ITS PROGRAMS

National parks are often thought of as large and mostly natural parks like Yosemite and Yellowstone. However, the national park system includes many types of sites including national monuments, national historic sites, and national preserves and reserves. Park units vary in size, types of resources, landownership, and management. The National Park Service (NPS) often refers to all of these sites as “parks,” “national parks,” or “units of the national park system,” regardless of their official title.

New national park units start with very limited budgets and staffing, and often take many years or decades to develop into fully functioning parks. Considerable time and effort goes into planning for the operations of a new park unit, and improvements are made in small pieces over time.

Existing national parks and protected areas have been compiled below that may provide helpful models for how a national park unit on Rota could be structured.



Ginalagan Japanese World War II Defensive Complex



Chugai Pictograph Cave

(NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu Yan Otro Siha Hemplu Nai Ma Prutete-hi

I NASIONAT PASEO YAN I PRUGRAMA-NA

I matuño'ña i Nasionat Paseo siha na lugat na mampas ha' dāngkulu tat kumo, i “Yosemite yan i Yellowstone” giya Amerika. Lao i Nasionat Paseo na Sistema, bula lokkue' lugat nai ti man dāngkulu, tat kumo, “munumentu, lugat frenkas, yan naturat siha nai man ma protete-hi.” I lugat Paseo, difirentis na menedong yan guina-ha frenkas yan dueñun tāno' nai ma manene-ha. Todu esti siha mā-a agang Nasionat Paseo osino patti gi Nasionat Paseo.

I nuebu na ma disik-ña para Nasionat Paseo, ti bula bayet-ña “budget” gi tutuhon-ña. Lao yanggen sigi mo'na ma adelanta siempre guaha mas taotao-ña anai para uma trata kumo etdichu magahet na Nasionat Na Paseo. Bula siha planu yan cho'cho gi tutuhon-ña anai para ma upera i Nasionat Na Paseo lao ginin i tinitu-hon, siempre u funhayan gi ti u abmam na tiempo.

I sigenti siha na Nasionat Na Paseo man ma lista siha guini anai siña un kompara taima-nu i lugat Luta anai siña omlat lokkue' para Nasionat Paseo.

The following examples generally include:

- Units or areas located in United States insular areas and tribal land
- Units or areas with all or mostly non-federal land
- Units or areas with government-to-government management structures and/or involvement by local entities

Esti siha i sigenti na hemplu ha embrabrassa:

- Lugat nai man gaige i Estados Unidos yan “territory” yan tâno’ natibu.
- Lugat siha (todu tâno’ Federat yan tâno’ pribet siha.
- Lugat siha nai mina nene-ha nai gobietnamentun estados yan Federat yan lokkue’ i kuminidat na kuetpo.



Chudang Palii Defensive Complex

National Park Unit Examples

NATIONAL PARK OF AMERICAN SAMOA, AMERICAN SAMOA

Acreage—8,256, *all nonfederal*
Water area—2,500 acres
Designation year—1988

Description: The park preserves, protects, and interprets paleo tropical rainforests, coral reef ecosystems, and the Samoan way of life.

Government Status: American Samoa is an insular area of the United States. Landownership is only allowed by native American Samoans.

Land and Management: The National Park of American Samoa is located on village lands. The NPS leases the lands through a 50-year lease agreement with the Governor of American Samoa, and manages the park in partnership with villages. The park has a legal hiring preference for native American Samoan staff, allows traditional subsistence uses (such as agriculture, fishing, and harvesting non-native wildlife), and has the authority to maintain an advisory board.

Nasionat Paseo Na Hemplu

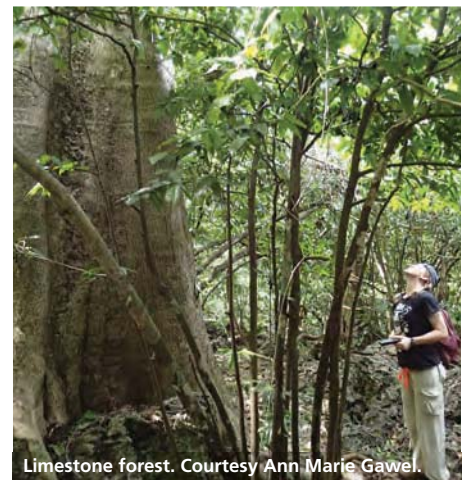
NASIONAT PASEO GIYA AMERIKAN SAMOA

Tambo’ (acreage)—
8,256, *Ti Iyun Federat*
Susuguan Na Lugat—2,500
Ma Disik-Na Na Sakan—1988

Hafa: I Paseo ma prubeniya, protehi, yan mana’ guaha intetpiti pot i hâlom tâno’, i mama’tin kulaling, i guina-han hâlom tâno’ yan i tradision lina’la’ taotao Samoa.

Gubietnamentu: I Amerikan Samoa patti gi familian politika Estados Unidos kumo “Insular Area”. Taya’ siña gai tâno’ anti natibun Amerikan Samoa solu.

Asuntun Tâno’ yan Minane-han Tâno’: I Nasionat Paseo giya Amerikan Samoa gaige gi halom i singsong. I (NPS) ha atkila i tâno’ gi para sinkuenta (50) añas gi gubietnon Amerikan Samoa ya ma manene-ha nu i (NPS) yan i taotao i sengsong. Todus hutnaleru siha man mana’i i taotao tâno’ finene’-na na oputunidat. Todu tradision pumeska yan fan gualu’an siña ma cho’gue gi hâlom i Paseo ya mana’ guaha “Board” para man na’i abisu pot i Nasionat Paseo.



Limestone forest. Courtesy Ann Marie Gawel.



Serianthes nelsonii (Trongkon guafi).
Courtesy Ann Marie Gawel.



Chudang Palii Defensive Complex



Large *Elaeocarpus joga* in Isang limestone forest.
Courtesy Ann Marie Gawel.



Alaguan Bay cave

AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK, SAIPAN, CNMI

Acreage—133, all nonfederal
Designation—Affiliated Area
of the National Park System
Designation year—1978

Description: American Memorial Park honors those who died during the Marianas Campaign of the Pacific Theater of World War II. The park supports education and appropriate use by the public.

Government Status: The CNMI is an insular area of the United States.

Land and Management: The park land is owned by the CNMI government. The CNMI government leases it to the U.S. Navy, which leases it to the National Park Service, which manages it. A \$2,000,000 trust was established in 1983 by Congress, and the income derived from this fund is used for maintenance and development of the park.

CANYON DE CHELLY NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA

Acreage—83,840, all nonfederal
Designation year—1931

Description: Canyon de Chelly National Monument preserves one of the longest, continually inhabited locations by American Indian communities in the United States, spanning at least 5,000 years. A resident Navajo community lives within the boundaries of the unit.

Government Status: The Navajo Nation is a sovereign U.S. tribal government and the largest tribal area in the United States.

Land and Management: Canyon de Chelly National Monument is located within the Navajo Nation. Navajo rights, title, and interest are maintained on all lands, minerals,

MEMORIAS AMERIKANU PASEO (AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK, SAIPAN, CNMI)

Tambo' (acreage)—
133, *Ti Iyun Federat*
Ma Disik-na—I lugat gi halom
I Nasionat Paseo Na Sistema
Disik-Na Na Sakan—1978

Hafa: I Memorias Amerikano Paseo ha onra todus i man m̄tai gi duranten i geran dos Pacifiku. I Paseo ha supopot-ta todus asunun edukasion yan siña lōkkue' ma usa i lugat para fungsiōn pupbliku.

Gubietnamentu: I Gubietnamentun Marianas, patti lōkkue' gi papa familian politika yan i Estados Unidos kumo' "Insular" na lugat.

Asuntun Tāno' Yan Minane-han Tāno': I tāno' iyun i gobietnamentun Marianas. Ma atkila guato gi Nabi (Navy) Estados Unidos dispues ma atkila guato gi Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu anai para u mane-ha i lugat. Pot lumenus dos miyon (\$2million) na s̄lepe' mana' enkatgao ginen i Kongressun Amerika gi (1983) ya todus i nina'h̄lom-ña para u ma usa anai para u ma adilanta mas i Paseo.

CANYON DE CHELLY NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA

Tambo' (acreage)—
83,840, *Ti Iyun Federat*
Disik-Na Na Sakan—1931

Hafa: I Kanyon (Canyon de Chelly) Nasionat Munumentu uno nai ma probeniya nai mas apman na tiempo para i natibun "Indian" siha na kuminidat giya Amerika mas ki siku mit (5000) anus. I residenti siha man sasaga-ha' gi h̄lom kuminidat.

Gubietnamentu: Navajo na nasion giya solu ha gumubietnan maisa gui ya I mas d̄ankulu na lugat giya Estados Unidos.

Asuntun Tāno' yan Minane-han Tāno': I Kanyon (Canyon de Chelly) Nasionat na munumentu gaige gi tāno' i "Navajo" na nasion. Todus asuntun tāno' dueñun tāno', titulun

and the surface use of lands for agriculture, grazing and other purposes. The NPS, Navajo Nation, and the canyon community work in conjunction through an agreement to manage park resources and enable traditional and contemporary lifeways.

SALT RIVER BAY, NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE, ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS

Acreage—989, *federal*: 225, *nonfederal*: 765
Designation year—1992

Description: The preserve contains Amerindian sites, the only known site where members of the Columbus expedition set foot on what is now U.S. territory, and one of the earliest European earthen fortifications in the New World. It preserves upland watersheds, mangrove forests, and estuarine and marine environments.

Government Status: The U.S. Virgin Islands is an insular area of the United States.

Land and Management: The preserve is composed of federal and private lands and is co-managed by the NPS and Government of the Virgin Islands through a cooperative agreement.

tāno' yan interes tāno' gaige gi aturidat Navajo na nasion. Kontodu mina yan asuntun fan gualu'an, pineksai gaga', ali kuttura yan todū asuntu. I (NPS) yan i nasion Navajo and lokkue' i kanyon (Canyon de Chelly) kuminidat man ma chocho'cho parehu sigun gi kontrata anai para u ma mane-ha i lugat guinahan frenkas anai siña lokkue' ma praktika i tradision i lina'la' i nasion Navajo.

MA-ASIN SADUK (SALT RIVER BAY) NASIONAT ANTIGU PASEO YAN GUINAHAN TANO' PREBINIYI, ST. CROIZ, VIRGIN ISLANDS

Tambo' (acreage)—989, *Iyun Federat*: 225, *Ti-Iyun Federat*: 765
Disik-Na Na Sakan—1992

Hafa: Todus guinaha ma probiniyi ginen i estorian kulumbus (Columbus) anai matto gi lugat ya pāgu' na tiempo tāno' Amerikano. Lao pot man gaige todus frenkas antigun lokkue'yan kutturan antigun pare-hu yan guihan tasi para uma probiniyi siha para futtunan i henerasion.

Gubietnamentu: I gubietnamentun U.S. Virgin Island gaige i papa' familian politika (insular area) yan gi gubietnamentun Estados Unidos.

Asuntun Tāno' yan Minane-han Tāno': I lugat ma probeniya kumo patti Federat yan Pribet na tāno' ya pare-hu uma ayuda gi para ma mane-ha i lugat. I (NPS) yan i gobietnamentun Virgin Islands gi papa' kontratan ina ayuda.



Rota Sugar Mill, July 1, 1944. U.S. Navy photo.



Mochong Latte Village

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, CALIFORNIA

*Acreage—156,670, federal:
23,411, nonfederal: 133,259
Designation year—1978*

Description: Located near Los Angeles, the recreation area preserves the rare California Mediterranean ecosystem and historical sites, and provides outdoor recreational opportunities for millions of Southern California residents.

Land and Management: While the National Park Service directly owns and manages just 15% of the land in the national recreation area, the NPS presence serves to bring together a variety of landowners and interests for coordinated public enjoyment and resource protection. Management is a cooperative effort that joins federal, state, and local park agencies with nonprofit organization and private landowners.

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Iyun Federat: 23,411,
Ti Iyun Federat: 133,259
Disik-Na Na Sakan—1978*

Hafa: Gaige esti na lugat gi fi'on Los Angeles, I lugat ma probeniyi kumo hasan na guinaha frenkas disdi i tiempon "Mediterranean" yan estorian antigu na tiempo. Esti hana' guagua-ha sagan huegun san hiyong para residentin taotao san haya na lugat California.

Asuntun Tāno yan Minane-han Tāno': Maseha' i Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu iyu-na kinsi pot sentu gi lugat para usun huegun san hiyong, I (NPS) pot i gumaige-ña, hana' fan dana meggai na kuetpon gubietnamentu, kuminidat yan pribet siha anai guaha mas ina ayuda para dibetsion taotao interamenti.



Maya Latte Village

Other Protected Area Examples

TINIAN LANDING BEACHES, USHI POINT AND NORTH FIELDS, TINIAN, CNMI

*Acreage—2,500, all nonfederal
Designation—National
Historic Landmark
Designation year—1985*

Description: The Tinian landing beaches, Ushi and North Fields were strategic locations used by Japan and the United States during World War II. North Field was the airbase for staging the atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Government Status: The CNMI is an insular area of the United States.

Land and Management: The area is owned by the CNMI government and leased to the U.S. Navy. The area is open for public recreational purposes when not used for military

Otro siha nai man ma protete-hi pot hemplu

TINIAN LANDING BEACHES, USHI POINT AND NORTH FIELDS, TINIAN, CNMI

*Tambo' (acreage)—
2500, Ti-Iyun Federat
Ma Disik-na—I Nasionat
Na Matkan Tānu'
Disik-Na Na Sakan—1985*

Hafa: Esti na lugat giya Tinian, i kantun tasi giya Ushi and i North Field, guiya esti na lugat ma trata kumo frenkas estorian geran dos anai ma usa i lugat para u ma bakodang Hapones giya Hiroshima yan Nagasaki.

Gobietnamentu: I gobietnamentun Marianas gaige gi papa' familian politika yan i Estados Unidos.

Tāno' yan Minane-han Tāno': I lugat tāno' i gobietnamentun Marianas dispues ma atkila guatu



Mochong Latte Village

training. In 1999, the NPS was directed by Congress to study the area for potential inclusion in the national park system. In 2001, the study found that the area was not feasible for designation as a national park unit based on the U.S. Navy's continued military use. The NPS provides limited technical assistance for historic preservation and interpretation through Historic Preservation Fund grants.

ROCK ISLANDS SOUTHERN LAGOON, KOROR STATE, REPUBLIC OF PALAU

Acreage—247,600, *all state*
Designation—UNESCO
 World Heritage Site
Designation year—2012

Description: Rock Islands Southern Lagoon is a highly complex reef system with 445 uninhabited limestone islands. The area sustains an exceptionally diverse marine and biological habitat with native and endemic plants, birds, marine life. Remains of stonework villages and archeological sites span three millennia.

Government Status: The Republic of Palau is a sovereign nation in free association with the United States through the Compact of Free Association.

Land and Management: The Rock Islands Southern Lagoon encompasses eight protected areas and is owned by Koror State. The area is a designated conservation zone for multi-use recreation, subsistence, and restricted commercial use. It is part of the Palau's Protected Areas Network, established by the Republic of Palau as a countrywide system of connected protected terrestrial and marine environments. The Koror State Department of Conservation and Law Enforcement manages it, funded by the government of Palau and user fees.

gi nebi (Navy) Estados Unidos. I lugat gi presenti, ma bababa para ma usa gi hinerat pupbliku para huegu yanggen ti ma na' sesetbi nai militat gi duranten i "training". Lökkue' i (NPS) ma nombra para uma attan kao siña lökkue' mana' hãlom gi Nasionat Paseo Na Sistema. Lao gi Dos Mit Uno (2001) na sakan, ma sodda na i lugat ti hafa' tinas i eskaleran (criteria) sigun gi ginagagao gi areklamentu. Gi presenti pâ'gu, I (NPS) man ayuyuda ha' gi asuntun finansiat pot para u ma arekla ya uma na' best i North Field ginen i grantis nai ma nana'i offisinan Historical Preservation.

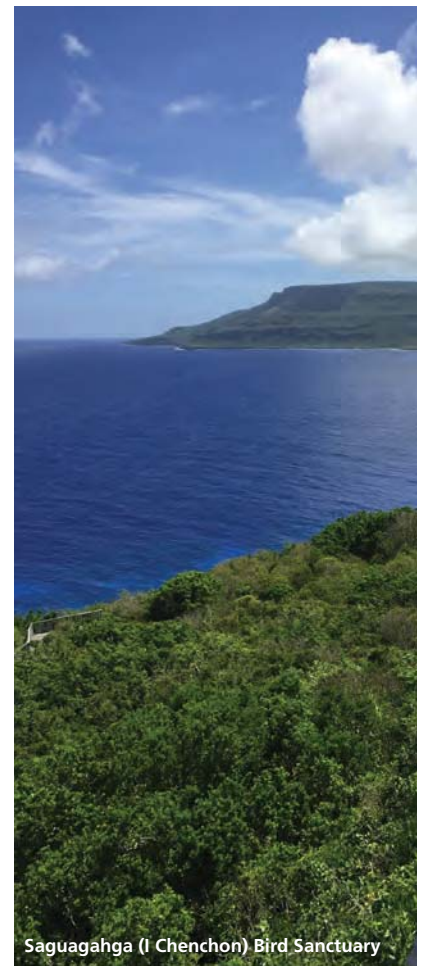
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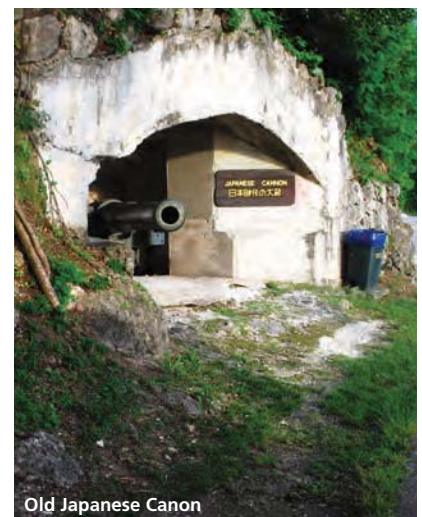
Hafa: I islan acho' (Rock Island) gi Sanhaya giya Palau, man gaige todus i mas komplikao na mama'tin kulaling ya ha en brabrassa pot lumenus mas ki kuartro sentus kuarentai sinku (445) na islan kaskao. I lugat bula siha lina'la' guihan tasi yan gaga' tasi nai taya gi otro siha na tãno'. Gi mimu tiempo lökkue' guaha siha tinanum yan frenkas hãlom tãno' yan paluma. I haf tetenan na frenkas kuttura mas ki tres mit itantus anus na tiempo.

Gubietnamentu: I gubietnamentun Palau guiya solamenti nasion. Pot esu, i relasion yan i Estados Unidos, ma fotma tratus kumo "free association".

Tãno' yan Minane-han Tãno': I Acho' na isla (Rock Island) gi sanhaya, ha embrabrassa ochu na lugat nai ma protetehi ya iyun i estados Koror. I lugat ma desik-ña kumo para ma probeniya para usun huegun yan pinitsgin lina'la natibu. Patti esti ma estapblesi ginen i Palau proteksion frenkas nai mana' etdichu nu I Nasion Palau. I Koror na depattamentu, guiya responsaple para u mane-ha I lugat ya i fundu ginen i gobietnamentun Palau ginen i nina'halom kuantan salape'.



Saguagahga (I Chenchon) Bird Sanctuary



Old Japanese Canon



Japanese Sugar Mill Train (Na' Gatbo Luta)

Ongoing National Park Service Involvement on Rota

The National Park Service has been providing Historic Preservation Fund grants to the CNMI since 1974. The CNMI Historic Preservation Office uses these grants for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties, and to fund activities such as, planning, survey and inventory, registration, local and federal project review, acquisition, development, and public education. Additionally, the Historic Preservation Office provides project grants to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities to preserve their cultural heritage.

The NPS has provided technical assistance for historic preservation and awarded grants to the CNMI Historic Preservation Office for projects on Rota. The NPS provided a grant to the CNMI Historic Preservation Office to develop interpretive signs about Rota's historic places, such as at Mochong Latte Village and Rota Sugar Mill. The NPS also provides grants for nominations of historic sites on Rota to the National Register of Historic Places. As Nieves Latte Stone Quarry and Chugai' Pictograph Site are examples of listed national register sites.

In 2005, in response to a request from Rota's senators in the CNMI legislature, the NPS prepared a reconnaissance survey report providing a preliminary analysis of the potential for sites on Rota to be considered for national park designation. The survey report identified potentially significant resources and developed a range of preliminary management options for Rota's resources. The report is being used to inform this larger special resource study.

Hafa Gi Presenti Bidada-Na I Nasionat Paseo Gi Islan Luta

Ginen Mit Nuebi Sentus Setentai Kuattro (1974), I Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu hana' nana'i gratis i gubietnamentun Marianas para i offisinan Historic Preservation Office. I Offisinan I Historical Preservation, ha na'sesetbi esti siha na gratis para u ma abansa i checho' niha gi asuntun para ma protehi i guinahan frenkas antigu yan proteksion todus frenkas hãlom tano' yan para ma planeha yan subeha i lugat siha nai guaha siknifikasion frenkas anai siña mas usa para edukasion giya Luta. Lokkue' hana' guaguaha fundu para todus kuetpon oginisasion anai siña mas ma adelanta i kutturán Chamorro para i man mamamai-la na hinerasion.

I (NPS) Nasionat Paseo Na Setbisiu ha ekstetendi setbisiu teknikat para ma protehi i probiniyin estorian antigu yan lokkue' grantis para i offisinan "CNMI Historic Preservation Office" anai para ma abansa yan para guaha mapa para ma taitai i estorian i lugat siha tat komu i "Mochong Latte Village" yan i "Rota Sugar Mill". Lokkue' hana' guaha-yi gratis Luta anai para ma rehistrá todus i lugat frenkas antigu gi Nasionat Rehistrasion Estorian Antigu tat komu as Nieves Latte Stone Quarry yan Chugai Pictograph.

Gi Dos Mit Sinku na sakan (2005) ginen i finaisen Senadot ginen Luta, yan i Lehislatoran Marianas, i (NPS) ha subeya i lugat gi islan Luta ya ha prepara repot nai my analisa kumo sina my konsidera para u mana' saonao ma disik-na komu Nasionat Paseo. I repot ha identifika dãnku na siknifikasion frenkas anai sina mana' mamane-ha gi katkuet manera. I repot lokkue' mana' setbi gi presenti para infotmasion yan inestiran inestudian frenkas.



Reef terrace at Alaguan Bay

How to Participate

We encourage you to learn more about the special resource study process and share your ideas. Here are some ways to do so:

- Visit the study web site: parkplanning.nps.gov/rotastudy
- Sign-up for the study mailing list or e-mail list: tinyurl.com/RotaStudyEmail
- Send us your thoughts, comments, and information by e-mail (Rota_Study@nps.gov), through the study website, or using the enclosed form.
- Attend a public meeting on Rota, Saipan or Guam (see page 15 for more info).

Haf Taimanu Para Un Patisipao

En sosuyu' todus taotao nai man interisao para u ma tungo' mas esti i espesiat na inestudian frenkas hâlom tâno yan kutturán antigu yan i eskaleran inestudia yan lokkue' para en fan na'hâlom ede-hu pot esti na inestudia:

- Bisita i inestudia (website): parkplanning.nps.gov/rotastudy
- Rehista hao para un mana'e katta: tinyurl.com/RotaStudyEmail
- Kattayi Ham Nai Edeo-mu, Opinion-mu: Rota_Study@nps.gov
- Saonao gi Inekoñgog Pupbliku gi Islan Luta yan Saipan (attan i pahina guini para mas infotmasion nu i fecha yan ora)



Taga Latte Quarry (As Nieves)

THIS STUDY DEPENDS ON INPUT AND PARTICIPATION FROM YOU!

I INESTUDIA NAI MA PETSISIGI GUINI HA DEPENDI GUI GINEN I PATISIPASION TODOS I TAOTAO

Tell us:

1. What prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest resources on Rota do you believe are most important? Why?
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3. What ideas do you have about preserving and managing Rota's important places?
4. Do you have other ideas or comments you would like to share with us?

Please share your thoughts with us by **April 14, 2017**, and help us reach out to local residents, organizations, agencies, and environmental, business, community, and political leaders.

Pot fabot na' tungo' ham:

1. Mānu na estorian antigu yan lugat antigu, halom tano frenkas un hong-gi na impottanti para hāgu?
2. Haf na ede-hu osino sinintemu nai malagu'hao para un tuñgo'osino para u ma attan ginen esti na eskaleran inestudia?
3. Haf na ede-hu mas maolek para hāgu anai para ma probeniyi yan para ma mane-ha i man impottanti siha na frenkas giya Luta?
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Public Meeting Schedule

Inekoñgog Pupbliku Sikeyu'

Please join us!

SAIPAN: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017**
6–8 pm: American Memorial
Park Visitor Center Theater
Beach Road, Garapan

ROTA: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017**
6–8 pm:
Rota Mayor's Office

ROTA: **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017**
9–11 am:
Rota Mayor's Office

GUAM: **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**
6–8 pm:
Guam Museum Auditorium
193 Chalan Santo Papa Juan Pablo Dos
Hagåtña

VIRTUAL: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**
3–4:30 pm PST: Online public meeting
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8262080394961020162>

VIRTUAL: **THURSDAY, MARCH 9**
12–1:30 pm PST: Online public meeting
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2424154138071537666>

Pot fabot mai-la' tafañ hita!

SAIPAN: **MATTES, FEBRERU DIA BENTI UNO,**
DOS MIT DISI SETTI, 6–8 pm: American
Memorial Park Visitor Center Theater
Beach Road, Garapan

LUTA
(ROTA): **METKULES, FEBRERU DIA BENTI**
DOS, DOS MIT DISI SETTI, 6–8 pm:
Rota Mayor's Office

LUTA
(ROTA): **HOIBIS, FEBRERU DIA BENTI TRES,**
DOS MIT DISI SETTI, 9–11 am:
Rota Mayor's Office

GUAM: **LUNES, FEBRERU DIA BENTI SIETE,**
DOS MIT DISI SETTI, 6–8 pm:
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View of Liyo (Wedding Cake)

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