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Re: Citizen Centric Report FY' 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Pursuant to P.L. 30-127, "Citizen Centric Report", please see enclosed Department of Agriculture's report for fiscal year 2017.

Respectfully,

MATTHEW L.G. SABLAN

CC: Office of Public Accountability

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CITIZEN CENTRIC 2017

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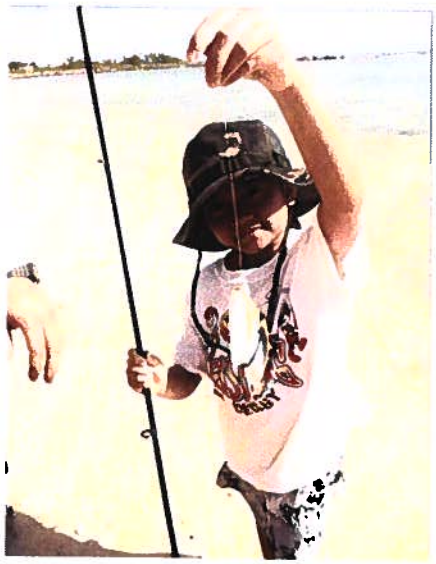
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MISSION AND VISION

Guam Department of Agriculture, established through the 5 GCA, Guam Code Annotated, identifies the mandates and responsibilities of the agency and administered by Guam Administrative Rules and Regulation titles 4, 8, & 9 Guam Law. There are five divisions of the department, Agricultural Development Services, Forestry & Soil Resources, Aquatic & Wildlife, Biosecurity, and Animal Health charged in the management of soil resources, forest health and watershed, preventing the introduction of invasive species, protection and conservation of wildlife habitat and fauna, and animal control, and licensing. Overall the mission of the department is the conservation and protection of our natural resources and to educate the community in best resource management and stewards of Guahan.





SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

Our Goal and Objective is to increase level of services provided farmers and customers and establishing a cohesive implementation of programs and to coordinate a more efficient communication of networks to market the existence of such services being provided by the department; organize and direct the activities to customers with respect to available programs initiated by the department

For 27 Years, the Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources has conducted the Annual Catch and Release Kids Fishing Derby for ages 7-12.

PERFORMANCE

Under our Law Enforcement Section, Conservation Officers have had the opportunity to work with different partners through networking, in effort to conserve and protect our natural resources. We have completed the first ever 'Regional Marine and Terrestrial, Enforcement Academy' with the Guam Community College, Graduating 25 recruits, 5 of whom are from Guam, specializing in Environmental Conservation and Protection. Of the current staff Certification FLETC/Boat School and SCUBA Dive Certification has now, for the first time, been attained as a requirement. Implementation of the Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) with the NOAA, Office of Law Enforcement enabled security of approximately $250,000.00 for FY16 and FY17.

To Conserve and Protect









Quarterly Inspection of Fishing Aggregrate Devise System(FADS) FADS are designed to attract pelagic fish.benefitting the offshore fishing community.

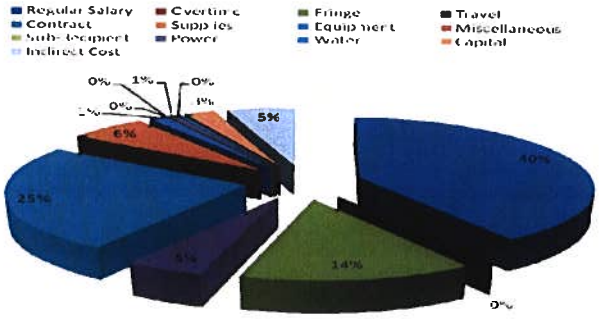
Natural resource management



HIDDEN BEAUTY: 2 Endangered Specie Adult Moorehens caught in action. Documenting Moorhen occurrences and breeding status on 28 sites throughout Guam; island-wide census was completed in June and will be repeated in September.

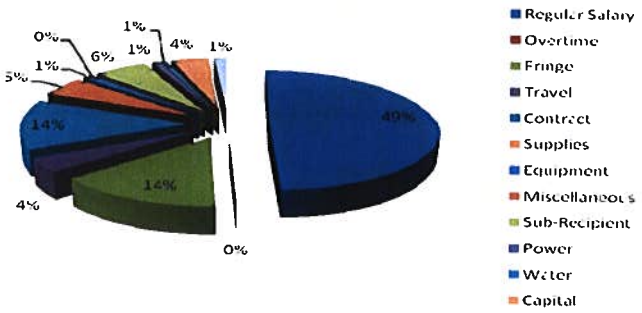
The Wildfire and Protection Program managed by the Forestry & Soil Resources Division (FSRD) have a reported 3,861 burned acreage, ~2.8% of total island area. Continued Partnerships have allowed target enhancements of native forest impacts and ongoing outreach and education. Efforts to screen and prevent introfuction of invasicve species onto the island are constantly maintained. Bio-Security Division authorized in P.L. 31-43 oversees pest management projects that have an impact on the the natural resources of Guam. In fiscal year 2017, nine hundred sixty plus inspections were conducted of smuggling interdiction and non-trade compliance enforcement have been achieved.

FINANCE ASPECT



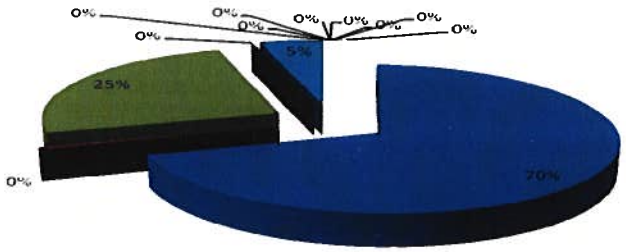
Federal Grant Appropriations
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Federal Grant Expenditures
$2,588,028.00

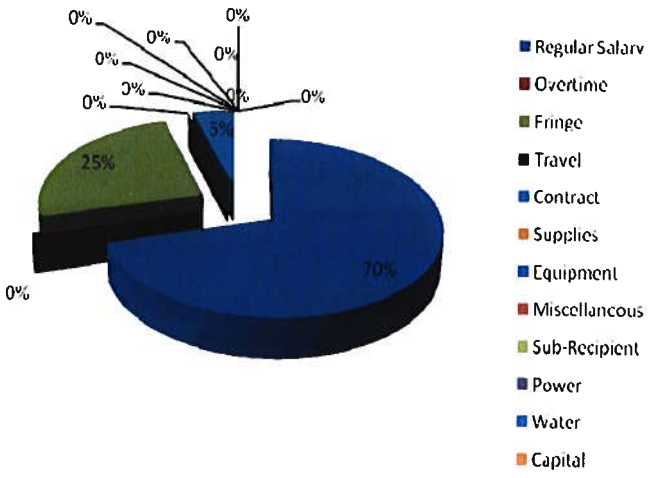




General Fund Appropriations
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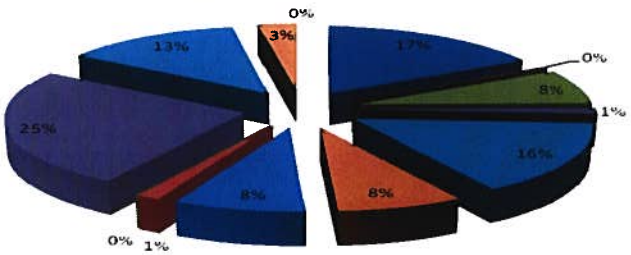


General Fund Expenditures
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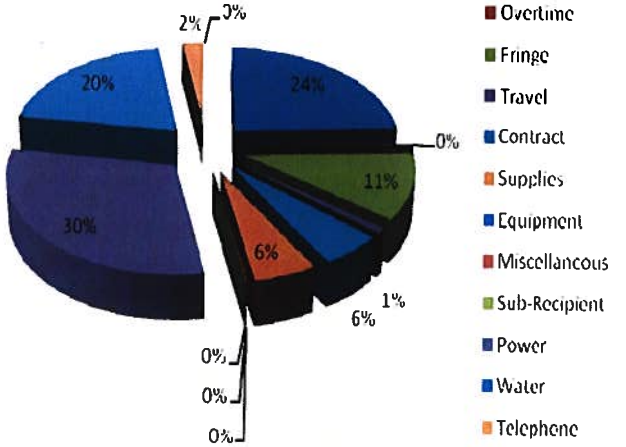




Special FundAppropriations
$543,621.00



Special Fund Expenditures
$323,831.00



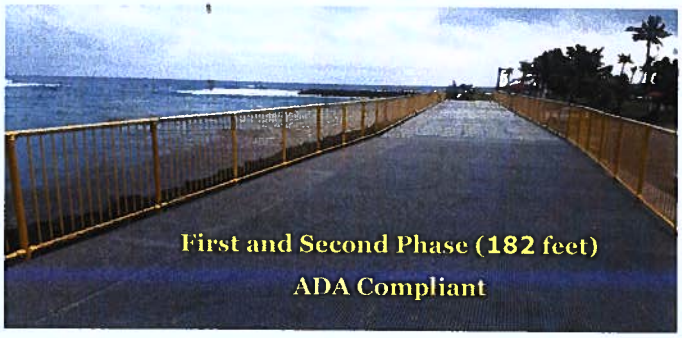
*****Non Expended Funds attributed to Extension of Grants**

FUTURE OUTLOOK

CITIZEN CENTRIC 2017

Hagatna Paseo de Susana Fishing Platform

Construction Project





Second Phase was funded through the Specified Fishing Agreement between the Hawaii Longline Association and the Government of Guam signed by Governor Eddie Calvo for the amount of $200,000.00. Completed March 2017. Third Phase is ongoing and is projected to be completed August 2018





We continue to implement diligently, our tasks, as working professionals. We look forward to better enhancements and a growing force to oversee the Bio-Security aspect as well as the Conservation aspect of our island. To be able to have sustainability of our Natural Resources and continuance of the maintenance of such.