



(Kerdeu)
Ixora casei



(Buuch)
Areca catechu



(Ukall)
Serianthes kanehirae var
kanehirae



(Kesiamel)
Osmoxylon oliveri



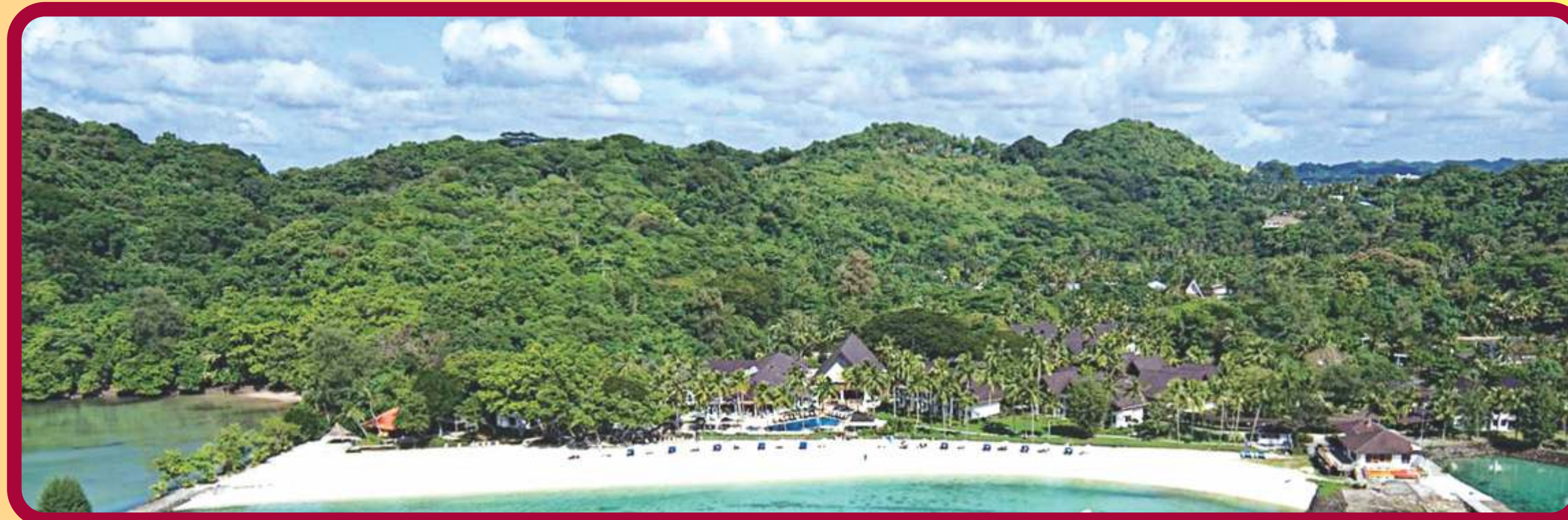
(Cherochet)
Pandanus aimiriikensis



(Lius)
Cocos nucifera



Bussonge
Hibiscus rosa-sinensis



(Ngel)
Morinda citrifolia



(Korrai)
Scaevola taccada



(Cheluu)
Sphaeropteris nigricans



(Miich)
Terminalia catappa



(Btaches)
Calophyllum inophyllum



(Chelangel)
Pouteria obovata



(Chersachel)
Horsfieldia palauensis

The Palau Pacific Resort Nature Trail

The Palau Pacific Resort lies within a landscape of lowland forest, swamp forest, savannas, agroforests, taro gardens, coastal forests and mangroves. As you walk around the grounds along the Nature Trail or kayak along the shore, you will see a great variety of plants. Palau has 730 native plants of which over 89 native plants are found along the Nature Trail which also has 25 important introduced plants. The Resort grounds have many native and introduced ornamental plants. The plants include ferns, orchids, small herbs, vines, shrubs and trees. Twelve endemic plant species goes along the Trail. Endemic means they are only found in Palau. Four common endemic trees are Chersachel, Chertochet, Kesiamel and Ukall. Plants are important for food, shelter, medicine, arts and customary practices. The palms, Lius and Buuch have more uses than any other plants in Palau. Bussonge, Korrai, Chelangel, Ngel and Btaches have medicinal uses. The inner nut of Miich is tasty to eat. Btaches and Ukall have strong wood which are used for buildings and canoes. At least 35 bird species are recorded at the PPR including 7 of Palau's 12 endemic birds that were seen or heard along the Nature Trail. Please respect our forests. Take only pictures. Leave only footprints.

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