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The Birth of Luuk Nature Center

—A New Chapter: Honoring, Restoring, and Celebrating Palau's Nature Together.



The Meaning of “Luuk”

The word “Luuk” means “nest” in Palauan, expressing a place where diverse life gathers and grows safely.

Palau Pacific Resort sees Luuk as more than a nest for plants and animals—it’s a nest where visitors, locals, and shared knowledge from many generations come together.

As part of this nest, we hope to inspire curiosity and meaningful actions for nature, helping pass Palau’s natural legacy and its connections to the world on to future generations.

Our Mission and “Ridge to Reef” Story

At Palau Pacific Resort, we cherish the flow of life that connects Palau’s mountains, forests, and coral reefs—what we call “Ridge to Reef.”

We established the Luuk Nature Center within our resort so guests can experience and learn this rich ecosystem firsthand.

Walk through the morning forest, listen to birds, or snorkel among vibrant coral reefs—each activity brings you closer to nature.

At Luuk Nature Center, you don’t just observe, you discover: Why does the forest nurture the sea? How do small living things support a thriving ecosystem?

We hope your stay becomes a meaningful part of Palau’s natural story—a unique experience that helps protect and sustain its beauty for the future.

Partnership with Tokyu Land Corporation

Luuk Nature Center was created in partnership with Tokyu Land Corporation, the owner of Palau Pacific Resort.

Guided by its slogan “We Are Green,” Tokyu Land Group promotes sustainable initiatives like urban greening, renewable energy, and habitat protection in Japan and abroad.

As an international flagship for biodiversity in the group, Palau Pacific Resort shares the spirit of living in harmony with nature around the world.



100% Renewable Energy-Powered Facility



Urban Greening

Bringing “Ridge to Reef” to Life: Our Environmental Initiatives

Palau Pacific Resort has grown in harmony with Palau’s rich natural environment, thriving through coexistence.

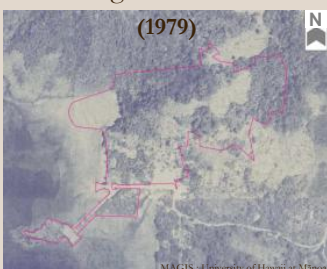
From the very beginning, we have carefully preserved existing trees, upheld a policy of never building taller than the coconut trees, and prioritized respect for the land’s natural character.

Much of our nature trail grounds were once grassland, but years of protection and thoughtful care have allowed these areas to naturally recover into lush tropical rainforest, now home to many endemic species.

We have also restored damaged shorelines with careful consideration for the environment, actively preserving and revitalizing the coastal ecosystem.

As a result of our ongoing efforts, our resort is now surrounded by a vibrant rainforest where 7 endemic bird species and 83 native plant species thrive, and over 591 marine species inhabit our rich coastal waters.

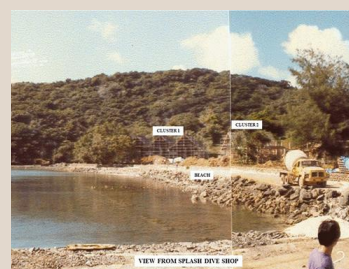
Our commitment to both forest and ocean truly embodies living in harmony with nature, creating a legacy that will be passed on to future generations.



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Beach before restoration



Restored PPR beach

Protection by PPR enables grasslands to recover into tropical rainforests

Sustainable Action Report #1

Spotlight on our nature conservation and sustainability efforts at Palau Pacific Resort and Luuk.

Sea Turtle Rescue in the Fish Pond

With the opening of Luuk Nature Center, we upgraded our resort's Fish Pond to help care for marine species.

Currently, our team is rehabilitating a female Hawksbill Turtle that lost her right flipper, supporting her recovery for a safe return to the ocean.

As an endangered species, every rescued Hawksbill Turtle is essential for survival. Luuk Nature Center is dedicated to protecting Palau's marine life.

Info of our Family

Name : Dims
Species : Hawksbill Turtle
Gender : Female
Injury : Lost Right Flipper
Weight : 10 lbs
(when she came to PPR)



When Dims was rescued

Why Sea Turtle Conservation Matters

Sea turtles are essential for maintaining balance in Palau's marine ecosystems. Hawksbill Turtles, for example, feed on certain types of coral and algae, helping to prevent overgrowth and keep reefs healthy and vibrant.

Sea turtles are also deeply connected to Palauan culture.

Today, threats such as habitat development and marine plastic pollution put turtles at risk and impact their populations.

Protecting sea turtles means preserving Palau's natural beauty, ecological health, and cultural heritage for future generations.

Luuk Nature Center is dedicated to fostering an ocean environment where diverse species and people coexist in harmony.



Dims swimming lively in the Fish Pond

Wildlife Encounters at Luuk #1

Our guide's top wildlife pick!



Giant Clam

Guide's note:

The giant clam is the largest bivalve in the world, and eight species can be found in Palau.

At Palau Pacific Resort, you can spot six different species of giant clams in our waters.

Look for their vivid colors and impressive sizes among the coral reefs!



Kesiamel (Palauan)

Guide's note:

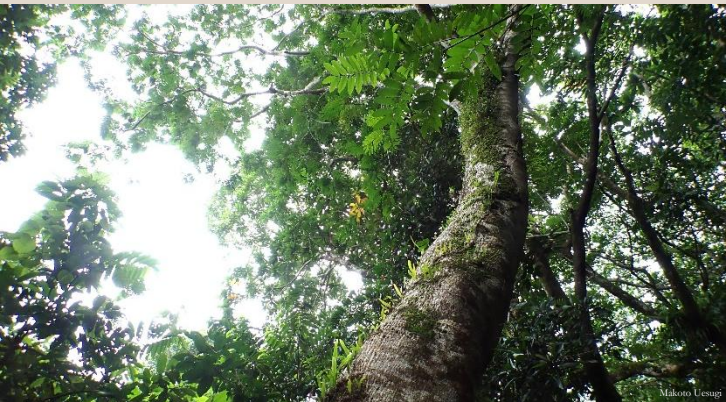
Kesiamel is a flower unique to Palau and holds a special place in Palauan culture, used in first birth ceremonies.

Birds love its fruit, so spotting kesiamel often means you'll have a good chance of seeing local birds nearby!

Palauan Wisdom #1

Highlight the wisdom of Palauan traditions and culture.

Ukall — Palauan Wisdom for Living with Nature



Ukall is a tree unique to Palau, renowned for its strength and traditionally used for making canoes and building homes.

Palauans value this tree highly, holding a ceremony to express gratitude to nature whenever Ukall is cut.

They also honor the tradition of planting two new trees for every one harvested, ensuring the resource is sustained.

Through these practices, Palauan people have long shown respect for their limited natural resources, using them wisely and living in harmony with nature.