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Project Highlight: Success with Marine Ornamental Farming Training

The people of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands have skills and resources for aquaculture, agriculture and agroforestry, but the islands’ economic development lags far behind their potential. According to Simon Ellis, director of the Marine and Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei, one of the most successful aquaculture enterprises to date has been the farming of marine ornamental invertebrates for home aquariums abroad.

So, Ellis used a SARE grant to expand the area’s ornamental fish farming industry by providing training to the Extension professionals who work with aquaculture operations. The project included a weeklong training and tours of operations, with the aim of improving knowledge and collaboration between Extension, producers and distributors. The training included 15 participants and addressed topics such as production, marketing, shipping, permitting and sustainability.

In an exit survey, all the participants indicated they had a better understanding of the marine ornamental industry, and the majority planned to use their new knowledge in their work. The project created new partnerships between producers and exporters that remained in place at the project’s completion. In 2013, two years into the project, ornamental fish exporters reported record sales, a feat that Ellis does not take complete credit for but one which he thinks the project contributed to.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number EW11-001.

SARE in Federated States of Micronesia

western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/federated-states-of-micronesia

$623,863 in total funding

18 grant projects

(since 1988)

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to www.sare.org/state-summaries
SARE Grants in Federated States of Micronesia

Total awards: 18 grants

- 5 Professional Development Program
- 8 Farmer/Rancher
- 1 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 4 Research and Education

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- $269,621 Professional Development Program
- $124,634 Farmer/Rancher
- $8,047 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $221,561 Research and Education

Find a complete list of projects on page 3.

SARE's Impact

- 53 percent of producers report using a new production technique after reading a SARE publication.
- 79 percent of producers said they improved soil quality through their SARE project.
- 64 percent of producers said their SARE project helped them achieve higher sales.

Learn about local impacts at: western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/federated-states-of-micronesia

Contact Your SARE State Coordinator

SARE sustainable ag coordinators run state-level educational programs for Extension and other ag professionals, and many help grant applicants and recipients with planning and outreach. Visit western.sare.org/state-pages/federated-states-of-micronesia to learn more.

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For detailed information on SARE projects, go to www.SARE.org

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**AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**

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Federated States of Micronesia has been awarded $623,863 grants to support 18 projects, including but not limited to, 4 research and/or education projects, 5 professional development projects and 8 producer-led projects. Federated States of Micronesia has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

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FW09-312  Utilization of the Tilapia Invasive Species as a Low-Cost Protein Feed to Improve Egg Production  $29,892  Steven Young-Uhk  
College of Micronesia  

FW08-008  Overcoming the Constraints of Tropical Tomato Production Through Shade Netting and Other Methods  $13,578  Robert Bishop  

FW07-028  Sei Enterprise Inc. Farm Pohnpei Pepper  $12,000  Sei Uemoto  Sei Enterprises Inc.  

FW06-307  Replacing Imported Energy Feeds by Storage of Excess Breadfruit as Out-of-season Pig Feed  $16,712  Jim Currie  
College of Micronesia-FSM  

FW04-311  Lamer Fishpond Pilot Test & Demonstration  $6,572  Steven Young-Uhk  
College of Micronesia  

FW01-028  Tu Eri Market Sakau Nursery (Recycling of Plant Discards and Animal Wastes)  $4,160  Kalistus Marquez  Tu Eri Market  

FW99-079  Rehabilitation of Degraded Savannah Land  $3,500  Kesewaol Bishop  

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