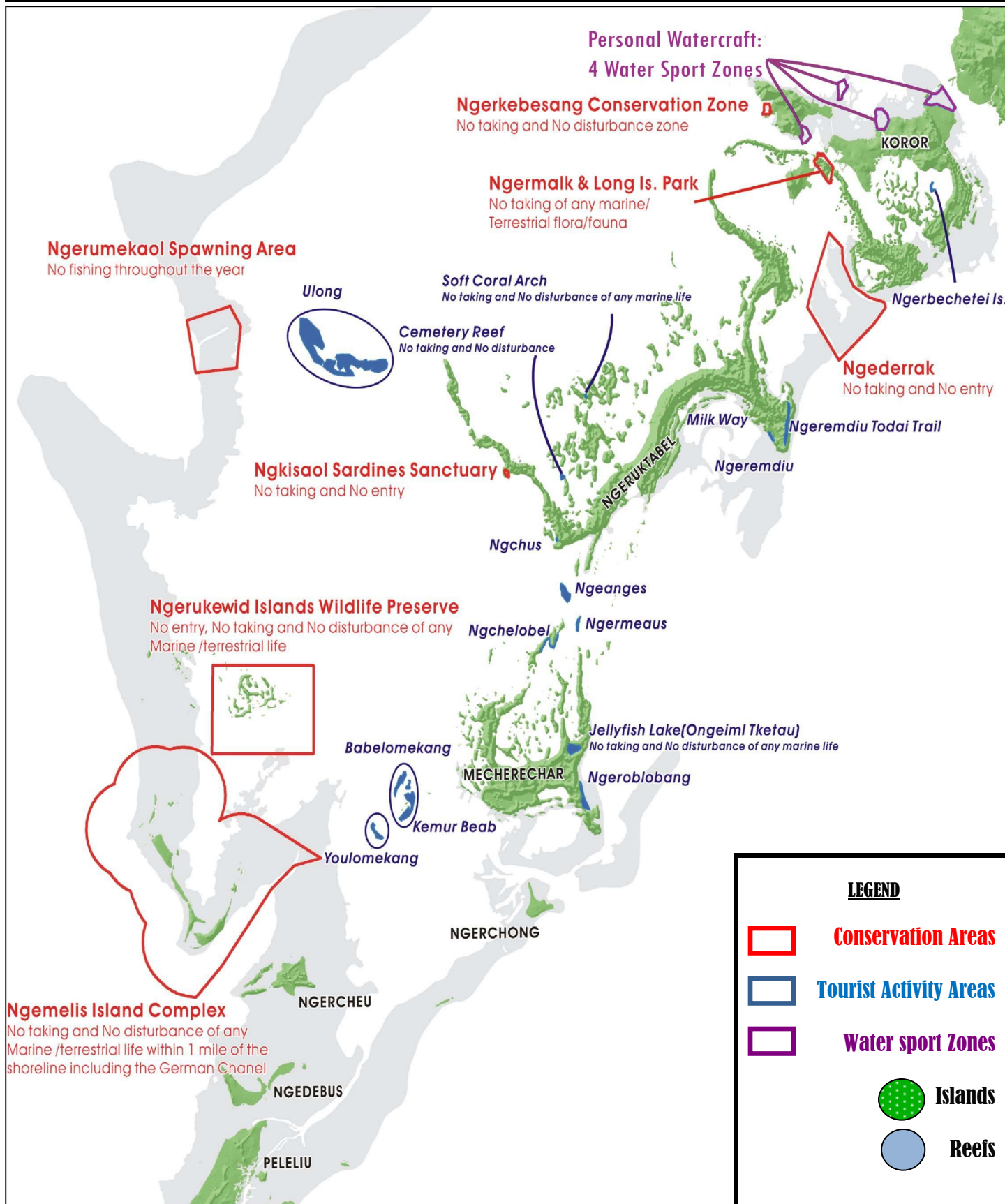




Rock Islands Southern Lagoon Management Area Fact Sheet

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Description:

Koror State Protected Areas

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1956

Ngerukewid Island Preserve

(RPL Established in 1956; KSG Law and Amendments Established in 1999; All Laws currently in effect-2016)

Ngerukewid Islands Wildlife Preserve, also known as the Seventy Islands, is the first of Palau's conservation areas. Ngerukewid was established in 1956 to ensure the preservation of an area representative of the Rock Islands Ecosystem. The endemic Rock Island palm tree as well as other native plants are found in Ngerukewid. In addition to being a refuge for many birds, bats, and coconut crabs, it is a critical nesting site for hawksbill turtles, and only here can you find all seven species of giant clams.

Restrictions: No entry, fishing, hunting, or disturbance of any kind all year round.

1976

Ngerumekaol Spawning Area

(RPL Established in 1976; KSG Laws and Amendments Established in 1999/2011/2014; All Laws currently in effect-2016)

Ngerumekaol Channel, also known as Ulong Channel, teems with different species of groupers and other fishes, including the bumphead parrotfish and the humphead wrasse that have migrated from nearby reefs to spawn. Recognizing the threat of over fishing and the importance of allowing these fish to reproduce, a 1976 national law was established banning fishing in summer months. Further research showed fish were spawning at additional times of the year in different sites of the area not previously accounted for. As a result, Koror State decided to close the area to fishing activity all year round, increased the size of the area to protect some spawning aggregation sites, and installed new demarcation buoys to mark the extension of boundaries. Observe the demarcation buoys when in the area.

Restrictions: No fishing all year round.

1999

Ngkisaol Sardines Sanctuary

(KSG Law Established in 1999; Law is currently in effect-2016)

Among the Rock Islands is Ngkisaol, a protected cove with a small patch of mangroves. Large aggregations of *mekebud* or the goldspot herring continually reside in the area. Harvested for food and as bait, *mekebud* are caught with throw nets and hundreds can be caught with just one throw. The steady decline of *mekebud* populations has prompted Koror State to establish Ngkisaol as a "No Take and No Entry Zone" for *mekebud* or the blue sprat as well as other baitfish such as *merau* and *teber* or the heartyhead silverside.

Restrictions: No entry and no taking of *Mekebud*, *Merau*, *Teber* four days before and during the full moon, and no selling of sardines at any time in Koror State.

2001

Ngederrak Conservation Area

(KSG Law and Amendment Established in 2001/2005; All laws are currently in effect-2016)

Ngederrak is an area that contains several important habitats including an inner lagoon, sea grass beds, coral reef channels, and outer slopes. Ngederrak is an ideal habitat for fish and invertebrates, and is an important environment for *mesekiu* or dugongs, of which there are estimated to be less than 200 in Palau. Recognizing the importance of Ngederrak as an important habitat that needs further research, Koror State established appropriate restrictions on the harvesting and general use of the area.

Restrictions: No fishing and no entry all year round.

Description:

Koror State Protected Areas (Continuation)

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2002

Ngerkebesang Conservation Zone

(KSG Law Established in 2002; Law is currently in effect-2016)

Located to the west of Ngerkebesang Island and adjacent to the Palau Pacific Resort, the area's diverse marine flora and fauna make it an important snorkeling/swimming attraction for resort guests. Koror State recognizes the value of this area as a biodiverse ecosystem which includes a habitat for different species of fish, and a tourism attraction. As such, it has been designated as a conservation zone. It is illegal to take or disturb any flora and fauna within this area.

Restrictions: No fishing, capturing, netting, destroying or otherwise disturbing any marine flora and fauna all year round.

2010

Ngemelis Island Conservation Zone

(KSG Law Established in 2010; Law is currently in effect-2016)

Ngemelis Islands Complex is unique to Palau for its own legend with the Palauans. It is here "The Turtle Egg Laying Cylce" story began. The biodiversity found in the Ngemelis is unique that is has catapulted Palau to consistently rank among the best dive destinations in the world. The dive sites here give divers thrilling opportunities to get up-close encounters with different species of marine life. Through findings from research, the Ngemelis is found to be home to the numbers of aggregating fish in the area extending from the German Channel reefs to the reefs north of the Ngemelis Islands Complex. Koror State established restrictions on fishing within 1-mile of the Ngemelis shoreline, to include the German Channel dive site for the protection and preservation of the aggregation spawning sites as well as to maintain the natural state of the islands. The German Channel is a habitat to the wonderful majestic Manta Rays. The increasing number of boats and tourists in this particular dive site poses a threat to the Manta Rays. Koror State sanctioned restrictions on how boats enter, moor, and depart; to require snorkelers to swim with fins; to prohibit tagging of Manta Rays in Koror State Waters; and to provide penalties for violations of these Acts, and for related purposes. Be respectful and responsible when encountering these creatures.

Restrictions: No fishing or disturbance of marine/terrestrial flora and fauna within 1-mile of the Ngemelis shoreline to include the German Channel.

2011

Long Island Park and Conservation Area

(KSG Law Established in 2011; Law is currently in effect-2016)

Consists of all fringing reef and island areas of Ngermalk where Long Island Park is located, including all land and fringing reef areas to the east of Ernguul Road. Long Island Park is connected to the main island of Koror by a bridge; it is a "Conservation Area" as well as a park and falls under the Rock Island Southern Lagoon management.

Restrictions: No fishing, taking, touching, harvesting, removing, controlling, transporting or otherwise disturbing of any marine or terrestrial flora and fauna all year round.

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Description:

Koror State Designated Tourist Activity Areas

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Tourist Activity Generic Rules:

- No Fishing
- No Shark or Fish feeding
- No disturbing or taking of any marine or terrestrial flora and fauna
- No introduction of outside pets and other flora and fauna
- No Littering
- Take your trash with you
- Use facilities appropriately
- Respect all the components of the tourist activity areas.

Tourist Activity Islands:

- Kemurbeab and Bablomekang
- Ngerbechetei
- Ngeremdiu
- Ngeanges
- Ngermeaus
- Ulong
- Ngchus
- Youlomekang
- Ngeroblobang
- Ngchelobel
- Ongeim'I Tketau

Agency Emergency Hotline Numbers:

National Police
Emergency: 911
Ambulance: 488-1411
Emergency Room: 488-2558
Complaints: 488-1422/5000

Koror State Rangers
488-2150

Classification of Tourist Activity Areas



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Koror State Laws: Protected Area Regulations

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Area & Location	Law & Authority	Effective	Approx. Size	Main Restrictions
Ngerukewid Islands Wildlife Preserve	Republic of Palau PDC 201 (24 PNCA 30)	1956	11.4km ²	No entry. No fishing, hunting, or taking of any marine flora and fauna. No taking, killing of any bird, animal, marine life, or any eggs.
	State of Koror K6-101-99	1999	11.4 km ²	No cutting or taking of any plant life. No use or lighting of fires. No possession or transport of any firearms of any description, or other weapons and no transport of any domestic animals. Penalty increase to \$250-\$500 fine.
Ngerumekaol Spawning Area	Republic of Palau PL 6-2-4 (24 PNCA 31) PL 8-58	1976 2013	3.5 km ²	No fishing Between April 1 st – July 31 st . No fishing Between April 1 st – Oct. 31 st .
	State of Koror K6-101-99 K9-234-2011	1999 2011	3.5 km ²	No fishing through out the year. No fishing, killing, trapping, or possession of any fish at any time. Penalty increase to \$250-\$500 fine.
	Amendment: K10-272-2014	2014	4.5km ²	Expansion of southern boundaries to include “Sandy Paradise” as a spawning site for Bumphead Parrotfish and Humphead Wrasse. Observe demarcation buoys for extension of boundaries
Ngemelis Island Conservation Zone	State of Koror K9-229-10	2010	40.3 km ²	No fishing for all areas within one mile of the shoreline of all islands in Ngemelis. No taking, harvesting or disturbance of any marine or terrestrial flora and fauna. No introduction of any terrestrial flora or fauna into the Ngemelis Islands Conservation Zone.
Ngkisaol (Inlet) Sardines Sanctuary	State of Koror K6-95-99 Sardines Act	1999	1 km ²	No fishing, hunting, or taking of sardines (<i>mekebud</i> , <i>merau</i> , & <i>teber</i>) within 100 yards. No fishing, hunting, taking or disturbance of marine flora and fauna.
Soft Coral Arch, Cemetery Reef, and any marine lakes	State of Koror K6-95-99 Sardines Act	1999	Within 100 yards (0.008 km ²) of each island	No fishing, hunting, or taking of any marine flora and fauna.
Ngederrak Conservation Area	State of Koror K6-119-2001 (Original Act)	2001	5.9 km ²	No fishing, hunting, or taking of any marine flora and fauna. No operation, presence or use of any motorized watercraft.
	Amendment Acts: State of Koror K7-156-2005 K9-234-2011	2005 2011	5.9 km ²	Permanent conservation moratorium. Same prohibitions as above. Penalty increase to \$250-\$500 fine.
Ngerkebesang Conservation Zone	State of Koror K7-136-2002	2002	0.12 km ²	No fishing, hunting, taking or disturbance of any marine flora and fauna.
Long Island Park and Conservation Area	State of Koror K9-244-2011	2011	0.36 km ²	No fishing, taking, touching, harvesting, removing, controlling, transporting or otherwise disturbing of any marine or terrestrial flora and fauna.

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Koror State Laws: Permits and Guidelines for Rock Islands Visitors

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Law & Authority (Subject matter and reference number)	Effective	Main Restrictions
Rock Island Management & Conservation Act K8-207-2009 Amendments: K8-209-09 K9-245-2011 K9-248-2011	2009 2011	<p>The Rock Island Use permit must be purchased for a fee of \$50.00 for all visitors who are 6 years old and above. The Jellyfish Lake permit must be purchased for a fee of \$100.00 for all visitors who are 6 years old and above.</p> <p><u>VISITORS TO THE ROCK ISLANDS SOUTHERN LAGOON AREA ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERMIT:</u></p> <p>A visitor is defined as any person who is not a Palauan citizen or a resident alien (resides or has the intention to reside in Palau for a period in excess of 90 consecutive days, as evidenced by a current visa or United States Military Orders authorizing entry into Palau for a period in excess of ninety days). For purposes of this definition, neither a tourist visa nor a business visa shall be used to provide evidence of residency.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jellyfish Lake Permit: \$100.00 per visitor to access Ongelm'i Tketau Jellyfish Lake and to visit all other specifically designated tourist activity areas of the Rock Islands. Rock Island Use Permit: \$50.00 per visitor to access any area specifically designated as a tourist activity area, with the exception of Ongelm'i Tketau Jellyfish Lake. <p>Permits must be kept in the visitor's possession or control at all times, except that a tour guide or boat operator may hold or control the permit for the visitor while he/she is engaged in recreational activities. Permits must be made available for inspection by Koror State law enforcement personnel upon demand. Permits are valid for 10 days. Visitors possessing Rock Island Use Permits who choose to access Jellyfish Lake will be issued a voucher at the Jellyfish Lake which shall be paid within 48 hours at a cost of \$75.00.</p> <p>Visitors who engage in fishing activities must also obtain a Fishing Permit as required under separate law. Visitors who only visit the Dolphin Pacific training, educational and research facility in Malakal Harbor are exempt from the permit requirements for visitors.</p>
Tour Guide Act K9-233-2011 Amendment: K9-263-2013	2011 2013	<p>To require all persons working as Marine Tour Guides in Koror State to pass the Koror State marine Tour Guide Certification Program and to be licensed by Koror State, to require certification in first Aid and CPR for tour guides, to require the presence of a licensed Marine Tour Guide on all commercial marine tours to the rock Islands and/or the water of Koror State; and to provide penalties for violations of the foregoing, and for related purposes.</p> <p>To repeal KSPL No. K9-233-2011; to require all person working as Tour Guides in Koror State to pass the Koror State Tour Guide Certification Program and to be certified in CPR; to require the presence of a Certified Tour Guide on all commercial tours in Koror State, including the Rock Islands and/ or the water or land of Koror State; and to provide penalties for violations of the foregoing, and for related purposes.</p>
Photo Permit (Commercial Use) K8-202-2008	2008	<p>Still photographs taken for commercial purposes in the State of Koror are permitted only after obtaining a 10-day license which can be purchased for a fee of \$100.00. The fees, terms and other restrictions for <u>motion picture photography</u> permits are to be determined by the Governor of Koror State or a designated representative on a case by case basis, based upon individual requirements and requests of the permit applicants. Residents and members of the legitimate press whose photographs are for use in newspapers, newsreels and/or television news programs are exempt from the requirements of this section.</p>
Research Permit K7-173-2006	2006	<p>Required for all research activities, collecting samples or specimens from terrestrial and marine resources in Koror State. Fee based on research applicant and subject matter. Contact point: Koror State Government Administration. Tel: 488-2439</p>

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Koror State Laws: Fisheries/Marine Harvesting Regulations

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Law & Authority (Subject matter and reference number)	Effective	Main Restrictions
Fishing License (Commercial Use) K4-68-95	1995	To engage in commercial fishing in State waters, a license must be obtained. Children under 13 years of age are exempt from the licensing requirement. The license authorizes the holder (owner of license) and 10 other people to take part in fishing on the same boat. Duration: 1 year or on a monthly basis. Classification of fishing as charged by monthly fees: 1.Spear-gun, line and hook (by long line, bottom line, casting with rod and reel, trolling, or other similar methods) = \$25.00 2.Land crabs, lobsters, and other crustacean shell fish = \$10.00 3.Kelp, seaweed, and clams = \$10.00 4.Trochus = \$10.00 5.Reef fishing with net(s) = \$10.00 For a yearly license for each of the above categories, the fee shall be an amount equal to the 1 month's license fee multiplied by 12. Prohibits: Spear fishing using mechanically compressed gas, air, or other breathing apparatus. Fishing using explosive device or toxic chemicals, fishing with a net smaller than 3 inches in mesh size, commercial fishing within the reef by foreign partnership or joint venture, drag and drift net fishing except for bait collection, and failure to comply with this Act.
Fishing License (Non-Commercial Use) K4-68-95 Amendments K7-138-2003 K9-232-2011	1995 2003 2011	Non-Palauan citizens engaged in non-commercial fishing (excluding net fishing, for which the fee is \$50.00 per month), shall pay the annual fee of \$200.00 or \$20.00 per month. Children under 13 years of age are exempt from this requirement. It shall be unlawful for any non-Palauan citizen to engage in fishing activities of any kind on any land or improvements to land on the island of Koror, and non-Palauan citizens may only engage in fishing activities from a boat or other duly registered watercraft. The term "island of Koror" means the islands of Koror, Malakal and Ngerkebesang, and all islets or land areas connected by road or causeway to Koror, Malakal or to Ngerkebesang island and all fringing reefs joined to such islands and land areas. *Please refer to the Visitor User Permit Information Fact Sheet (VUPI)
Sardine Harvesting Restrictions K6-95-99	1999	Prohibits the sale of sardines (<i>mekebud</i>) at all times throughout the entire year in the State of Koror, and restricts fishing or capture of sardines (<i>mekebud</i> , <i>merau</i> , & <i>teber</i>) at certain areas and for 4 days before and during full moon.
Land Crab Act (<i>rekung el daob, rekung el beab, & kesuar</i>) K7-140-2003	2003	Prohibits the taking, possession and sale of live or dead land crabs from midnight on the 2nd day before the day and night of the full moon, and on the day and night of the full moon for a total period of 3 days around the time of each full moon. Also prohibits the taking of undersized land crabs, smaller than 3 inches. No taking, possession, sale and exchange of land crabs with eggs (berried) at any time.
Prohibit Fishing at Dive and Snorkel Sites K8-191-2007 K9-234-2011	2007 2011	No one may engage in any fishing activities or possess any fish or fishing gear within 100 yards of the following dive sites: Soft Coral Arch, Cemetery Reef, Ngermeaus, Blue Holes, Blue Corner, Siaes Tunnel, Shark City, Ngemelis Wall, Short Drop Off, German Channel, Big Drop Off, German Wall, Virgin Blue Holes. Governor to promulgate regulations for enforcement of Act. Penalty increased to \$250-\$500.
Fisheries Management Act K9-243-2011 PL 8-58	2011 2013	Regulates the harvesting of <i>Bekerkard el Tiau</i> , <i>Tiau</i> , <i>Basloki</i> (lyretail groupers), and <i>Meleches</i> (pantherfish or polka dot groupers). The taking, selling or possession of these fish species is prohibited unless they are at least twelve inches (12") in length (measured from the tip of the head to the tip of the tail). The prohibitions do not apply to cultured fish spawned and raised in captivity.

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Koror State Laws: Natural and Cultural Resource Use and Protection

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Law & Authority (Subject matter and reference number)	Effective	Main Restrictions
Harvesting Restrictions in the Rock Islands Decree by Ngarameketil, Chief Council of Koror	1973	Prohibits non-Koror State residents from fishing or taking, cutting, taking away, or hunting any terrestrial or marine life in the Rock Islands or the surrounding waters. Also prohibits the taking of any article of value from within the Koror Municipality. No pets such as cats, dogs, or monkeys may be taken to the Rock Islands nor disposed there at any time. All residents of Koror fishing or picnicking in the Rock Islands shall carefully observe traditional and cultural methods and regulations pertaining to the use of Rock Islands and the surrounding waters.
Economic and Non-Economic Values of Coral Reef Ecosystems K6-121-2001	2001	Recognizes the economic and non-economic values present in all living and non-living resources in the coral reef ecosystem in Koror State waters, and authorizes the Governor to put in effect rules and regulations for the enforcement of this Act, and for related purposes.
Prohibit Motorboat Operation at Kerker ra Kosiil K7-130-2002	2002	Prohibits the operation of motorboats at Kerker ra Kosiil. Any “use” of propelled motor or engine, including any outboard motor, inboard motor, outboard/inboard motor, “jet” motor, and any engine or motor that runs on fossil fuel or electricity, and any other power source other than human paddling or rowing is prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to drive, operate, or otherwise use any motorized watercraft on, over, or above Kereker ra Kosiil. It is also unlawful to cross over or to cross above Kereker ra Kosiil in a motorized watercraft.
Historical and Tangible Cultural Property Permit Review and Fees K8-183-2007	2007	Provides for Koror State legislative review of permits issued by the national government Division of Cultural Affairs relating to historical sites and tangible cultural property within Koror State, and the creation of a \$100 permit fee for access to cultural/ historical sites.
Prohibits Harvesting and Cutting Vegetation/Trees in Mangroves K8-211-2009	2009	Prohibits any person to cut and/or harvest any vegetation below the high tide line or in any wetland area and mangrove in the State of Koror. Exceptions: (1) To maintain or expand existing <i>mesei</i> , taro patches or create new <i>mesei</i> , taro patches. (2) State or national development designed to benefit the people of Palau, like public roads or existing docks, power or sewer lines, submerged land-use rights granted by Koror State for residential purposes and similar developments with written permission by Koror State.
Prohibit Shark Feeding K8-186-2007 Amendment Act K9-217-2010	2007 2010	It is unlawful to feed sharks and for aiding and abetting such activity in the waters of Koror State. This act also provides penalties for violations and for related purposes. Increase in penalty \$200-\$500.
Prohibit Construction within the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon Area K9-222-2010	2010	It is unlawful to engage in or to perform any construction or development in the rock islands southern lagoon as they may pose a threat to the fragile marine environment, particularly if there are overnight accommodations. The presence of buildings and lights, along with human activities may have a detrimental effect on the environment and upon wildlife. This shall not apply to construction or improvements made be Koror State Government such as bio-toilets, summer houses, picnic tables and benches, cooking facilities and similar improvements.
German Channel/Manta Ray Conservation Act K10-286-2015	2015	This Act is to establish a “No-Wake” and a “No-Boat” zones in the German Channel for the protection of Manta Rays as well as tourists; to require large boats to anchor on designated mooring buoys; to prohibit the installation of any mooring within 100 feet of a cleaning station; to require snorkelers to swim with fins; to prohibit tagging of Manta Rays in Koror State Waters; to provide for penalties for violations of this Act, and for related purposes.

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Koror State Laws: Boating and other Watercrafts Activities

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Law & Authority (Subject matter and reference number)	Effective	Main Restrictions
Boat Registration Act K6-99-99	1999	<p>Motorboat owners that reside in Koror must register boats to operate within the state waters. Registered boats will be given a certificate of registration with a number that must be displayed on the boat at all times.</p> <p>Boat registration needs to be renewed every year in order to operate in Koror State waters. Persons applying for registration must provide proof of safety inspection certificate indicating compliance with national government regulations. Two classes of motorboats are subject to this provision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.All Motorboats with outboard engines 2.Motorboats without outboard engines that are 25 feet or less in length. <p>Any motorboat with length of less than 25 ft. shall pay a flat fee of \$5 plus a fee based on its engine power.</p> <p><u>Fees based on horsepower (hp) of engine(s):</u></p> <p>Under 15 hp = \$2.50 per year 15-55 hp=\$5 per year 56-115 hp=\$7.50 per year 116-175 hp=\$10 per year 176-235 hp=\$12.50 per year 236-305 hp=\$15 per year 306-399 hp=\$17.50 per year 400-599 hp=\$20 per year 600 hp and up=\$22.50 per year plus \$2.50 for each additional 50 hp</p> <p>Boats having length of 25 ft. or more that use at least one outboard engine shall pay a fee based on its length plus a fee based on its engine power .</p> <p><u>Fees based on size of boat:</u></p> <p>25-29 ft. =\$10 per year 30-39 ft.=\$15 per year 40-49 ft.=\$20 per year 50 ft and up=\$25 per year plus \$1 for each foot exceeding 50 ft.</p>
Boat Registration Act K8-184-2007	2007	<p>To amend Koror State Public Law No. K6-99-99 to require boat registration for a one year period from the date of registration instead of one calendar year, and for related purposes. If a boat is not re-registered by the expiration date, a late fee (50% of registration cost) is required to be paid by the owner.</p>
Jet ski & Similar Motorized Personal Watercraft (PWC) K7-139-2003	2003	<p>Establishes regulations for personal watercrafts and designates 4 Water Sport Zones strictly for watercrafts/water sports use. Regulations includes general, age, time, locale, depth, capacity, and dealer and rental restrictions, safety equipment requirements, owner liability, prospective, 2-stroke engine ban, and prohibition of drug/alcohol use.</p>
Live-aboard Vessels K8-213-2009	2009	<p>Limits the number of live-aboard vessels operating in Koror State and bans the operation of new vessels. The act also establishes permit fees.</p> <p>Live-aboard environmental impact fee (s) to be paid each year:</p> <p>\$1,000.00 for vessels with 5 to 10 cabins \$2,000.00 for vessels with 11 to 30 cabins</p> <p>The impact fee will also be paid for any fraction of the year that a live-aboard operates within Koror State waters.</p>
Cruising Yacht Permit (Non-Commercial) K6-218-2010	2010	<p>Yacht owners must have permits for yachts when anchoring, mooring, or docking within Koror State waters, except Malakal Port.</p> <p>Fees for Cruising yachts with overall length:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Equal to or over 16 feet but less than 23 ft.: \$10 per month, (2) Equal to or over 23 ft. but less than 40 ft.: \$20 per month, (3) Equal to or over 40 ft. but less than 65 ft.: \$40 per month, (4) Equal to or over 65 ft.: \$80 per month


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Koror State Requirements: – Rock Islands Southern Lagoon Best Practices

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Subject Matter	Main Requirements
Safety and security tips for boating and other water-based activities within the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before you begin your trip, make sure the tour guide or boat operator has adequate emergency equipment (cell phone/VHF radio, first aid kit, life jacket, etc.) • Always inform others where you plan to go and when you expect to return. • Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills and reduces your body's ability to stay warm. • Exercise the buddy system when engaged in water activities to ensure that someone is with you at all times. • Never leave a child unattended in the water. • If you're engaged in any water activity, besides scuba diving, wear a floatation device. • Observe weather advisories. • Be aware of the strength of the current and don't try to swim against it. Swim gradually out of the current by swimming across it. • Avoid swimming into channels and boat traffic areas as you may not be seen by other boaters going by. • Always exercise precautionary measures.
Rock Island Use/Camp Forms	<p>Applicable for locals or visitors who plan to picnic or camp at a Rock Island designated tourist or non-tourist activity area. Also for large groups such as schools, religious or community groups who plan to have activities or camp at the Rock Islands. Not required by law, however it is advisable to provide when filling out the Rock Island/Camp Use Forms, a listing of all persons and their nationality who will plan to picnic or camp in the rock islands. The purpose of this is to help ensure safety for you, the user, in case there is an emergency. It also helps our office better coordinate and manage the various activities that may occur on a daily basis in the Rock Islands. No fee(s) are required, unless accompanied by any tourists or non-residents. Not required by law. Rock Island/Camp Use Forms available at the Rangers Malakal Field Office.</p>
Rock Island/Tourist Activity Area Best Practices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use facilities available. Do not build open fires. 2. Be polite and share facilities at tourist activity areas. 3. All trees and plants are protected by law. Please do not cut any vegetation. 4. Corals are living organisms. Be careful and do not touch corals or handle any marine life. 5. Fish feeding alters the behavior of fish and other animals. Please do not feed the fish. 6. Do not harass or disturb terrestrial and marine life. 7. Bring all trash back to Koror and dispose of it properly. 8. Enjoy and exercise safety.
Jellyfish Lake Ongel'm'l Tketau Best Practices  <p>Illustrations contributed by Palau Conservation Society</p>	<p>Guides should accompany guests and adults must accompany small children.</p> <p>Read and follow the signs at Ongel'm'l Tketau:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please remember to use the restroom before arriving at the Jellyfish Lake. There are no restrooms at the area. 2. Do not bring anything IN or OUT of the Lake (this includes any rocks, shells, or live animals). 3. Check and Empty your pockets before going up the trail. 4. Remove any sand or mud on your body and your gear before going up the trail. Rinse feet/gear on outside dock. 5. Take only clean snorkeling gear into the Jellyfish Lake. 6. Please refrain from putting sunscreen on just before going up the trail. Apply sunscreen at least a half-hour prior to going to the Jellyfish Lake. The effects of sunscreen in the Jellyfish Lake are uncertain. 7. Do not carry Sunscreen bottle/tube to the Lake. 8. Please take your snorkeling gear with you when you leave. 9. It is best to use a floatation device, even if you are a good swimmer. You can use it to rest when in the Jellyfish Lake. 10. Stay on the trail. 11. Be careful when going up and down the trail, and do not litter. 12. Take your trash with you when leaving the Lake. <p>When in the Jellyfish Lake:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swim slowly, gently, and keep horizontal at the surface. 2. Do not handle and or touch the jellyfish. They are very fragile and delicate. 3. Take care not to kick the jellyfish and do not remove them from water. 4. Do not disturb the bottom or sides of the lake. 5. For your safety, do not SCUBA dive. <p>This is a serene and unique environment. Respect the others around you and be quiet and listen to the sounds of nature when on the trail and in the Lake. Have fun and exercise safety for yourself and your surroundings. *Entry to all other marine lakes is prohibited by law. (K8-207-2009)</p>

Facts stated above shall be used only as a summary of established laws and regulations, and are subject to change at any time.

These laws are available at Koror State Government, or online at www.kororstate.gov.com

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