



GLOBAL ISLAND PARTNERSHIP

VISION

To build resilient and sustainable island communities through innovative partnerships

WHAT WE DO

The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) promotes action for island conservation and sustainable livelihoods for all islands by:

- Inspiring leadership
- Catalyzing commitments
- Facilitating collaboration

WHO WE ARE

Co-Chaired by the Presidents of Seychelles and Palau as well as Prime Minister of Grenada, GLISPA is a voluntary partnership open to any entity committed to taking significant action to achieve its vision.

OUR PRIORITIES FOR LEADERSHIP AND ACTION

- Successful implementation of regional island challenges and partner commitments
- Linking conservation and sustainable livelihoods to meaningful, action-oriented development dialogue with leaders and decision-makers from government bodies, business and non-profit organizations
- Ecosystem-based adaptation, mitigation and reducing the threat of invasive species
- Showcasing island solutions as “bright spots” that can be scaled and replicated to achieve global development goals

HOW WE WORK

The GLISPA Strategy is guided by a Steering Committee of dedicated political leaders and supporters to create a unique network able to mobilize significant action. The Partnership has a strong and effective coordination unit comprised of only 1.5 FTE who maintain focus on implementation.

RECOGNITION

GLISPA has been recognized as:

An effective mechanism for advancing the conservation and sustainable use of island biodiversity by the Ninth and Eleventh United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties (Decision IX/21, Decision XI/15)

A best practice partnership by the UN Commission on Sustainable Development

A success factor in preparations for the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

BRIGHT SPOTS IN ADVANCING OUR PRIORITIES

Supporting successful implementation

Launched at a GLISPA high-level event in 2006, the **Micronesia Challenge** is a commitment of the leaders of the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, U.S. Territory of Guam and U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020. The Challenge has aided in strengthening or establishing over 150 protected areas, secured US\$14.8 million of \$56 million for the regional trust fund and inspired a range of successful initiatives from community to regional levels. Through GLISPA, this Challenge has inspired similar commitments in the Caribbean, Western Indian Ocean, Coral Triangle and Hawai'i.

Linking conservation and sustainable livelihoods

Launched in 2011 with facilitation by GLISPA, **Hawai'i Green Growth** (HGG) is a robust partnership of 50 leaders from across the energy, food and environment sectors that serves as a catalyst for multi-sector action to advance Hawai'i's emerging green economy. Working with Hawai'i's Governor, four Mayors, the leader of the Office of Hawai'ian Affairs and the State Legislature, these leaders launched the *Aloha+ Challenge* in July 2014 with six ambitious targets to be achieved by 2030: clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, waste reduction, climate resilience and smart growth, green jobs and education.

HGG strengthens the *Aloha+ Challenge* by providing a forum for cooperation and mutual support. Under HGG, leaders develop shared priorities for action, support innovative funding mechanisms and enhance their legislative strategy, and engage with international partners to create a more secure, sustainable, and resilient economy for Hawai'i. HGG and the *Aloha+ Challenge* are innovative models that GLISPA showcases on the international stage to inspire governments worldwide.

Reducing the threat of invasive species

Invasive species are the primary cause of global island extinctions and one of the greatest threats to island species, ecosystems, and livelihoods. Over the past eight years, GLISPA has been working closely with island countries and partners to reduce the threat of invasive species on islands. GLISPA has achieved this by coordinating island input and strategy into specific mechanisms within the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the programme of work on island biodiversity. In 2014, this led to the recognition of invasive species, particularly on islands, as a priority for the current Global Environment Facility (the financial mechanism of the Convention) replenishment cycle, allowing island countries to apply for funding for this critical issue. The current GEF6 replenishment is US\$4.43 billion globally. GLISPA's focus is now on working with island countries and partner organizations to ensure that this funding is utilized effectively and that lessons learned and bright spots are shared.

GET INVOLVED

GLISPA has evolved and matured as a flexible and efficient partnership responsive to its participant's needs and aspirations. Our success over the past decade allows us to expand our partnership model and diversify our funders and donors. We welcome the opportunity to explore how to craft mutually beneficial relationships to build resilient and sustainable island communities. Please email kate.brown@glispa.org to learn more.

IMPACT

Officially launched in 2006, the Partnership has accomplished the following to date:

Inspired leadership for conservation & sustainability

- Helped inspire, recognize and support leaders in Micronesia, the Caribbean, Indonesia and the Western Indian Ocean to work with their neighbors on **visionary regional island initiatives** (referred to as 'challenges') for conservation and sustainability.
- Assisted island leaders to advocate for ecosystem-based adaptation, mitigation and reducing the threat of invasive species with international governance organizations and world leaders.

Catalyzed commitments to large-scale action and financing

- Assisted more than **30 countries** to launch or strengthen major island commitments focused on island conservation and sustainable management of marine, coastal and/or terrestrial habitats.
- Helped **catalyze more than US\$130 million** in financial commitments to fund island initiatives.

Facilitated collaboration

- Convened political leaders, key government ministries and agencies, and non-governmental partners working on shared commitments through **10 high level events and more than 35 strategic events** at key global and regional meetings.
- **Identified bright spots** in implementation that can be scaled and replicated to achieve the Partnership's vision and establish measurable and immediate results.