

Basic Policy of Assistance	Achieving the Sustainable Ocean and Persistent Economic Growth with Environmental Considerations
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Priority Area 1	Realization of a Sustainable Ocean														
Development issues 1-1  Capacity Development in the Area of Maritime Security	[Current Status and Issues] For a country with a vast exclusive economic zone (EEZ), it is essential to maintain a free and open maritime order based on the rule of law in order to secure stable maritime trade and establish sustainable fishing industry. In recent years, some foreign fishing vessels have been found to be operating illegally in the EEZ, and improving maritime law enforcement capability has become an urgent issue for Palau. However, it is difficult to monitor and control the entire EEZ on its own.						[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] Based on the commitment of the 9th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM 9) priority area of cooperation, "Sustainable Oceans Based on the Rule of Law," Japan will support capacity building in the field of maritime security, including maritime law enforcement based on the Joint Operation Center in cooperation with like-minded countries (U.S., Australia, etc.). In addition, in order to strengthen connectivity through the development of Palau's maritime transportation network, which is located in a geopolitically important location, support will also be provided for maritime transportation-related infrastructure in accordance with international standards.								
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					Before JFY 2020	JFY 2021	JFY 2022	JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025					
	Capacity Development Program for Maritime Defense and Maritime Security including Maritime Law Enforcement	The program provides the support for the development of facilities related to maritime security and the provision of equipment, and cooperates through human resource development including trainings and expert dispatchments to help improve maritime law enforcement capabilities.	The Economic and Social Development Programme	Grant Aid	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	8,9,14	Radar houses
			The Project for Strengthening Maritime Safety and Security in Palau	Expert	-	-	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	-	-	-	-	8,9,14		
			Training by Japan Coast Guard Mobile Cooperation Team	Technical Cooperation	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,9,14		
Training course regarding Maritime Law Enforcement Field			Training	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,9,14			

Development issue 1-2  Marine Environment	[Current Status and Issues] For Palau, a country with a vast exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and abundant marine resources, the conservation of the marine environment and sustainable utilization of marine resources are important issues. Palau has a strong interest in marine environmental protection, as seen in the Palau National Marine Sanctuary Act, which aims to protect the marine environment and properly manage marine resources, was fully implemented in January 2020, and the country is scheduled to host the 7th Our Ocean Conference in 2022. While the country is protecting the marine environment, it is facing difficulties to preserve the marine environment of its vast EEZ and coastal areas on its own. In addition, the fishing industry, one of the country's major industries, is mostly subsistence and small-scale operations in the coastal areas. The stock of fish is declining due to increased fishing pressure in the coastal area, and the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has made the establishment of sustainable offshore fishing and aquaculture as an industry an urgent issue. Furthermore, some unexploded ordnance (ERW) from World War II still remain in the country's coastal areas, which is not only a concern for marine pollution but also an obstacle to the development of marine transportation, fishing, and tourism industries.			[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] Based on the commitments made in PALM 9 regarding the priority areas of cooperation "Sustainable Oceans Based on the Rule of Law" and "Strengthening the Foundations for Sustainable and Resilient Economic Development", Japan will focus on support and human resource development in the area of marine environment and conservation toward the Our Ocean Conference in 2022. In the area of marine resource management, support will be provided for the establishment of sustainable offshore fisheries and aquaculture. In addition, the Japan Mine Action Service will support ERW treatment activities under the sea.									
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	Marine Resource Management Program including Marine Environment Protection and Fishery Promotion	The program provides extensive support in human resource development through trainings and the dispatchment of experts for marine environment protection and appropriate resource management. In addition, the project provides cooperation related to the treatment of unexploded ordnance in the ocean in order to prevent marine pollution.	Project for the Support of the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 14 (via UNOPS)	Grant Aid			-	-	-	-	4.00	8,9,13,14	
			The Buildup Project for Livelihood and Food Security through Fisheries with Coastal Fish Aggregating Devices in Pacific Oceans (via FAO)	Grant Aid					-	-	5.10	8,9,14	Grant aid for multi countries
			Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects in the Fishery Promotion	Grassroots Grant Aid			-	-	-	-	0.90	8,9,14	Fishing vessel
			The project for forming good practices of Islands-type Blue Economy	Technical Cooperation	-	-	-			-	-	8,9,14	
			Improvement of migratory fish (skipjack and tunas) catch and organizational strengthening through processing and sales of marine products with the Northern Reef Fisheries Cooperative	Grassroots Technical Cooperation	-	-	-			-	-	8,9,14	
			International Fisheries Promotion Cooperation Project	Technical Cooperation			-	-	-	-	-	14	Experts and fishing equipment
			Training Course regarding Marine Resource Management	Training			-	-	-	-	-	8,9,13,14	
Grant Aid for Unexploded Ordnance (ERW) Treatment in the Waters around the Republic of Palau	Grant Aid for Japanese NGOs Projects			-	-	-	-	-	6.55	8,9,14			

Priority Area 2	Strengthening Social Infrastructure and Industrial Development Infrastructure, Supporting Private Investment and Human Resource Development															
Development Issue 2-1  Strengthen the Basis of Economic Growth	[Current Status and Issues] Infrastructure development, which is essential for the country's economic growth, is important for promoting the private sector and attracting foreign investment. Although Japan, the U.S., and other countries have assisted in the development of infrastructure, some of the existing infrastructure is aging, and the capacity to maintain and manage it remains insufficient. The continuation of ample financial support from the U.S. is still uncertain. In addition, the government has set an ambitious goal of increasing renewable energy consumption to 45% of total energy consumption by 2025, and the development of sustainable, clean power infrastructure is a major issue not only for the livelihood of the people, but also for promoting foreign investment for industrial development and economic growth. However, the government has been facing a number of challenges, such as the serious impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, which was dependent on tourism, the growing awareness of the public of economic and food security, and the uncertainty regarding the continuation of ample financial support from the U.S. The development of various industries, including agriculture, and the reform of the economic structure are urgent issues.						[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] Based on the commitment to "Strengthening the foundations for sustainable and resilient economic development," a key area of cooperation in PALM 9, Japan will support the development of infrastructure as the basis for autonomous and sustainable economic and industrial development. In the field of infrastructure, as the basis for self-sustained and sustainable economic and industrial development, Japan will support the development of human resources who can contribute to the improvement of basic infrastructure such as stable supply of electricity and water, road maintenance, etc., mainly in urban areas, as well as the improvement of maintenance and management capabilities. In addition, from the viewpoint of strengthening connectivity between Japan and the region, Japan will support the rehabilitation of the airport and the construction of submarine cables in cooperation with its comrades. In the area of industrial development, Japan will support the development of tourism-related industries including agriculture.									
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					Before JFY 2020	JFY 2021	JFY 2022	JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025						
	Capacity Enhancement Program for Economic and Social Infrastructure Service / Operation and Maintenance	The program continues to provide support for economic and social infrastructure development and cooperation for human resource development for the maintenance and management of basic infrastructure.	Project for National Grid Upgrade in the Republic of Palau	Detailed Design	-	-	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	7,8,9,11,13			
			The Project for Improvement of Water Supply System	Grant Aid	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.43	6,8,9		
			The Project for Strengthening Capacity in Non-Revenue Water Reduction in Palau	Technical Cooperation	-	-	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	6,8,9			
			Preparatory Study on Minatobashi and Causeways	Preparatory Study	-	-	<div></div>		-	-	-	-	8,9			
			Palau International Airport Renovation, Expansion and Management	Loan Aid (JICA)	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,9	Investment and Loan		
			Installment of Facial Recognition Equipment and System for Palau International Airport Terminal	Technical Cooperation	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,9			
			Palau Submarine Cable Branch System Project (PC2)	Loan Aid (JBIC/SMBC)	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	8,9	Trilateral Partnership Project		
			Project for the Support of the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 14 (via UNOPS)	Grant Aid	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.00	8,9		
			Trainings in the Field of Strengthening Economic and Social Infrastructure Service and Maintenance Capabilities	Training	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	6,7,8,9			
Dispatch of JICA Volunteers in the Field of Strengthening Economic and Social Infrastructure Development and Maintenance Capabilities			JOCV	<div></div>		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	7,11				

	Industrial Promotion Program	The program provides support for creating employment opportunities and improving livelihoods by developing tourism-related industries including agriculture. In carrying out the project, the program also utilize private partnership projects.	Agriculture and Livestock Industry Development Support Program	Grant Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00	8,9,12,15	
			Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects in the Field of Industrial Promotion	Grassroots Grant Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.11	8,9,12,15	
			Overseas Agriculture/Trade Investment Environment Survey Analysis Consignment Project for the Republic of Palau	Technical Cooperation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		8,9,12,15	
			Trainings in the Field of Industrial Development	Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		8,9,12,15	
			Dispatch of JICA Volunteers in the Field of Industrial Development	JOCV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		8,9,12,15	
			Data Collection Survey on Economy and Main Industries for Development and Promotion of Investment	Preparatory Study	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		8,9,12,15	
			Data Collection Survey on Tourism and related Industries in Pacific Islands	Preparatory Study	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		8,9,12,15	

Development Issue 2-2  Improvement of Health Care Services	[Current Status and Issues] For many years, Palau has been experiencing difficulties in providing adequate medical services due to a chronic shortage of healthcare equipment and human resources. In particular, the vulnerability of Palau's healthcare system has been highlighted once again by the new coronavirus, and there is an urgent need to improve healthcare-related equipment and human resource development, particularly for infectious disease countermeasures. In addition, nutritional challenges caused by the rapid dietary changes due to dependence on imported food have contributed to the increasing number of people suffering from lifestyle-related diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, and the treatment of these diseases is putting pressure on healthcare finances. Therefore, in addition to improving the quality of medical services and strengthening hospital management capacity, comprehensive preventive health care improvements, including diet and exercise, are required.			[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] Based on the PALM9 commitment on the priority area of cooperation "response to and recovery from novel coronaviruses" and the Government of Japan's issue-specific policy in the field of medical health, the "Basic Policy for Peace and Health" (2016), Japan will support the development of medical-related equipment and human resource development, particularly in the area of infectious disease control. Japan will support the improvement of the overall medical and health care standards in the country by supporting the development of medical-related equipment and human resource development, mainly for infectious disease control, and also by supporting measures against lifestyle-related diseases and the spread of medical services in remote island areas.									
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	Island-Type Health Care Program	Japan supports a wide range of human resource development through long-term efforts to combat lifestyle diseases with dispatch of JICA volunteers and trainings, and cooperates in improving the quality of medical services, including the smallscale but effective provision of equipment that emphasizes sustainability.	The Economic and Social Development Programme	Grant Aid	-		-	-	-	-	2.50	3	Medical equipment
			Inclusive and Cross-Sectoral Socioeconomic Response Support Project to COVID-19	Grant Aid			-	-	-	-	63.64 Million USD	3	Grant aid for multi countries
			Emergency assistance in Iran and neighboring developing countries to prevent the spread of novel coronaviruses	Grant Aid			-	-	-	-	28.86 Million USD	3	Grant aid for multi countries
			Project for Strengthening Immunisation in Pacific Island Countries (via UNICEF-WHO)	Grant Aid	-					-	10.19	3	Grant aid for multi countries
			Health Care Capacity Enhancement Plan for the New Coronavirus Infectious Disease Crisis in Pacific Island Countries	Grant Aid	-						22.53	3	Grant aid for multi countries
			Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects in the Medical Field	Grassroots Grant Aid			-	-	-	-	0.45	3	Medical equipment handwashing stations
			Plan to strengthen intensive care capacity using tele-technology during a coronavirus epidemic	Technical Cooperation	-	-		-	-	-	-	3	Training and medical equipment
	Island-Type Health Care Trainings		Training					-	-	3			
	Dispatch of JICA Volunteers in the Field of Island-Type Health Care		JOCV						-	3			
	Reinforcement of mobile medical checkups and examinations by hospital ships on islands and prevention of non-communicable diseases (lifestyle-related diseases)	Grant Aid for Japanese NGOs Projects	-				-	-	2.81	3			

Development Issue 2-3  Educational Function Enhancement	[Current Status and Issues] The lack of human resources and the outflow of skilled human resources to neighboring developed countries are serious problems due to limited educational opportunities (primary, higher and vocational education). Therefore, strengthening human resource development is essential for the social and economic development of Palau. Now, it is needed to improve comprehensively education methods through the introduction of systematic teaching methods for science and mathematics education at elementary and secondary levels, the improvement of the teacher training system, and the development of supplementary teaching materials. Furthermore, it is necessary to formulate and implement practical educational policies in strong partnership with the Ministry of Education and schools. It is also necessary to improve educational materials and develop skills through teachers' self-trainings.			[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] Based on the PALM9 commitments regarding the priority cooperation area "Human Exchange and Human Resource Development", the Japanese government's issue-specific policy in the education sector, "Learning Strategy for Peace and Growth" ( Based on the "Learning Strategy for Peace and Growth" (2015) and the Palau Government's "Education Master Plan" in the education sector, Japan will continue to dispatch volunteers mainly in the field of math education to improve the quality of education by improving teaching methods, developing and disseminating annual teaching plans and supplementary materials, improving teaching plans and teaching material preparation skills, and providing implementation support for initiatives to improve voluntary teaching skills. In addition, the program will work with volunteers dispatched to the Ministry of Education to support the improvement of education policy. In addition, the program will encourage Ministry of Education staff and teachers to participate in training programs in Japan, and in cooperation with returned trainees and the above-mentioned volunteers, will support the improvement of curriculum, teaching methods, and teachers' abilities. In addition, support will be provided for the improvement of school facilities.										
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	Island/Distance Education Program	The program continues to dispatch JICA volunteers to schools, provide guidance to teachers involved in learning guidance to students, and improve the quality of education by developing the support for teachers including the development and dissemination of annual guidance plans and supplementary teaching materials.	Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects in the Education Field	Grassroots Grant Aid			-	-	-	-	-	0.95	4	Handwashing stations, educational facilities
			Trainings in the Field of Island / Remote Area Education Support	Training				-	-	-	-		4	
SDGs Global Leader Course			Country Training							-		4		
Dispatch of JICA Volunteers in the Field of Island / Remote Area Education Support			JOCV							-		4		

Priority Area 3	Response to Climate Change, Environmental Issues and Disaster Prevention															
Development Issue 3-1  Environmental Conservation	[Current Status and Issues] For sustainable industrial development in harmony with the country's rich natural environment, it is necessary to ensure appropriate environmental management and ecosystem conservation. With the cooperation of Japan, the country has been operating and managing final waste disposal facilities improved by the semi-aerobic landfill method (Fukuoka method), and a new disposal facility was completed in Aimeliik State in 2020. In order to effectively utilize these facilities, a major challenge is to promote weight reduction and 3Rs with the cooperation of the state level in Babeldaob Island. In addition, the container deposit system launched in 2011 has achieved some success in promoting the recycling of cans and PET bottles and encouraging the participation of private companies through the efforts led by the Koror State Recycling Center, and in the future, the development of laws to apply the system to a wider range of container sizes and other recyclable materials will be a challenge. The future challenges are the development of laws and proper management of funds to apply to a wider range of container sizes and other recyclable materials.			[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] Based on the commitment to "Strengthening the Foundations for Sustainable and Resilient Economic Development", a key area of cooperation under PALM 9, and the National Solid Waste Management Plan (NSWMP) of the Government of Palau Based on the commitment to "Strengthening the Foundations for Sustainable and Resilient Economic Development," a key cooperation area of PALM 9, and the National Solid Waste Management Plan (NSWMP) of the Government of Palau, emphasis will be placed on improving the surrounding environment and public health through appropriate waste disposal at the new waste disposal facility and Koror State Recycling Center, and supporting environmental conservation activities by the Palau International Coral Reef Center. In providing support, appropriate methods will be selected according to the target, from the central government level to the grassroots level.												
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	The Program for Forming Recycling-oriented Society in the Islands	Support the improvement of the operational and management capacity of the waste landfill and the Koror State Recycling Center.	The Project for the Construction of National Landfill	Grant Aida	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	13.33	8,9,11,12		
			Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries Phase 2	Technical Cooperation	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		8,9,11,12	
			Trainings in the field of Recycling-Oriented Society	Training	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		8,9,11,12	
			Public-Private Joint Project to Promote Zero-Waste Society	Grassroots Technical Cooperation	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		8,9,11,12	
			Berau Eco-Glass Project at the Koror Recycling Center	Grassroots Technical Cooperation	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		8,9,11,12	
			Intercity Cooperation Project for Realization of a Decarbonized Society	Technical Cooperation	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		7,8,9,11,12,13	
Nature Environment Conservation Program	Support the Palau International Coral Reef Center in strengthening its coastal ecosystem monitoring capabilities and promoting the protected area network and the Micronesia Challenge.	Integrated Coastal Ecosystem Management Capacity Improvement Plan for Enhancing Climate Change Resilience	Expert	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		13,14,15			
		Trainings in the Field of Natural Environment Conservation	Training	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		13,14,15		

Development Issue 3-2  Climate Change Countermeasures	[Current Status and Issues] The "National Long-Term Energy Policy" revised in 2015 stipulates that 45% of power generation should be converted to renewable energy by 2025, but progress has been much slower than expected. As a narrow island nation, natural disasters such as typhoons and droughts pose a threat to Palau, as seen in the case of Typhoon Surigae, which passed through the northern part of the country in April 2021 and caused extensive damage throughout the country. Based on past disaster experiences, it is an urgent issue to build and strengthen a robust and rapid response system against natural disasters.			[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] Based on the commitments made in PALM 9 regarding the priority cooperation area "Climate Change and Disaster Prevention", Japan will cooperate in the diversification of energy sources through the use of renewable energy sources such as solar power generation, and in climate change countermeasures (reduction of greenhouse gas emissions). In addition, Japan will strengthen preparedness for natural disasters such as typhoons, and support the implementation of various adaptation and mitigation measures by utilizing Japan's technologies and knowledge.											
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	The Program for Promoting the Installment of Climate Change Countermeasures	Focusing on the proposal and introduction of solar power generation facilities as a renewable energy source, as well as support for maintenance and management, the project will support the reduction of fuel costs and greenhouse gas emissions from existing power generators. In addition, projects related to disaster prevention and climate change adaptation measures will be implemented according to needs and urgency.	The Project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System	Grant Aid	-	-	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-		7,8,9,11,13	
			Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience (EDCR) project (via UNDP)	Grant Aid	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	7.4 Million USD	11,13	Japan-UNDP partnership
			Integrated Coastal Ecosystem Management Capacity Improvement Plan for Enhancing Climate Change Resilience	Expert	-	-	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	13,14,15	
			Trainings in the Field of Renewable Energy / Energy Conservation	Training	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	7,9,11,13		
Intercity Cooperation Project for Realization of a Decarbonized Society			Technical Cooperation	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,8,9,11,12,13		
Project to install small-scale photovoltaic systems for commercial facilities in island countries	Other	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	-	-	7,9,13	JCM related project			