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AIRAI STATE CLAM CITY PROJECT

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On Wednesday November 20, 2019 the Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) partnered with Airai State Governor Temewang Rengulbai, Airai State Rangers, Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA), and the Bureau of Marine Resources and planted 200 clams offshore in Airai. The event, which was organized by PVA, was designed to include local communities in conservation activities in Palau. PCAA arranged for 16 children and their parents from the Airai Head Start center to participate in the clam planting. Additionally, there were 10 volunteers from PCAA/Head Start including PCAA Director Kelsey Bohman, PVA Managing Director Stephanie Nakamura, Operations and Program Director Kadoi Ruluked, State & Community Manager Katarina Mad and PVA staff, five Airai State Government Rangers who are Ransel Skilang, Harold Kosam Mongami, Victor Tyson Philip, Raynald Kanai, Whitney Ngirmekur, Sheldon Rengulbai, BMR Supervisor Lawrence Sumor and staff Devon Ongerung and 2 members of the Civic Action Team that together made this mission a success.

The PCAA Board of Directors, Head Start Policy Council, and PCAA/Head Start staff and teachers are grateful for the opportunity to involve the children and families from Head Start in activities like this. On behalf of the Palau Visitors Authority's Board of Directors, Management and Staff, we would like to thank the Office of the President and India Government (India-Palau Small Grants program) for funding this conservation activity. This project is intended to promote sectoral collaboration to create conservation for community tourism concept where tourism impact to natural, cultural and social-economic environment of Airai State are mitigated through sustainable management of natural resources for the common good, while satisfying the requirement of local communities whom have lived off the land and depended on it for their traditions. PVA would also like to thank all agencies that took part in this project as well as the parents and students. We would also like to thank Dolphin's Pacific for donating life jackets for the children & Nature Grace Resort for their boat that was used for transportation.



