PALAU’S CONTRIBUTION TO 10X20
History

• Palau’s History of Conservation
• 2014 – President Remengesau announces plan to protect Palau’s entire EEZ
• October, 2015 – Palau National Marine Sanctuary Act is signed into law
• November, 2015 – Executive Order 383 creates PNMS Office and Executive Committee
Palau National Marine Sanctuary

- Fully protects up to 500,000 square kilometers or over 80% of Palau’s EEZ
- Includes a Domestic Fishing Zone to assure fishing and food security for Palauans and those visiting Palau
- By 2020, ends long-line fishing exports
- Strengthens laws for better enforcement and stiffer penalties for deterring IUU
- Sustainably financed by tourism revenue
Six Key Elements to the Success of the PNMS

- Surveillance and Enforcement
- Sustainable Financing
- Tourism/Marketing
- Fisheries and Food Security
- Science and Monitoring
- Education and Awareness
The Future

- President Remengesau’s call to create a network of Large Scale Marine Protected Areas (LSMPA)
- Include the High Seas in the discussion
- Solidify partnerships and accessible and sustainable financing
- Keep the momentum after 2020 to achieve 30x30