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GUIDANCE ON DEPICTION OF REPUBLIC OF PALAU

1. The Republic of Palau is to be depicted as an independent state (see map).
2. The Republic of Palau has the same territory as it did as the final remaining portion of the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau).
3. The short and long forms of the name to be used are:  
  
Palau (conventional short form)  
Republic of Palau (conventional long form)
4. The national capital of Palau is Koror.
5. The Republic of Palau includes the islands of Kayangel, Babelthuap, Koror, Ngeruktabel, Angaur, Beliliou, Sonsorol, Pulo Anna, Merir, Tobi, and Helen.
6. The FIPS 10-3 country code for Palau is PS.

Background. On October 1, 1994, Palau ended its status as a United Nations Trust Territory administered by the United States and became an independent state, in free association with the United States. The United States and the Republic of Palau formally entered into a Compact of Free Association whereby Palau is a self-governing republic with the United States maintaining responsibility for Palau's defense.

Action. Please disseminate this guidance to all personnel in your organization concerned with cartographic production.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William B. Wood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

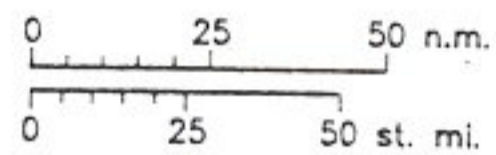
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# REPUBLIC OF PALAU

*Kayangel Islands,*

NORTH PACIFIC  
OCEAN



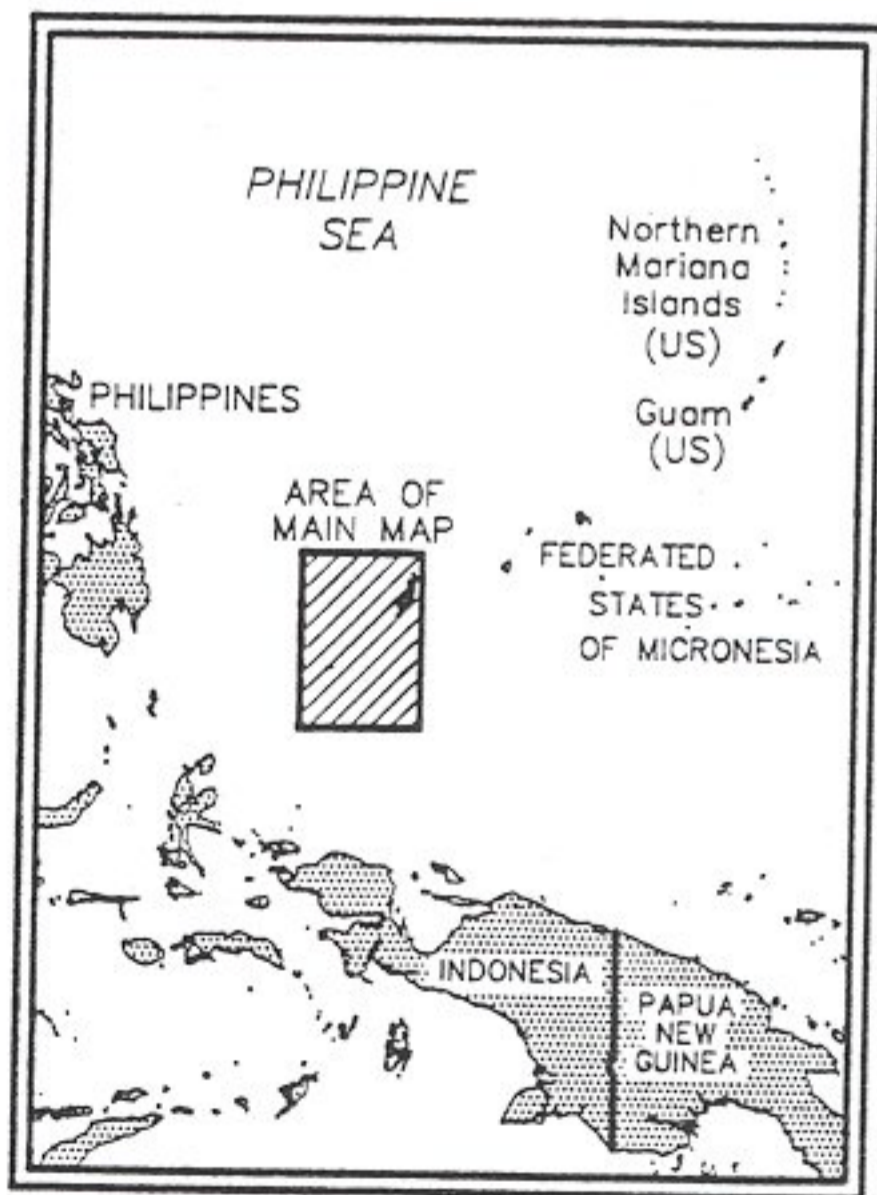
*Sonsorol  
Islands*

*Pulo Anna*

*Merir*

*Tobi*

*Helen Island*



Island names shown are those officially approved by the US Board on Geographic Names.  
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