

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128

*To ensure that Marine Environment Protection Laws  
are fully enforced*

**WHEREAS**, the protection of Palau's environment, particularly its marine environment, is of paramount importance to the future of our nation and our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, there are a variety of laws and regulations which are designed to protect our marine environment which various agencies of the government are involved in; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order No. 116, a Division of Marine Law Enforcement (the "Division") was created within the Bureau of Public Safety which is responsible for the enforcement of laws and regulations regarding environmental protection; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the fact that various agencies of the government are involved in protecting the marine environment, there may be a need for clarification regarding responsibility for enforcing marine environmental protection laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, I do hereby Proclaim and Order as follows:

1. The Division is to be the lead agency in enforcing marine environment protection laws. The Division is to actively assume responsibility for such enforcement;
2. All government agencies which believe that any marine environment protection laws and/or regulations are being violated shall immediately contact both the Division and the Office of the Attorney General to report such violations.
3. All other government agencies are to fully participate with and assist the Division in the enforcement of marine environment protection laws including, but not limited to, making personnel available to assist the Division; participating in appropriate educational activities; and providing the Division with the loan of necessary equipment, particularly boats, whenever possible;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto act my hand and affixed my official seal on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1994 in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau