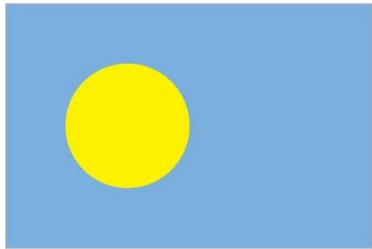




PALAU



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Tommy REMENGESAU

Head of Government

President Tommy REMENGESAU

Government Type

presidential republic in free association with the US

Capital

Ngerulmud

Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Olbiil Era Kelulau consists of the Senate (13 seats) and the House of Delegates (16 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and 3 associate justices organized into appellate trial divisions; the Supreme Court organization also includes the Common Pleas and Land Courts)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Hersey KYOTA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Amy HYATT

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 459 sq km

Land: 459 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; hot and humid; wet season May to November

Natural Resources

forests, minerals (especially gold), marine products, deep-seabed minerals

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

economy is dominated by tourism, fishing, and subsistence agriculture; government is a major employer of the work force relying on financial assistance from the US

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$264 million (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$14,700 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$23.17 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Japan 51.3%, US 15.8%, India 13.8%, Guam 8% (2017)

Imports

\$4.715 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 33.4%, Guam 15.8%, Japan 15.7%, China 13.5%, South Korea 5.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

21,690 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.39% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Palauan (Micronesian with Malayan and Melanesian admixtures) 73%, Carolinian 2%, Asian 21.7%, caucasian 1.2%, other 2.1% (2015 est.)

Language

Palauan (official on most islands) 65.2%, other Micronesian 1.9%, English (official) 19.1%, Filipino 9.9%, Chinese 1.2%, other 2.8% (2015 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 45.3%, Protestant 34.9% (includes Evangelical 26.4%, Seventh Day Adventist 6.9%, Assembly of God .9%, Baptist .7%), Modekngai 5.7% (indigenous to Palau), Muslim 3%, Mormon 1.5%, other 9.7% (2015 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 81% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 1.77% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

96.6% (2015)

