

A CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT OUR WAY OF LIFE



Ahi Mour Ahi Pwukoah movement is about reversing declining fish trends and reviving our fishing grounds, so we can better meet our needs today and tomorrow.

The campaign name, Ahi Mour Ahi Pwukoah, is intended to capture the need of each and every one of us to step up and together meet our responsibilities to our island history and our traditions by better managing the ocean's gifts that support us.

Together, we can ensure we have more and bigger fish, and can sustain our Pohnpei way of life.

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SIZE MWAHI

Based on available research and consultations with local fishers, Pohnpei State has established national minimum sizes for important food fish. We call this Size Mwahe.

These are the local fish fishers are most concerned about losing and minimum sizes are intended to ensure fish get big enough to breed before we catch them to restock fishing grounds.

We want to see bigger, better catches, today and tomorrow.

FISH SMART. FISH FOREVER.



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CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF POHNPEI
Preserving Our Natural Heritage for a Sustainable Future



The Nature Conservancy



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THE PROBLEM: WE ARE ALLOWING TOO FEW FISH
TO GET BIG ENOUGH TO BREED AND
RE STOCK OUR FISHING GROUNDS.
THIS IS WHAT OVERFISHING MEANS.

SOLUTION: SAY NO TO UNDERSIZED FISH

THESE 15 FISH WERE IDENTIFIED AS IMPORTANT AND OF MOST
CONCERN BY FISHERS DUE TO DECLINING CATCHES. CATCHING
FISH THAT ARE *LEGAL MINIMUM SIZE* WILL ENSURE THEY ARE
BIG ENOUGH TO BREED AND RE STOCK FISHING GROUNDS.



PWAHLAHL
Humpback snapper
Lutjanus gibbus
Legal size: 10 inches



KERTAKA/KERILEL
Rudderfish
Kyphosus cinerascens
Legal size: 10 inches



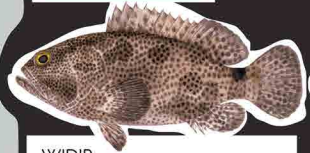
MWOMW, MEI
Pacific longnose parrotfish
Hipposcarus longiceps
Legal size: 10 inches



PWULAK
Bluespine unicornfish
Naso unicornis
Legal size: 14 inches



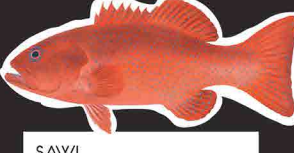
SAWI
Squaretail coral grouper
Plectropomus areolatus
Legal size: 14 inches



WIDIR
Camouflage grouper
Epinephelus polyphekadion
Legal size: 14 inches



SAWI
Black-saddled coral grouper
Plectropomus laevis
Legal size: 14 inches



SAWI
Leopard coral grouper /
Red salmon cod
Plectropomus leopardus
Legal size: 14 inches



SAWI PWILIET
Yellow-edged lyretail
Variola louti
Legal size: 14 inches



KOAHNG
Diagonal banded sweetlips
Plectorhinchus lineatus
Legal size: 14 inches



MAHU
Steephead parrotfish
Chlorurus microrhinos
Legal size: 14 inches



OARONG/ADAM
Bigeye trevally
Caranx sexfasciatus
Legal size: 14 inches



OARONG
Bluefin trevally
Caranx melampygus
Legal size: 14 inches



OARONG
Giant trevally
Caranx ignobilis
Legal size: 14 inches



RIPWIRIPW
Brown-marbled grouper
Epinephelus fuscoguttatus
Legal size: 24 inches

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MINIMUM SIZES? *MORE FOOD, MORE MONEY!*

It's important to acknowledge that fishers are
having a harder time making a living in Pohnpei as
fishing grounds become more depleted, particularly
near populations centers.

Fishers are spending longer hours in the water,
catching less, and making less money than before.
Minimum sizes will ensure fish get big enough
to breed and increase valuable fish stocks. Then
fishers will earn more money per catch as fish will
be bigger and in turn provide more for their families
and together we can respect Pohnpei's ocean and its
resources – the foundation that provides for us all.