

Ko'ko' for Cocos Project



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Cocos Island

- 83.1 acres (33.6 ha)
- 1.5 mi (2.5 km) south
- 70% day resort
- 30% Gov Guam park



An aerial photograph taken from the window of a plane, showing a tropical island with a white sandy beach and lush green vegetation. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The wing of the plane is visible in the upper left corner.

Unique Opportunity

- Natural barrier
- No cats, deer and pigs
- Snake free?







Ko'ko' for Cocos Goals

- Preserve resources on Cocos Island
- Enhance / establish native species, particularly a breeding population of ko'ko'



Ko'ko' for Cocos Objectives

- Complete Safe Harbor Agreement & ES permit
- Establish biosecurity protocols
- Develop awareness
- Survey native species
- Enhance native forest
- Eradicate rodents
- Survey for snakes
- Reduce monitor lizards
- Release ko'ko' birds...



Benefits

- Public viewing of ko'ko'
- Wild ko'ko' to study
- Wild birds for release
- Protection of Cocos' resources
- Capacity building
- Protection from random events

Status Report

Safe Harbor Agreement & permit: Sept 08

Biosecurity: inspections available

Species surveys:

- annual spring bird counts
- first lizard survey complete (13 spp)

Habitat enhancement:

- native plantings
- invasive plant removal

Status Report (cont'd)

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What would Che'lu do?

1. Che'lu never packs a pest.
2. Che'lu always puts litter in its proper place.
3. Che'lu loves his island.



If you see a rat, cat or snake on Cocos Island
please call 488-RAIL(7245)



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- Public meetings (5) + Legislative hearing

What's next?

Rare Pride implementation

Rodent eradication - NEPA complete; Feb 09

Monitor lizard control - April & Aug 09

Snake survey - Sept 09

Lizard survey #2 - Sept 09

Ko'ko' release - Nov 09



Thank you!



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