



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES PALAU HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? **NO**

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police |
National Emergency Management Office | Marine law enforcement |
Ministry of Tourism | Red Cross | Koror (State) Rangers | Palau Swimming Association

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

	AVAILABLE	COVERAGE	EVALUATED
Physical barriers	-	-	-
Swim skills training	●	MED	-
Childcare	●	HIGH	-
Public awareness on drowning	●	HIGH	-
Manage flood risks	-	-	-
Disaster warning systems	●	HIGH	-
Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating	-	-	-
Rescue and resuscitation	●	MED	-
Lifeguards	-	-	-
Search and rescue	●	HIGH	-
Maritime safety	●	HIGH	-
Media	-	-	-

SOURCES OF DROWNING DATA

SOURCE OF DATA	TYPE OF DROWNING CAPTURED			
	FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*	NON-FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*
Vital registry	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	N/A	-
Verbal autopsy	-	-	N/A	-
Hospital admission data	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Hospital emergency department data	-	-	-	-
Police	-	-	-	-
Transport sector	-	-	-	-
Education sector	-	-	-	-
Maritime safety	-	-	-	-
Coastguard	-	-	-	-
Tourism sector	-	-	-	-
National community survey	-	-	-	-
Media	-	-	-	-

■ Age ■ Sex ■ Type of drowning event ■ Activity ■ Water body

Drowning deaths in community settings are captured **NO**
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have died **NO**
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have drowned **NO**

PROPORTION OF DROWNING DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL **-**

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES PALAU HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY? **NO**

Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included? **-**

If yes, please specify:

Do these strategies align with relevant SDGs? **-**

Are plans underway, or is there interest, to develop a national water strategy? **YES**

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

MARITIME SAFETY		ENFORCEMENT	
		LIMITED	MAXIMUM
Mandated registration of watercraft	YES	5	10
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	5	10
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	8	10
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	10	10
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	Owner/Operator/Crew		
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	YES	-	-
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit:	0.1 mg	1	10
Law against drug use and boating	YES	0	10
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	YES	10	10
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	10	10
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	10	10
Specific standard of lifejacket required	EN ISO 12402		
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	7	10

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

Vessels that are not propelled by mechanical systems.

CHILD SAFETY		
Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	NO	-
Swimming lessons in school curricula	NO	-
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	YES	6
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	10

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES		
Required competencies for swimming instructors	NO	-
Required competencies for lifeguards	NO	-

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION		
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	10

DROWNING DATA		
One agency maintains all vital registry statistics	NO	-

- No response or not applicable

SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

GHE data not available

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS

GHE data not available