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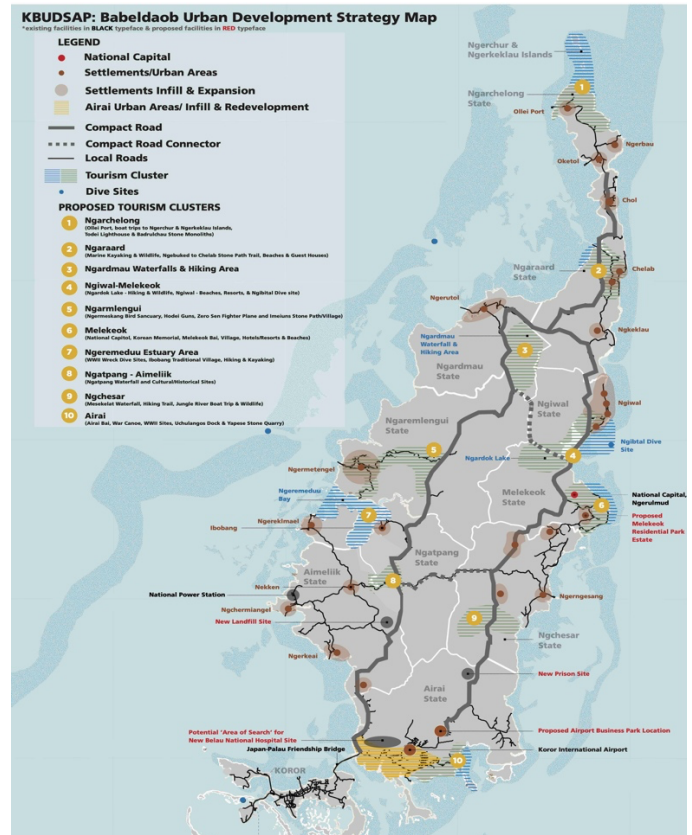
KOROR-BABELDAOB RESILIENT URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

For the Asian Development Bank, 2019-2020

This Asian Development Bank Transaction Technical Assistance project (ADB TA-9181-REG) prepared a development strategy for the Koror and Babeldaob islands of Palau, which included 11 of the country's 16 states. Babeldaob is the largest island in Micronesia, with Koror linked to it by bridge, as the capital of Palau. The strategy planned for a population of roughly 17,000, or 90% of the total national figure.



The primary beneficiary agency was the Ministry of Finance. Otak Inc. were commissioned to undertake the project, which would be prepared through a stakeholder consultation process. Mike Sharrocks was appointed to undertake the urban planning, housing and tourism aspects of the multi-disciplinary project.



Planning for a stagnant population with little growth expected during the strategy timescale to 2030 represented a key constraint. However, tackling the need for affordable housing would help to build up densities in central Koror, and also to boost settlements in rural Babeldaob. It was also important to change the direction for tourism from one increasingly reliant on a mass market towards a 'high value' direction, where greater benefits from fewer visitors could help to address environmental concerns related to over-tourism, especially in the Rock Islands. Environmental improvements in Koror, as the tourism base, would also be necessary to attract these visitors.



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