

Buw! An Ongoing Project on Betel Nut Supply Chains in Micronesia

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In Palau and Yap, all aspects of daily life, from formal gatherings and meetings to the most informal interactions, are mediated by the exchange and consumption of nuts from the areca palm tree (commonly called betelnut). Although its botanical, agroforestry, cultural aspects, and health issues are well known in Southeast Asia (Vietnam and Taiwan, for example), betel nut trade and exchange remain unexplored in Micronesian states and territories. Yet, in these territories, it plays a significant role in social relationships and the shaping of the landscape, and it impacts resources that need to be studied. This paper will present some research orientations and methods to better understand the cultivation, commodification and consumption of betel nuts.

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