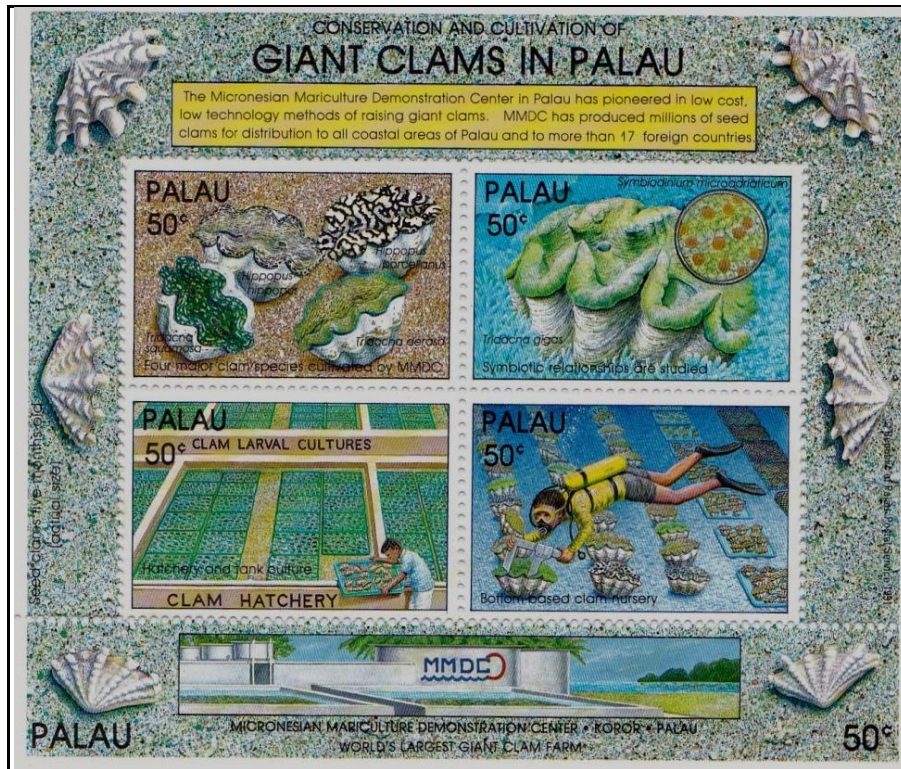


Conservation and Cultivation of Giant Clams: Micronesian Mariculture Demonstration Center at Koror, Palau

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This miniature sheet of five stamps was issued by Palau to recognize the work of the Micronesian Mariculture Demonstration Center at Koror, Palau, the world's largest clam farm at the time the sheetlet was issued. The facility, renamed the Palau Mariculture Demonstration Center, was created in the early 1970s to serve as a research center focused on the conservation of giant clams and a source for seed clams which were then distributed for the restoration of clam populations in Palau and more than seventeen other countries.

The miniature sheet is unusual in format in that four of the stamps are one size and the fifth of another. The four stamps in the center of the pane focus on aspects of the work at the MMDC. The fifth stamp appears at first glance to be a caption on the bottom selvage, but it is actually a long (112 mm), narrow (19mm) postage stamp.

