

An aerial photograph of a tropical atoll. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, with darker patches indicating deeper areas or coral reefs. Several small, low-lying islands with green vegetation are scattered across the scene. The sky is a pale blue with some light, wispy clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

*USDA Natural Resources  
Conservation Service*

*in the*

*Pacific Basin Area*

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  - ☉ USDA established in 1862
  - ☉ Abraham Lincoln referred to USDA as *“The People’s Department”*

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  - ☉ *NRCS* established as a result of the Dust Bowl in the 1930's

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*Just what do you do?*

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  - ☉ *cooperators* working through *Soil and Water Conservation Districts*
  - ☉ we only have offices where *SWCDs* have been established by local govt.

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  - ☉ assistance to other *federal* agencies is on a reimbursable basis

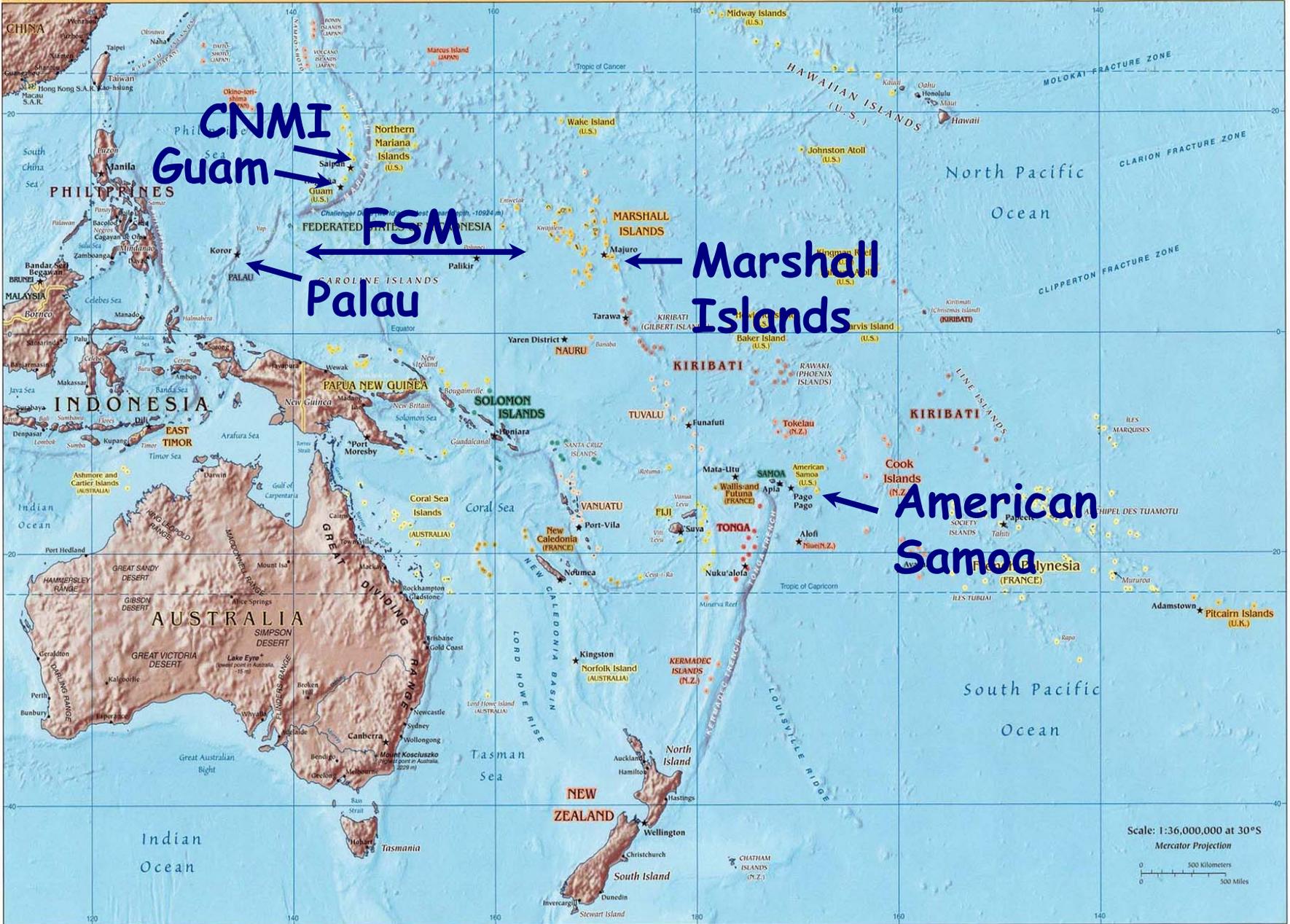
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- we're *the world leader* in soil classification and mapping

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Conservation *Technical Assistance*

# Emergency Watershed Protection



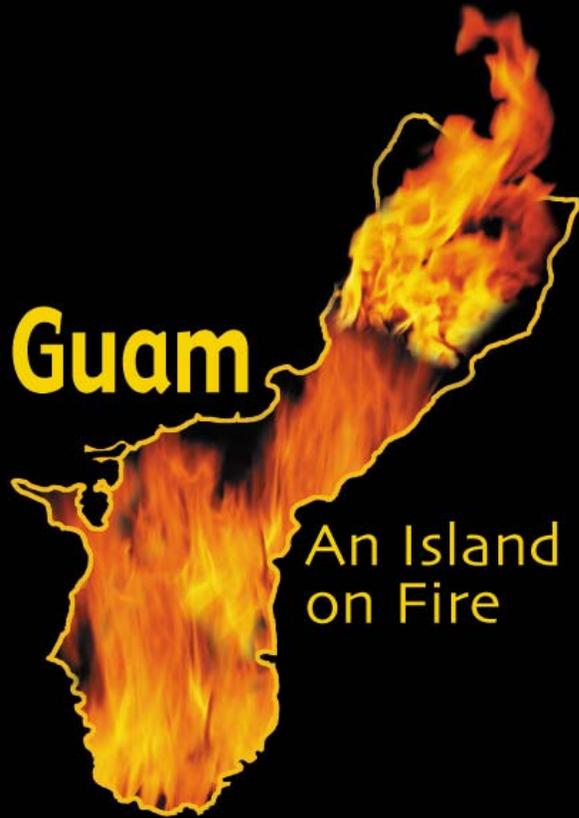
Kagman  
Watershed  
Project



↑ *the land* is  
connected to  
*the sea* →



# Guam



## An Island on Fire

USDA NRCS  
NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION  
SERVICE



If you start a **grassfire**,

you kill the plants



that protect the soil.



Exposed soil washes into the **sea**,



smothers the reef, and starves



its **fish**.



Please protect our fish and wildlife.

Don't burn grasslands.

For more information on the damaging effects of fires, please contact the Government of Guam Forestry & Soil Resources Division at 735-9851.

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# Stamp out **arson** in South Guam !!!

*Soils differ in their properties, behavior and management*



*Soil = f(pm, cl, o, r, t, . . h)*

# *soil mapping*



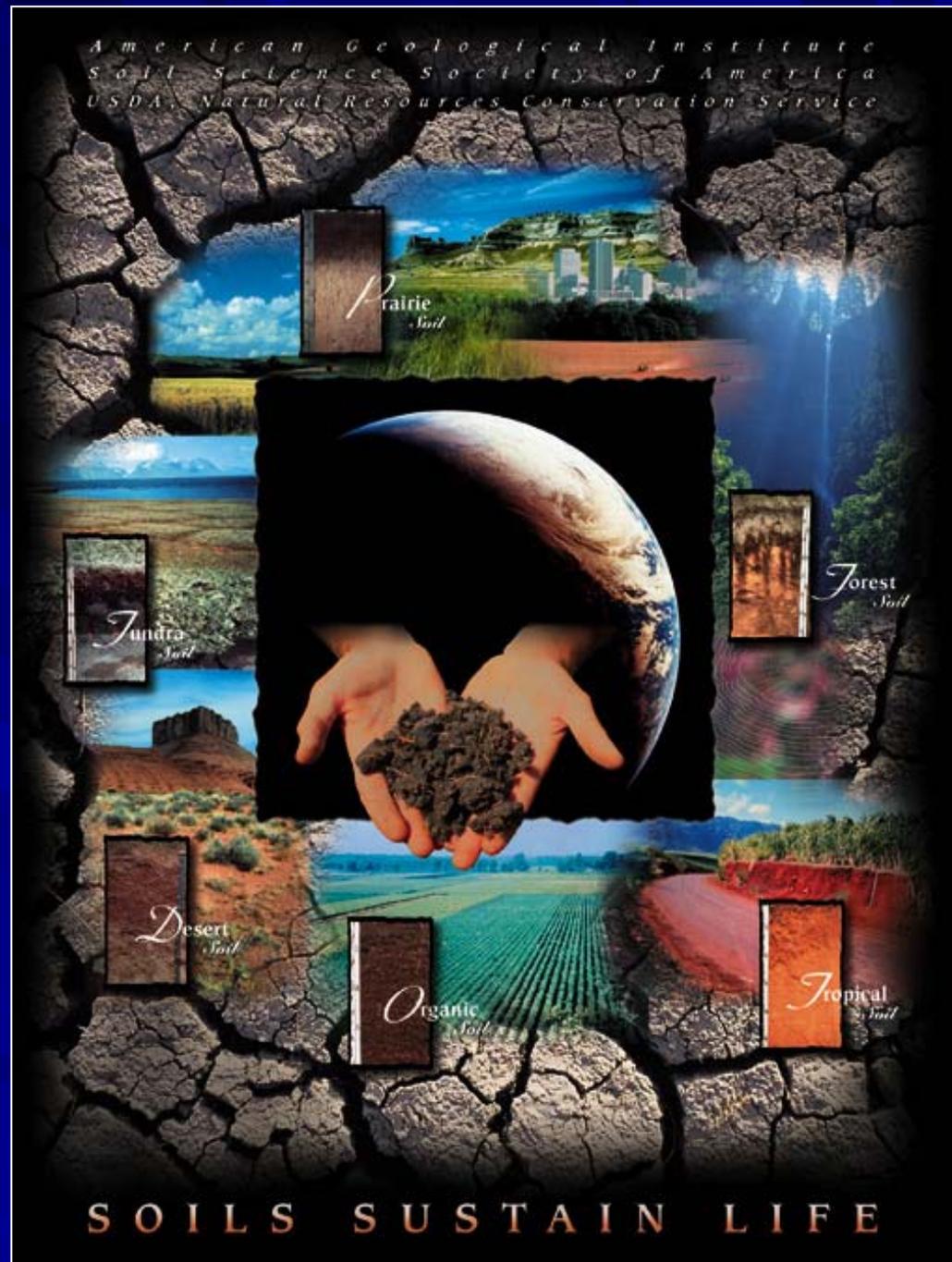
*link soils to  
landscapes*



# USDA-NRCS

• helping people understand and manage soils

• providing conservation technical assistance



A tropical beach scene with a rainbow over a mountain range. The foreground shows a sandy beach and turquoise water. In the background, there are lush green mountains under a cloudy sky. A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, connecting the two mountain peaks.

*Any questions?*