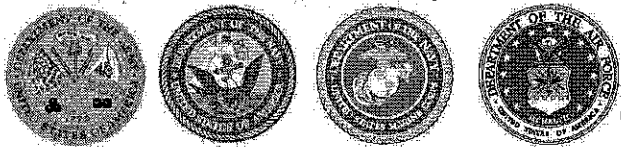


# Public Scoping Comment Form

## Mariana Islands Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement



Please record your comments on this form to let the U.S. Defense Representative Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau know what environmental factors you want considered in the development of the Mariana Islands Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS).

You may submit your comments by:

- 1) Depositing this form at the Comment Table before you leave tonight
- 2) Mailing or faxing this form to:  
Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS  
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100  
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ATTN: EV2  
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- 3) E-mail your comments to: [marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil](mailto:marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil)

All comments must be received no later than July 16, 2007, to be considered in the Draft EIS/OEIS.

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Comments: My comments concern both the MIRC and Marine Corps relocation. Historically, there were five endemic species of arboreal snails in the Mariana Islands. One, and possibly two, of those species is now extinct. A significant factor in the decline and extinction of these species is an invasive terrestrial flatworm, <sup>predator</sup>. Any movement of materials between the islands should be preceded by measures to prevent the introduction of this invasive predator of snails. These measures should include a ban on potted plants, where flatworms could hide. Similarly, no damp or moist corrugated cardboard boxes - Cover

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should be allowed to transport materials. Accidental introductions of flatworms by both potted plants & corrugated boxes have been reported. I cannot over-emphasize the threat of this predator; it is to the terrestrial snails of the Marianas what the brown tree snake is to the birds.

Thank you for your consideration.