



# Ngaramecherocher

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## Main Activities

- Constructing and Renovating traditional building structures
- Restoring traditional piers and docks
- Helping other organizations and communities
- Protecting the hamlet
- Safeguarding the traditional knowledge and cultures
- Advocates of the well-being of the citizens of Melekeok



## Background of Establishment

This is a traditional association of Melekeok State that has been around for as long as anyone can remember. Paramount Chief Reklai appoints the leader of Ngaramecherocher who is a member of the highest royal clan in Melekeok (Udes). The chiefly title "Adelbai" is given to the person from Udes and is the 4th ranking chief of Ngerang Hamlet of Melekeok.

## Purpose

To serve the community and continue to pass down traditional knowledge and skills to the next generation, protecting the culture and customs of Melekeok and Palau.

## Member's Voice Mr. Buik lechad Jefferson (Representative)



We have more than 100 members of Ngaramecherocher all around Palau, but the active members live in Melekeok. Whoever is from the hamlet is automatically a member of this association. In the past, members of Ngaramecherocher were known as the defenders and the soldiers protecting the Melekeok and the Eastern Federation of Palau known as "Desbedall". Today, we continue to protect the community, serve the community under the direction of Paramount Chief Reklai and Ngarabaimelkeong (the traditional council of chiefs of Melekeok).

Our current project includes controlling and maintaining the Ngerdok Lake in Melekeok. There is an aggressive native plant called Cheuais (Hanguana Malayana) that is quickly taking over the lake, and we have worked to decrease the amount and monitor the growth.

We have had some help from other organizations in and out of the state such as Ngara'Otellouh (a traditional young women's association in Melekeok), Bdelul La' Arkemais (a youth organization in Koror), and Ngarametal (a traditional men's group in Koror).

In the past, we have helped with different projects such as renovating the old Bai, building houses for families in need, helping community members with customs, and also supporting organizations outside of Melekeok. Currently, we are helping Ngara'Otellouh on a project, funded by the non-communicable disease (NCD), to build tabletop gardening for every household in the organization so that everybody can grow their own vegetables. We work night shifts to help build the tabletop and provide soil, and the Bureau of Agriculture will provide them with seeds. This will promote a healthy diet and food security for the community. The majority of our members have a regular job, so we often meet on a Saturday or in the evenings after work to do our community work.

Our short-term goal is to continue helping each member and anyone in need. Our long-term goal is to maintain the traditional integrity of Melekeok and to protect and pass down the Palauan tradition.

We are always ready to assist any traditional or non-traditional organizations that need help with any traditional knowledge, skills, or helping hands.

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