

Ii er a Itemruchel/ Itemruchel Cave

Site No. B:IR-2:29

Itemruchel Cave is a prehistoric cave in Ngerusar region, entered the Palau Register of Historic Places in the year 2000, as one of the most significant prehistoric cave in Ngerusar rock Islands. In the past, a traditional young men club of Ngerusar by the name of Ngaraklasekl used the cave as a gathering place to discuss fishing matters and fishing trips especially when Ngerusar village was planning a feast (mur) or klechedaol (invited guests) coming to the village. The round depression at the floor of the cave was used by the Ngaraklasekl to pound dub, a type of tree whose leaves are poison, which would then be used to catch many fish.

In the past local people were mainly plying between village by rafts and the cave was frequented by those coming from trip exhaustion or escaping inclement weather. When Yapese were in Palau quarrying balang from rock islands, circa :1700's, those who were on the Ngerusar rock islands lived in the cave too.

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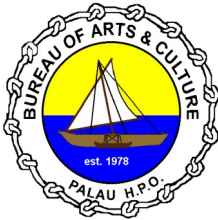
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Given the importance of this site to Palauans in terms of their history and culture and the concerns that exist in regard to its future, those visiting the site should not engage in any type of behavior or activity that disturbs the integrity of this site or diminishes the respect that should be accorded to it.

PALAU HISTORIC PRESERVATION GUIDELINES

Because of the importance and sensitivity surrounding this and all historical registered sites, the Palau Historic Preservation Office would like to emphasize proper conduct for visiting a site through the following guidelines.

- 1) Remember to take everything you bring to the site when you leave.
- 2) Do not remove anything from the site. Although you may not think something is significant to the site, all pieces make up the whole.
- 3) Remember that many sites include culturally sensitive areas and therefore behavior should be always be respectful.



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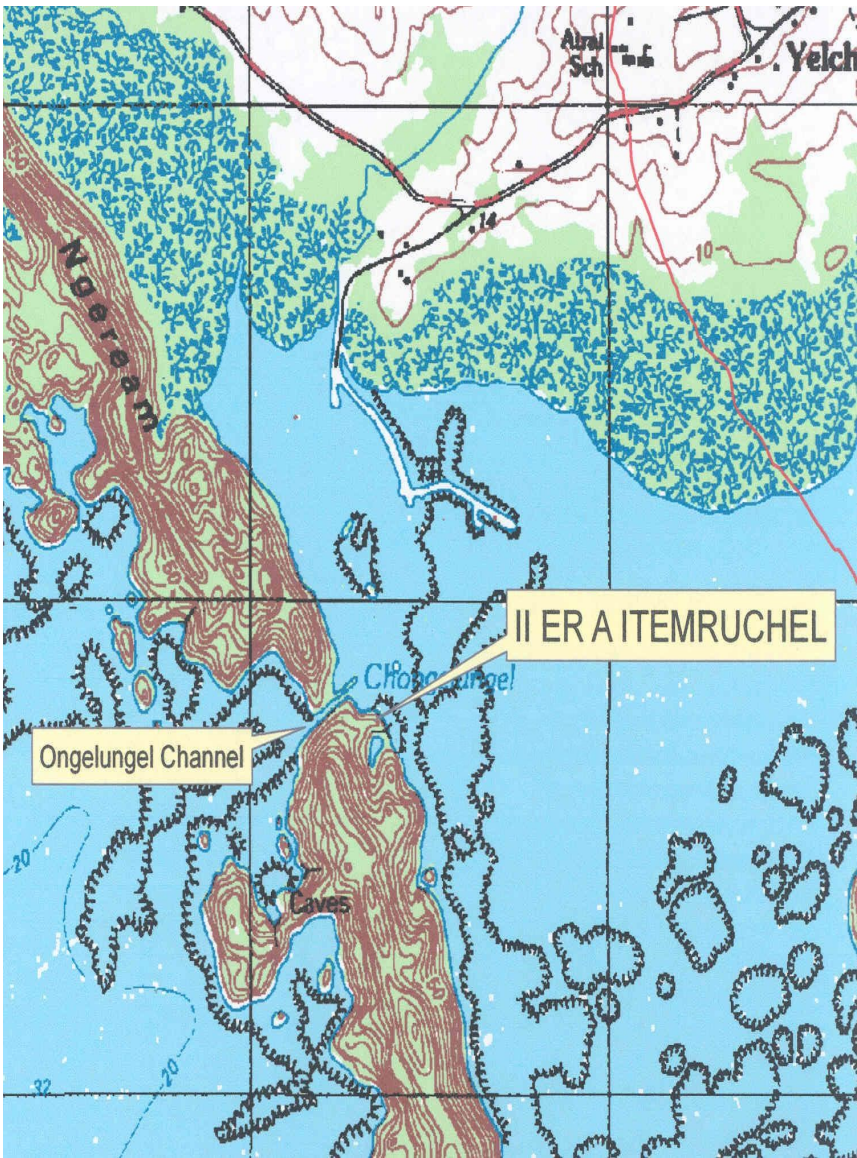
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Omesodel a li er a Itemruchel (B:IR-2:29)

A li er a Itemruchel a siliseb er a omsengelel a klalo er a ibetel a cherechar el Palau Register of Historic Places er a rak er a 2000 (9/29/2000), el tang er a klou a ultutelel el olsechall er a ibetel a cherechar el ngar er a chelebacheb er a Ngerusar. A Ngaraklasekl el cheldebechel er a remekerekerei el sechal er a Ngerusar er a irechar, a uluusbech er ngii el ua el birir el bo er ngii e melib e mengetmokl a tekoi er a omenged er a beluu. Tireka el Ngaraklasekl a ldu te mle meau er a re Ngaraimiich el klobak er a Ngerusar. Me sei el bo er ngii a sikes el mo omurech a uel, e te oltak er a rubak el mo er a sikes. A klou el chaibibeob el del-luchel el di ngar er a belngel tia el klou el chelsel a ii a mle orsachel er a dub. Me sei el le bo el kirir el mo er a chei el mo melub, e te mo er a ked me te ongakt a dub el kerrekarak me a chemrert el mo er a li er a Itemruchel me te remusech er a chelsel tia el orsachel e mo er a chei. A llel a chemrert a lolab el melub a klsebuul e le ng diak el mad er a llel a dub. Tia el tele-tael er a omenged a di mle usbechall sei el ngar er ngii a klou el usbechel a ngikel er a beluu el kirel a chelsang.

Tia el li er a Itemruchel a dirrek el mle klou a belkul el mo er a omerael er a daob er a irechar el mle olen-grull e euatel er a meknigilt el ianged a el bo er ngii. Aike el mla mo er ngii el urreor er a Ongelungel er a irechar el melsubech er ngii er a taem er a Sebangiol, Dois, me a Siabal, e a recheldebechel er a beluu el mla er a ureor er ngii, a uluusbech er a Itemruchel el kiei er ngii e oureor. Me a rechad er a Beluulechab el millasech a balang er a chelebacheb er a Ngerusar (Circa: 1700's), a dirrek el mlo tuab er a li er a Itemruchel. Ng okiu aika el mla medung el bebil er a cheldechedechal tia el li er a Itemruchel, e ng kirel meketmokl e mo medechel el ta er a klou a belkul el olsechall er a beluu er a Ngerusar, Airai State.

