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Dipodium freycinetioides Palau Hyacinth Orchid

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The Palau Hyacinth Orchid is restricted to Palau where it grows on the island of Babeldaob in forested areas such as the Ngardok Nature Reserve. Seeds of this A

Reserve. Seeds of this vine-like epiphyte germinate in decaying leaves at the base of trees and plants climb up the tree, putting out long narrow leaves and roots that keep this orchid firmly attached to the tree. The sweetly fragrant yellow flowers with magenta spots attract flying insects such as bees and wasps. The hairy white lip provides a "landing pad" for these visitors to explore and pollinate the flower.

The **Palau Orchid Conservation Initiative** has been launched by **NAOCC**, the **Smithsonian Institution** and the U.S. Forest Service's **Institute of Pacific Island Forestry**. It includes the **Palau Division of Forestry**. **Ngardok Nature Reserve**, **Illinois College** and the **University of Hawaii**. The project aims to improve our understanding of Palau's orchid communities, their fungal partners, and the need for conservation. Orange arrows indicate where you can gently curl the paper around a pencil or similar object.

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