



ROTA HARBOR
ROTA, COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)

Project Location. Rota Harbor is located on the island of Rota, approximately 80 miles south of Saipan.

Authorization. The project was authorized under Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended.

Local Sponsor. The local sponsor is the Commonwealth Ports Authority, CNMI Government.

Completed Work. The completed harbor consists of an entrance channel 685 feet long, 300 feet wide, 20 feet deep; a turning basin 440 feet long, 180-440 feet wide, 16.5 feet deep; a revetted mole 535 feet long, 10 feet high; a basin extension 280 feet long, 150 feet wide and 16.5 feet deep; and, appurtenant aids to navigation.

The project was completed in October 1984 at a cost of \$2,771,862 (federal: \$1,997,489; non-federal: \$774,373). Maintenance dredging in the entrance channel and basin areas was completed in October 1990. The cost of the maintenance dredging was \$516,000 (federal).

Present Status.

a. Typhoons damaged the harbor's revetted mole and moved new sediment material into the harbor. In accordance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) operations and maintenance responsibilities, the Corps will construct mole repairs and dredge within Federal limits at full Federal expense.

b. The project is in the design and construction phase. The current scope of work includes maintenance dredging within the Federal limits of the harbor, including the entrance channel and the area surrounding the main commercial dock, and repair of the revetted mole structure adjacent to the harbor. Design funds were provided in the FY04 Energy and Water Development Appropriations.

c. The local sponsor has requested that maintenance dredging of non-Federal areas of the harbor be included in the project. This effort will require a Memorandum of Agreement, a support agreement and appropriate funding. Authority to advertise a construction contract will be requested in September 2005.