

Appendix A: Resources for Communities in Coastal and Marine Stewardship

Throughout the process of updating the ORMP, communities across the island state have asked how they can access more assistance for their projects. From Anahola, Kaua'i where community members are rebuilding the ancient Hawaiian Fish Pond at their shoreline to the fish ponds of Moloka'i, from water quality monitoring concerns at Hulupoe Bay on Lāna'i to runoff issues at Kawaiahae Harbor on Hawai'i Island, communities wanted to sustain their ocean resources, but they needed assistance. Some knew what had to be done but needed help with Federal and State permitting processes. Others had a vision for how their group could improve their resource but needed technical assistance for grant applications. And others had worked for decades on projects that had not come to fruition and could not prevail over their years of frustration.

There are many funding opportunities for communities doing work that matches the framework in the ORMP Three Perspectives: Connecting Land and Sea; Preserving Our Ocean Heritage; and Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship. These include:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Community-based Restoration Program

NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program (CRP), which is part of the Habitat Conservation of the National Marine Fisheries Service, supports priority projects in Hawai'i that can address threats to the coastal ecosystem. CRP partners with grassroots organizations to encourage hands-on community participation in restoration projects. CRP delivers technical support along with funds for projects in order to help ensure restoration success.

examples of funded programs are the Okeleha Trail Erosion Control Restoration and the Waipa Fishpond and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project, both located in Hanalei on the island of Kaua'i and both implemented by The Hanalei Watershed Hui.

Funding opportunities, guidelines, and proposal applications can be accessed here:
<http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/southwest.html>

NOAA Marine Debris Program

NOAA supports several grant opportunities for removal of marine debris. The first is in partnership with NOAA CRP mentioned above, and the second is a public-private partnership called Fishing for Energy.

The NOAA CRP grants typically open each summer with proposals due in either late October or early November. Funding of up to \$2,000,000 is expected to be available for Community-based Marine Debris Removal Project Grants in fiscal year 2012.

The Fishing for Energy Small Grants Fund is administered in partnership with the NOAA Marine Debris Program, Covanta Energy Corporation, Schnitzer Steel Industries, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. This grant provides funding to Fishing for Energy Partnership ports, their partners, or other commercial fishing ports for disposal of old, abandoned, or derelict fishing gear.

Funding opportunities, guidelines, and proposal applications can be accessed here:
<http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding/welcome.html>

Hawai'i Conservation Alliance

The Hawai'i Conservation Alliance is a cooperative collaboration of conservation leaders representing government, education, and non-profit organizations. The purpose of the HCA is to work together to continue stewardship and promote preservation, to increase diversity of native species, and to ensure continued maintenance of Hawai'i's biodiversity. The nineteen organizations currently in HCA are many of the same organizations represented formally in the ORMP Working Group, and will be many of the same organizations represented in the Hawai'i Sub-ROP. This alliance fits within all Three Perspectives.

HCA holds an Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference, which celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2012. HCA also aggregates many different funding opportunities on its website. Further information can be accessed here:

<http://hawaiiconservation.org/resources/grants>

Harold K. L. Castle Foundation

The Castle Foundation provides annual grants to nonprofit organizations serving Hawai'i if they have Internal Revenue Code Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a) public charity status. The Castle Foundation also provides grants to Hawai'i public schools. The funding cannot be used for ongoing operating expenses unless it is a new project or new organization seeking start-up funding.

The categories for funding include: Public Education Redesign and Enhancement; Nearshore Marine Resource Conservation; Strengthening the Communities of Windward O'ahu; and Other Investments. The grants relating to Nearshore Marine Resource Conservation fit with Perspective Two: Preserving Our Ocean Heritage and Perspective Three: Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship.

Information about the Castle Foundation grants and resources for grant seekers is available here:

<http://www.castlefoundation.org/grantseeker-resources.htm>

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations

The Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) provides leadership, advocacy, research information, communications, professional development, and products and services for the nonprofit sector in Hawai'i. For community organizations seeking to become a formal non-profit, HANO provides several website links in Hawai'i and in the United States to complete this process. Links to resources for nonprofits and those starting a nonprofit can be found here:

<http://hano-hawaii.org/resources/>

Makai Watch



DLNR partners with community groups and Non-Government Organizations as part of the Mauka-Makai Watch Program. The Makai Watch component of this project focuses on near-shore marine resources and community-based participation. The Makai Watch Program consists of three main components: 1) Building Community Awareness and Outreach; 2) Biological and Human Use Monitoring; and 3) Incident Observation and Encouraging Compliance

The nine DLNR-recognized Makai Watch groups operating are:

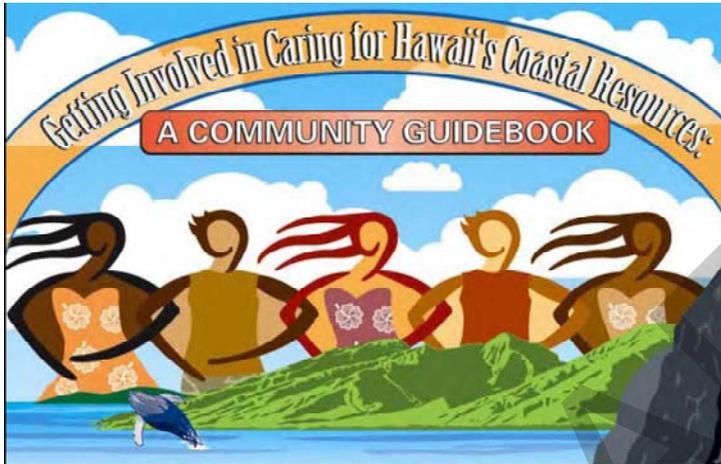
- 1) Puakō, Hawai'i
- 2) Ka'upulehu and Kukio, Hawai'i
- 3) Ka'anapali/Kahekili, Maui

- 4) 'Ahihi-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve, Maui
- 5) Pūpūkea-Waimea, O'ahu
- 6) Maunalua Bay, O'ahu
- 7) Waikiki, O'ahu
- 8) Hanalei, Kaua'i
- 9) Hā'ena, Kaua'i

Anyone can get involved by contacting the Makai Watch coordinator on their island:

<http://www.hawaiicoralreefstrategy.com/index.php/makai-watch-on-going>

Getting Involved in Caring for Hawai'i's Coastal Resources



DLNR's Division of Aquatic Resources distributes a community guidebook with support from NOAA's Coral Reef Management Grant. The guide gives advice on how to start a community-based project, develop an action plan, prioritize projects, and find funding. Related activities, additional resources, and contact information is also provided.

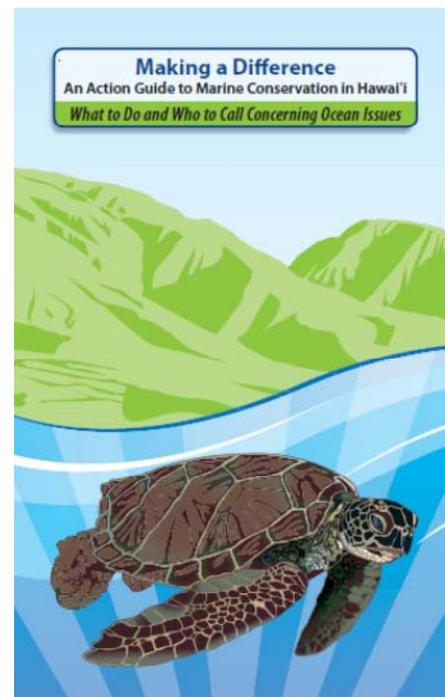
http://coralreef.noaa.gov/education/educators/resourcecd/guides/resources/hi_resources_g.pdf

Making a Difference Action Guide

OP CZM Program, in cooperation with Project S.E.A.-Link and NOAA, distributes an *Action Guide to Marine Conservation in Hawai'i*. The guide was designed as a tool to provide communities with key information, guidelines, and contact information for ocean users to participate in marine conservation.

Included in the contact information are the myriad of agencies at all levels of government in a handy marine enforcement phone book.

http://www.hawaiicoralreefstrategy.com/PDFs/14_Makai_Watch_On-going/EntireGuideBook.pdf



Hawai'i Community Stewardship Directory

The Office of Planning CZM Program developed this directory to help community groups and organizations involved in natural and cultural resources management connect with each other, share their experiences, and exchange lessons learned. OP-CZM updates this directory periodically as one element of the ORMP. To date, 114 organizations across Hawai'i have requested inclusion in this directory.



http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm/initiative/community_based/May2010_HawaiiCommunityStewardshipDirectory.pdf

Project S.E.A.-Link



Project S.E.A.-Link is a nonprofit organization based on Maui and founded in 1999. This nonprofit works with volunteers on all islands to implement community-based coral reef monitoring. A volunteer can conduct reef fish surveys or participate in the ReefWatchers program to collect information on the impact humans have on the reef itself. There are also educational, science, and awareness links available.

<http://projectsealink.org/index.html>

Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

[Chapter 205A-3.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes](#) clarifies the Office of Planning's responsibility to maintain a public advisory body (MACZAC). The body is composed of twelve advisory members recruited from the Islands of Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i, and Hawai'i, who have diverse backgrounds in business, environment, native Hawaiian practices, terrestrial and marine commerce, recreation, research, and tourism. MACZAC's mission statement is: "Advocate for a comprehensive management system which restores, preserves and protects Hawaii's marine and coastal environment." MACZAC is an integral part of the ORMP.

<http://www.state.hi.us/dbedt/czm/maczac/maczac.php>