A Unified Vision

**Healthy, productive, and sustainable ocean ecosystems.**

- State agencies manage 4.4 million acres of land and water. This is 63% of the entire State.\(^1,2\)
- 100% of Hawaii is in the coastal zone while 41% of the State is water- a higher percentage than any other coastal state.\(^1\)
- 63 % of Hawaii’s lands and waters are State-owned (4.4 million acres).
- 14 State and County departments provide for effective management, beneficial use, protection, and development of our State’s coastal zone.
- These agencies collaborate through the Partnership on a monthly basis to plan and implement the Ocean Resources Management Plan, as authorized by HRS Chapters 225M and 205A.

Working Across Departments

- Office of Planning, UH, and County Planning Departments are developing local climate adaptation strategies and addressing coastal hazards.
- DOH, DLNR, Office of Planning, and Counties partner with private landowners to manage 500 watersheds for source drinking water, water quality, and habitat protection.
- DLNR, DOH, Office of Planning, DOA, and OHA preserve cultural heritage of the ocean along 1,052 miles of shoreline.
- DLNR, DOT, and DOH improve health of coral reefs, valued at $33.57 billion annually.\(^3\)
- DOT and DLNR ensure the efficient movement of 8 million metric tons of cargo annually.\(^4,5\)
- DOA, UH, and Office of Planning, are developing aquaculture programs to increase production for local consumption.

Local Benefits

- Hawaii’s ocean resources sustain 100,000 jobs.\(^5,6\)
- One in six jobs depend on the ocean; a higher percentage than any other state.\(^5,6,7,8\)
- The economy and ecology of Hawaii are inseparably linked in supporting an estimated 9.3 million people who live, work, recreate, and vacation here every year.\(^9,10\)
- Nearly 10% of Hawaii’s GDP depends directly on ocean resources.\(^11\)

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