



Pacific Islands Coastal Program

The Coastal Program In the Pacific Islands

(Based in Honolulu, Hawaii)

Caring for Our Coastal Habitats

Overview

The mission of the Coastal Program is to protect and recover Federal Trust Species by supporting voluntary restoration and enhancement of high-priority coastal habitats. The Coastal Program provides financial and technical assistance to on-the-ground habitat restoration and protection projects through locally-based field coordinators in 22 coastal areas around the nation.

The Coastal Program partners with private landowners, private non-profit organizations, and government agencies to protect and restore coastal and marine habitats and rare native species.



Long-nosed hawkfish by C. Swenson

The Pacific Islands Coastal Program can work with partners in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands.



Black-footed albatross by E. VanderWerf

Priorities

Pacific Island priorities include working with partners in strategic focus areas to implement:

- Offshore islet restoration
- Community-based marine and coastal conservation
- Coral reef conservation projects identified in local action strategies
- Conservation of coastal wetlands and the many rare species they support
- Conservation of seabirds, shorebirds, sea turtles, and native coastal plants - many of which are endangered or threatened, and
- Surveys, mapping, and public education projects that directly result in conservation benefits.

The Pacific Islands Coastal program accepts project proposals throughout the year. A limited number are selected each year, subject to available funding.

Applicants are encouraged to provide a 1:1 match, using cash and in-kind contributions. Monitoring of project progress and benefits is generally required. Before submitting proposals, interested parties should contact our office to discuss their project ideas.



Maui offshore islet by K. Wood

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Green sea turtles by C. Swenson