

# Program Overview – MAREPAC

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“For the resources and the people  
who depend on them, now and in the  
future”



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# Mission Statement:

To promote and support wise stewardship of Island resources through cooperative efforts among management agencies, educational institutions, community-based organizations and stakeholders as a legacy for future generations.

# Goals

- To promote wise and appropriate use of coastal and marine resources
- To develop the capacity of culturally-connected individuals, agencies and institutions
- To protect, preserve and restore culturally and economically valuable resources.

# Objectives

- To support studies and disseminate information as the basis for wise management decisions.
- To provide a framework for setting priorities and addressing needs
- To promote and support the development and exchange of expertise within the Pacific Islands

# Objectives (refocus)

- To strengthen and support the regional resource managers :
  1. Additional training
  2. Support for development and enforcement of appropriate regulations
  3. Enhancing the role of the managers and management agencies within the local governments
  4. Compensation commensurate with responsibilities

# Organizational Structure

- Local advisory boards
- Technical advisors
- Regional Governing Board:
  1. 3 resource managers
  2. 2 from educational institutions
  3. 2 from NGO's



# Representative Activities

- Development of 5-year plans
- Workshop on environmental issues for APIL
- Technical assistance for marine resource management issues
- Rapid response on reef damage
- Facilitation of educational grants and opportunities



# Successes

- Strengthened regional cooperation, communication and collaboration

# Challenges

- Administrative coordination
- Coordination at the local level
- Misconceptions of MAREPAC's role

# Future Activities

- Expanded focus on island ecosystems
- Building capacity at the local level
- Improved administrative support
- Inclusion of Hawaii managers