

# Economic Valuation of Coastal Resources – Applying Research and Results into Action

Workshop Summary & Outcomes
August 21, 2007
Pago Pago, American Samoa

## Background

 2002 NOAA workshop on economic valuation as a tool for coral reef conservation

 Completion of coral reef valuation studies in American Samoa, CNMI, Guam & Hawaii

Studies in progress in Puerto Rico and the USVI

# Workshop Purpose

 Outline key findings and limitations of economic valuation studies in 4 Pacific jurisdictions

 Highlight the range of tools that can be used to apply values

 Discuss the potential for the application of these tools

### Tools – Values Can be Used for:

- Natural Resource Damage Assessment
- Development of User Fees
- Sustainable Financing Strategies
- Outreach & Education for legislators, other decision-makers and the public

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 Develop guidelines for how to use economic valuation information using case studies

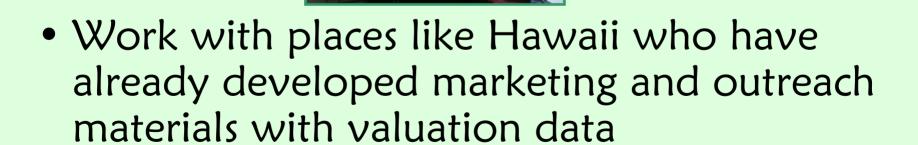
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 Share valuation information and approaches throughout the region and work together to develop messages about the value of Pacific coral reefs and to identify regional "champions" for coral reef conservation





