

Announcing Winners of the 2012 Governor Tauese P.F. Sunia Memorial Coral Reef Conservation Summer Internships (7th Annual) In the Caribbean Region

The United States Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) is pleased to announce the winners of the two Governor Tauese P.F. Sunia Memorial Coral Reef Conservation Summer Internships for the Caribbean Region. The 2012 interns are:

- Jeiger Medina Muñiz, a PhD candidate in Environmental Sciences, Rio Piedras Campus at the University of Puerto Rico, with coral reef monitoring experience; and
- Jeselyn Calderon-Ayala, who is studying for her Master's in Environmental Management in the School of Environmental Affairs, Universidad Metropolitana, Puerto Rico, specializing in Natural Resource Conservation and Management.

These internships are a partnership initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Office of Insular Affairs; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The two interns will spend the summer working with the FWS Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge, NRCS, and the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico, assisting with conservation planning and working on habitat restoration efforts through the Guánica Bay/Rio Loco Watershed Partnership. The Watershed Partnership is a USCRTF initiative involving state and federal agency partners (Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, NOAA, USFWS, and NRCS), farmers, landowners and non-governmental organizations.

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