

# U.S. Coral Reef Task Force



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# Guanica Bay Puerto Rico



Figure 1. Major hydrologic components considered in the study



# Watershed Priority Needs

1. Constructed Wetlands
2. Stream Bank Stabilization
3. Lagoon Restoration
4. High Mountain Sediment Sources



# Partnership Initiative - Guanica

- Over \$200,000 in small project funding to 7 local NGOs
- Grant Proposal Topics:
  - Reduce sediment, nutrient, and contaminant runoff
  - Raise community awareness and engagement in watershed and coral conservation issues
  - Build local, long-term capacity for watershed management



# Guanica Watershed – Next Steps

## Support and Strengthen Existing Efforts

- Advance treatment wetlands and lagoon restoration
- Develop and Implement monitoring protocols for coffee plantation conversion
- Engage additional partners
- Support existing partnership initiative projects & grantees



# Pacific Island Watersheds



# Choosing a Site

## NFWF Sponsored Survey of Pacific sites:

- Willingness to Invest
- Non-monetary needs
- Significant barriers to conservation
- Watershed threats
- Capacity to conduct work (local, federal, NGO, other)
- Ability to monitor progress



# Pacific Watershed – Next Steps

- Choose a site for partnership: Ka anapali, Maui (+one)
- Determine site status and critical needs
- Identify potential Federal USCRTF member engagement
- Identify local government and partner interest and engagement
- Determine avenues for partnership (Direct Federal assistance / partnership initiative through NFWF)



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