

USFWS Coastal Program



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Coastal Program Overview

- **Non-regulatory cooperative conservation program focused on conserving and recovering the Service's Trust Species through restoration and protection of coastal habitat.**
- **Provides direct financial and technical assistance to partners, including other Federal programs, States, communities, NGOs, and private landowners.**
- **Locally-based field staff in 22 priority coastal areas around the nation, including the Great Lakes.**

Coastal Program Offices



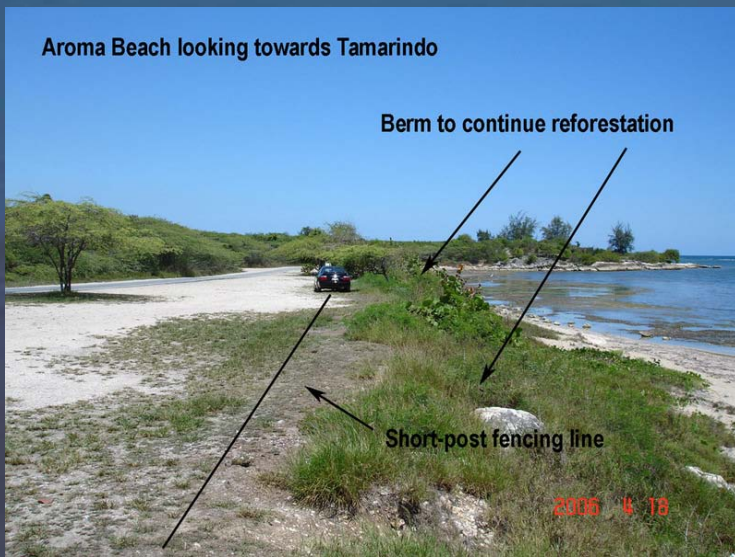
Coral Reef Activities

- Program activities support the Local Coral Reef Action Strategies
- Provides direct support to coral restoration efforts
- Restore watersheds and monitor adjacent reefs to determine the effects of land-based activities on coral health.
- Provide technical assistance to map and assess coral reefs.
- Assist partners to obtain grants for coral reef protection and restoration.
- Support education and outreach activities about the impacts manmade impacts to corals.

Guanica Commonwealth Dry Forest Coastal Restoration, PR



Aroma Beach looking towards Tamarindo



Guanica Commonwealth Dry Forest Coastal Restoration, PR

- Forest is a designated World Natural Heritage Site
- Provided materials and technical assistance to Puerto Rico Dept. of Natural and Environmental Resources.
- Short-post vehicle exclusion fencing installed to:
 - protect landwards slopes of the coastal beach berm
 - restore/enhance the coastal beach forest
 - reduce erosion from public use areas to the ocean
- Will benefit an estimated 14 acres of linear reef and 4 acres of seagrass beds.

Ha'ena Community Marine Managed Area, Kauai



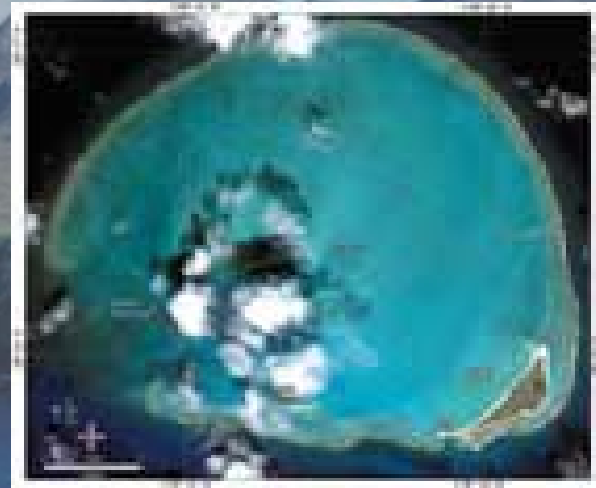
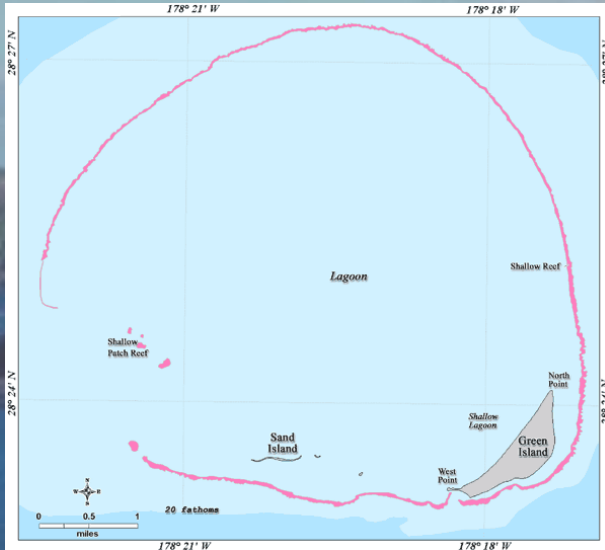
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- Funds local community group to work with State agencies to plan and implement a nearshore marine management plan.
- Project area covers about 3,840 acres including the fringing reef
- Project goals:
 - reduce impacts from overfishing and intensive recreational use.
 - revive traditional Hawaiian uses (sustainable fishing etc.)
- Builds on previous restoration and fencing work by FWS and NRCS in the Limahuli Valley watershed.
- Integrates Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a

Kure Atoll Restoration, HI

- 2008 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant
- HI State Wildlife Sanctuary on the northern tip of the Hawaiian chain.
- Large fringing coral reef with a central small island.
- Intensive removal of marine debris and derelict fishing gear which scour coral reefs.
- Two year effort to restore 299 acres of habitat, including 250 acres of sub-tidal coral reef habitat.
- Partnering with State of Hawaii and NRCS

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