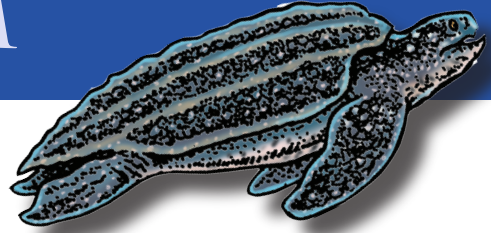


NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OFFICE GRANTS PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

The NOAA Fisheries Service Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) is responsible for the conservation, development and management of marine resources in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) throughout the Pacific including Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The PIRO Grants Program administers a broad range of financial assistance and program partnership activities directed at supporting the core mission of NOAA Fisheries Service.

PIRO GRANTS PROGRAM

The PIRO Grants Program is a component of the Operations, Management and Information (OMI) Division of PIRO in Honolulu, Hawaii. Federal Program Officers (FPO) ensure the timely processing of grants and cooperative agreements, from the initial solicitation through post award management. Technical assistance is provided by staff from both the PIRO and the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center. FPOs work closely with the NOAA Grants Management Division, technical monitors and grant recipients throughout the award to facilitate the successful completion of project objectives.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PACIFIC

The PIRO Grants Program supports the NOAA Fisheries Service mission through competitive and noncompetitive grants, and cooperative financial assistance programs. Grant programs funded through PIRO include: Hawaii Seafood Program, Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program, Native Fishery Observer Program, coral reef conservation projects, and sea turtle management projects. Availability of funds are contingent upon congressional appropriations. For more information on federal financial opportunities, please visit <http://www.Grants.gov>.

In FY 2008, PIRO Grants Program processed 36 awards totaling over \$13million to recipients from Hawaii, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the continental United States for fisheries research, management and conservation.



Traditional fishing project on Rota, CNMI

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