NOAA FISHERIES

Pacific Islands Regional Office

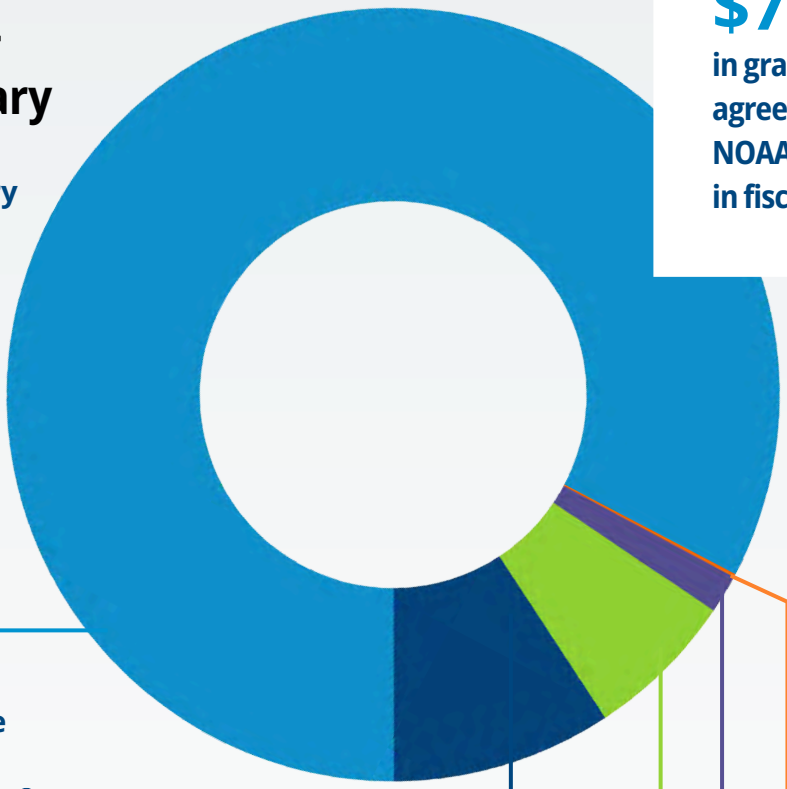
2024 Grant Highlights

The Pacific Islands Regional Office funded

$7,023,719

in grants and cooperative agreements to support NOAA Fisheries' mission in fiscal year 2024.

Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Summary



Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

Prepares, monitors, and revises fishery management plans for domestic and foreign fishing within the 200-mile U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

$5,810,191

Hawai'i Marine Wildlife Response, Outreach, and Population Monitoring Program

Supports field response, outreach, management, recovery, population monitoring, conservation, and habitat use for Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles, and spinner dolphins in the state of Hawai'i.

$646,671

Marine Turtle Management and Conservation Program

Implements recovery plans for the U.S. Pacific sea turtle populations by supporting programmatic and recovery activities for ESA-listed sea turtle species.

$443,907

Pacific Islands Managed and Protected Areas Community Program

Provides opportunities for the sharing of information, expertise, practice, and experience to develop and strengthen site-based and ecosystem-based management capacity throughout the Pacific Islands region.

$112,950

Marine Education and Training Program

Supports programs that improve communication, education, and training on marine resource issues throughout the region and increase scientific education for marine-related professions among coastal community residents, including indigenous Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians, and other underrepresented groups in the region.

$10,000

By the Numbers

FY24 PROJECTS

14 **agencies and organizations** in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawai'i, and the greater Pacific.

9 **Hawai'i projects**

$656,671
funded in 2024

5 **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands projects**

$748,155
funded in 2024

5 **American Samoa projects**

$353,625
funded in 2024

5 **international projects**

$443,907
funded in 2024

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

Cooperative Agreement — $4,708,411

- Base Administration and Operations — $4,026,311
- Annual Catch Limits Implementation — $197,528
- Council Peer Review — $142,075
- Council Scholarship/Internship Program — $25,000
- Magnuson-Stevens Act Implementation — $89,235
- National Environmental Policy Act Implementation — $88,998
- SAFE Report Coordinator — $60,000
- Scientific and Statistical Committee Stipends — $55,764
- Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review — $23,500

Sustainable Fisheries Fund — $1,101,780

American Samoa — $353,625

- U.S. Pacific Territories Fishery Capacity-Building Scholarship Program — $50,000
- Motorboat Operator Certification Course Training — $50,000
- Marine Conservation Plan Coordinator — $40,000
- Vertical Longlining and Giant Squid Fishing Workshops — $40,000
- Enhancing Public Awareness on American Samoa Fisheries — $37,000
- Pathway to Fishing Courses — $56,625
- Seaweed Supply Chain Enhancement — $70,000

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — $748,815

- U.S. Pacific Territories Fishery Capacity-Building Scholarship Program — $50,000
- Fishery Development Kirida Vessel — $145,400
- Garapan Revetment Phase 3 — $227,707
- Renovation of Department of Land and Natural Resources Lower Facility — $209,708
- Marine Conservation Plan Coordinator — $116,000

Managed and Protected Areas Community Program

FLOAT Partners, LLC — $112,950
Improve Coral Reef Ecosystem-Based Management for the Pacific Island Managed and Protected Area Community Network

Marine Education and Training Program

HAWAI'I ACADEMY OF SCIENCE — $10,000
Hawai'i State Science & Engineering Fair

Hawai'i Marine Wildlife Response, Outreach, and Population Monitoring Program

HAWAI'I MARINE ANIMAL RESPONSE — $230,277
Hawaiian Monk Seal and Sea Turtle Management Support, Field Response, and Outreach on O'ahu

THE HONU PROJECT — $95,500
Population Monitoring and Conservation of Hawaiian Hawksbill Sea Turtles on Hawai'i Island

THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER — $102,962
Strengthening Hawaiian Monk Seal Response and Community Engagement on Hawai'i Island

HAWAI'I MARINE ANIMAL RESPONSE — $78,715
Hawaiian Monk Seal Management Support, Field Response, and Outreach on Moloka'i

THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER — $76,297
Building Hawaiian Monk Seal Response and Community Engagement on Maui

MAUI OCEAN CENTER MARINE INSTITUTE — $40,000
Sea Turtle Management Support, Field Response, and Outreach on Maui

MĀLAMA I NĀ HONU — $18,000
Sea Turtle Management and Outreach Project

HAWAI'I PREPARATORY ACADEMY — $4,920
Hawai'i Marine Wildlife Response and Educational Outreach

Marine Turtle Management and Conservation Program

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY — $119,910
Securing Co-Management of Leatherback Turtle Nesting Beaches in Solomon Islands

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, INC. — $119,671
Implementing a Strategy to Address the Direct Take of Leatherback Sea Turtles in the Kei Islands, Indonesia—Phase 2

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, INC. — $102,683
Leatherback Sea Turtle Nesting Dynamics in the Maluku Region

SEA TURTLE ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN — $74,663
North Pacific Loggerhead Conservation: Nesting and Threat Assessment

LARGE MARINE VERTEBRATES RESEARCH INSTITUTE PHILIPPINES, INC. — $26,980
Olive Ridley Turtles in the Philippines: Collection and Centralization of Data to Support the National Action Plan for Marine Turtle Conservation in the Philippines and Regional Stock Assessment

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About the Federal Programs Office

The Pacific Islands Regional Office Federal Programs Office is located at the NOAA Inouye Regional Center in Honolulu, Hawai'i. With technical assistance from PIRO and Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center staff, federal program officers administer financial assistance agreements throughout the award period, from the initial solicitation through post-award management.

The Federal Programs Office supports the NOAA Fisheries mission through competitive and non-competitive grants, and cooperative agreements.

For a detailed summary of fiscal year 2024 projects, visit:
www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/pacific-islands-regional-office-federal-programs-office-annual-reports

To view available funding opportunities, visit:
www.fisheries.noaa.gov/funding-opportunities

The following programs were not funded in fiscal year 2024 due to budgetary constraints: Marine Education and Training Mini-Grant Program, Sustainable Recreational and Non-Commercial Fishing Program, Western Pacific Demonstration Projects, Native Fishery Observer Program, and Hawai'i Seafood Program.