

HAWAI'I OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN (ORMP)

- The ORMP promotes an *integrated approach* to managing Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources.
- The ORMP provides a *vision* that builds upon Native Hawaiian management principles, emphasizing the importance of land and sea connections and working together toward a common future.
- The ORMP is also a *living document* based on three guiding perspectives:

1. Connecting Land and Sea:

Inland activities directly affect ocean resources and the benefits we derive from them.



2. Preserving our Ocean Heritage:

To perpetuate the cultural enhancement, inspiration, recreational opportunities, economic value, and subsistence resources the ocean offers, we must take care of it.



3. Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship:

To be effective, communities and government must work together and share our knowledge, experiences, and resources.

Why does the ORMP matter?

- Since 2007, the ORMP effort has facilitated a network of government (county, state, federal), academic, and community partners dedicated to working across physical and jurisdictional boundaries to improve how we manage activities affecting Hawai'i's coastal and ocean resources.
- Each partner offers a varied set of key skills, expertise, and resources for on-the-ground implementation.
- The partners strive to better serve communities by strengthening relationships, improving communications, avoiding duplication, aligning priorities, and enhancing resource-sharing.

Recent Accomplishments of the ORMP Partnership

Climate Change Adaptation Planning

- Produced *A Framework for Climate Change Adaptation in Hawai'i* (2009) with the University of Hawai'i Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy.
- Currently collaborating to implement the steps in the *Framework* to move the State toward a Climate Adaption Plan, starting with the development of a statewide climate change policy.

Regional Ocean Partnerships

- Partnered with stakeholders to develop two proposals responding to a NOAA funding opportunity to support the further development of the ORMP partnership as a Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership and the implementation of local priority objectives that align with the National Ocean Policy.

Recent Examples of On-the-Ground Implementation Efforts

- Restoration of the He'eia wetlands of O'ahu to a productive community *ahupua'a*: Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Kako'o 'Oiwi, and the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club.
- Development of the *Honu'apo Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan* in Ka'u: County of Hawai'i and Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo.
- Workshop and development of a homeowner's handbook to build capacity and generate interest in low-impact development techniques: University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Mālama Maunalua.
- Development of the *West Maui Watershed Plan* to be initiated in Summer 2011: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State of Hawai'i Departments of Land and Natural Resources and Health, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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