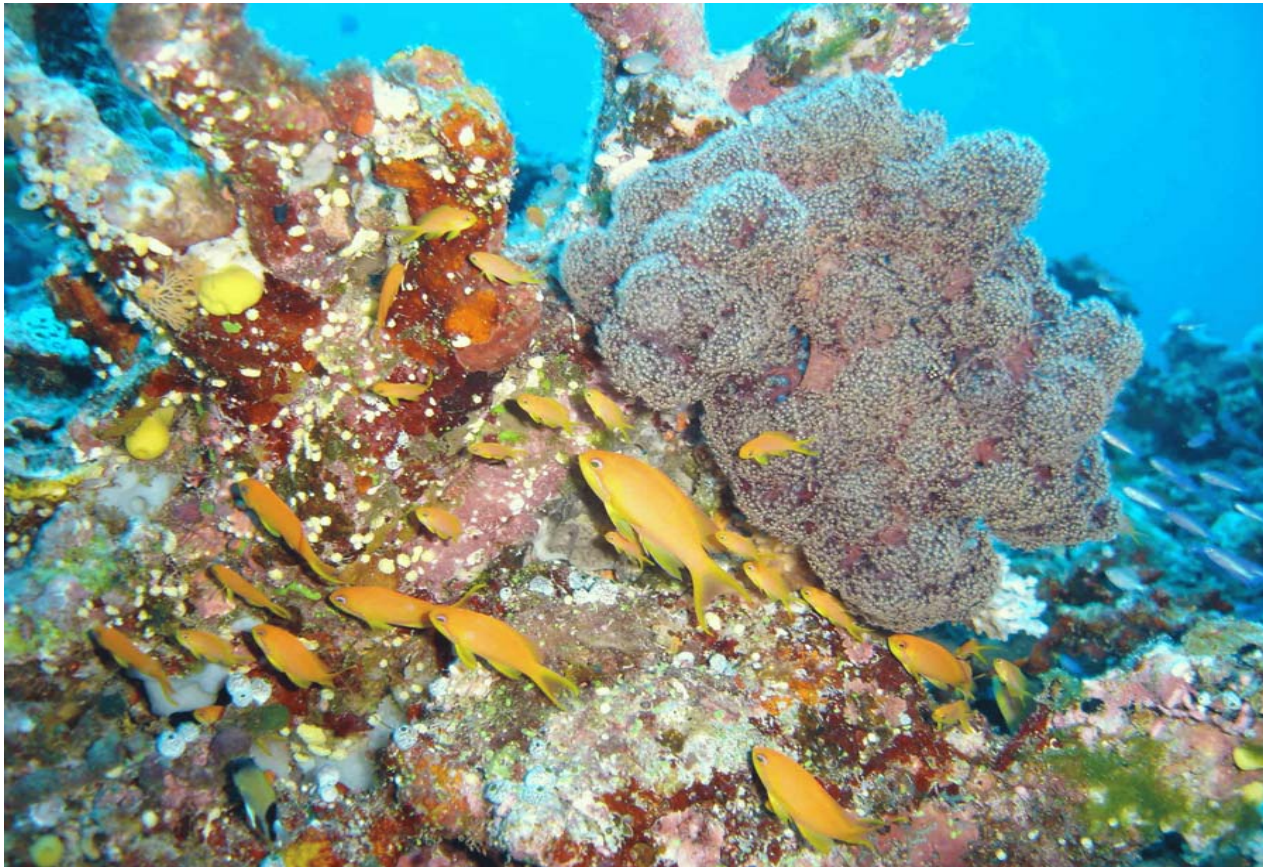


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- Strong enforcement is essential for any effective coral reef conservation effort.
- Assistance in developing strong enforcement programs has been identified in Local Action Strategies (LAS) for each of the jurisdictions as a critical need.
- To meet this need the Department of Justice and NOAA, in collaboration with Task Force partners, EPA, FWS, and the U.S. Coast Guard conducted environmental enforcement workshops in several jurisdictions in the fall of 2004 and spring of 2005.

# Location of the Workshops

- In November, 2004, three-day workshops were held in both CNMI and in Guam.
- In March, 2005, a similar three-day program was held in American Samoa.
- In May, 2005, two, two-day workshops were held in the U.S. Virgin Islands, one each on the islands of St. Croix and St. Thomas

# **Goals of the Workshops**

- To increase local understanding of the federal legal tools available to address environmental problems
- To increase cooperation and coordination among territorial and federal agencies in pursuing appropriate enforcement action.

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- To provide guidance and instruction on basic techniques and methods for conducting inspections and preparing enforcement cases.
- To discuss opportunities for potential future federal training assistance

# Next Steps

- Present current general program in other jurisdictions
- Send written survey to jurisdictions in which programs already held

- More focused future training on specific statutes or topics
- Welcome collaboration with other federal agencies