



# U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Report from Guahan

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Congratulations  
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# Coral Reef Task Force in Micronesia



# Micronesia Challenge

- Signed Executive Order for the MC
- December 2009
  
- Measures Meeting in Palau – Feb 2010
- Effective Conservation to protect Guhan



# Update on the Military Buildup

- Submission of the comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Need to work more closely with members of the Task Force – example of important relationships
- Task Force enables small local government agencies to effectively work with federal partners
- Military Build up example of need for cooperation



# Our Island, Our Lives

- Campaign to raise awareness of the proposed actions and alternatives pertaining to the military build up
- Encourage our people to become familiar with impacts of the build up
- Campaign was funded by Coral Reef Management Funds- CRI-GU-09
- 1000 comments were received through the campaign



# Our Island, Our Lives

- User guide for public comments
- “25 Things you need to know about the Military Build Up”
- Distributed to 25,000 households and businesses
- All material available on [bsp.guam.gov](http://bsp.guam.gov) or [guambuildup.com](http://guambuildup.com)



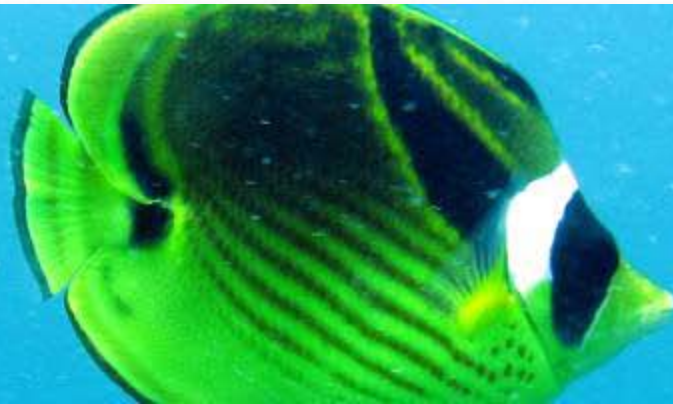
# Our Island, Our Lives – Youth Speak and Students Speak!





# Our Island, Our Lives

- Partnership with PBS
- 3 Hour Telethon- instead of raising money, we raise comments and awareness
- Received comments from the community –phone bank



# Action Item-Compensatory

## Mitigation

- Define the process and practices in working through compensatory mitigation on coral reefs
- **Form working group** to include local experts in developing interim guidance and long term standards



# Challenges

- Need for technical assistance such as the IPAs to address short term gaps
- Updated Land Use Plans
- Implementation of Stormwater rules and regulations
- Mitigation Policy

**Si Yu'us Ma'ase'**

**See you in Micronesia**

