

Coral Fellows Presentation USCRTF



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National Coral Management Fellows

- Fellows have five months remaining
- Complete work plans
- Have recently completed or will complete Year 2 Professional Development
- Kelly Montenero (FL) and Whitney Hoot (Guam) participating in this USCRTF meeting



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- Year 2 Training in HI week of March 20th
- Kevin Doyle facilitated
- Site visits to Kiholo, Pelekane and Puako, organized with TNC and highlighted local partnerships
- Career Management Roundtable Workshop featured local agency managers and NGO representatives
- Training was a success!



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Guam – Whitney Hoot

- Crafting island-wide reef resilience strategy for Guam that incorporates extensive stakeholder feedback to create a new framework for coral reef management among the island's natural resource agencies
- Coordinating the island's coral reef response team and developing standard operating procedures to address acute reef impacts



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CNMI – Malcolm Johnson

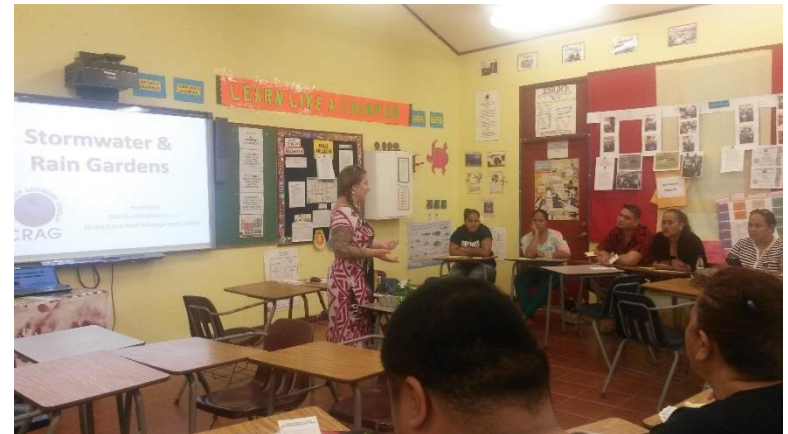
- Started on February 6, 2017
- Improve the health of the Talakhaya watershed, including its streams and adjacent coral reef habitat. His main activities include continuing planting grasses and trees in the watershed
- Assisting with monitoring of the stream and coastal water quality on Rota.
- He hopes to start participatory coastal resource assessments (PCRAs)
- Malcolm will remain in CNMI for another two years



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American Samoa – Sabrina Woofter

- Improving stormwater understanding and implementing best management practices in communities to combat LBSP
- Working with communities and agencies to improve the health of the area's coral reef ecosystems through the Coral Reef Advisory Group
- Improve climate change resilience by increasing local awareness through the development of community resilience plans and the translation of outreach and education materials about climate change into the Samoan language



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Puerto Rico – Mariana C. León-Pérez



- Conduct an assessment of PRCRMP's Coral Reef Monitoring Program
- Provide recommendations on the current state and future needs of coral reef conservation and management in Puerto Rico
- Developing a GIS database of Puerto Rico's coral reef monitoring data



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USVI – Hilary Lohmann

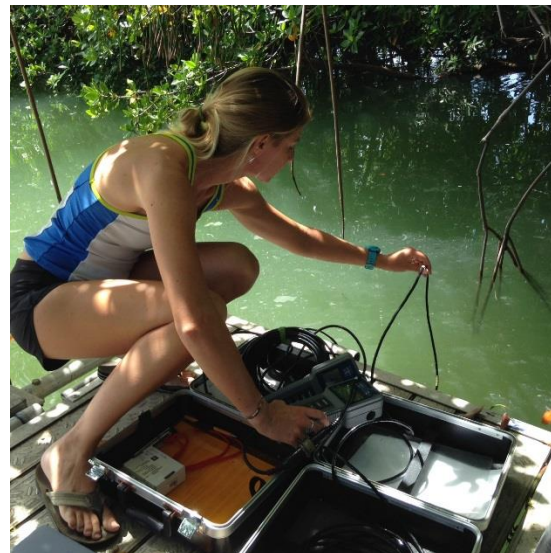
- Expand the economic and outreach capacity of the East End Marine Park
- Revive Friends of the East End Marine Park to promote responsible recreation through fund-raising, citizen science, and local partnerships
- Building a foundation to help the Friends thrive, with better organization and engagement on conservation activities long into the future



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Florida – Kelly Montenero

- Coordinating the Southeast Florida Action Network (SEAFAN), a citizen science marine incident reporting and response program
- Lead the development and implementation of a community engagement strategy to increase public awareness of reef resources
- Manage logistics for a reef tract water quality monitoring project that is being coordinated between FDEP and NOAA



National Coral Management Fellows

- **Scopes of Work developed with NOAA and jurisdictions**
- **Jobs posted June 15 – July 11**
- **Received 381 applications from 191 unique applicants**
- **Two rounds of review complete by September 1**
- **Send 10 candidates to jurisdictions by Sept. 15**
- **October – interview 3-5 candidates/jurisdiction**
- **November-December – final selection and site visit**
- **Early January 2018 – Fellows start**
- **Late January – Orientation at NSU in Ft. Lauderdale**



Thank you to NOAA, DOI and AIC for supporting the coral management fellowship!

