

Making a Difference:

The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program

Since its inception in 1968, the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (UH Sea Grant) has supported an innovative program of research, education and outreach activities, and has been involved in a wide range of ocean and coastal issues throughout the state of Hawai'i and the Pacific. As a part of a national network of 32 university-based programs located in every coastal and Great Lakes state, Puerto Rico and Guam, UH Sea Grant has the ability to draw on the expertise of hundreds of top-notch professionals to find solutions to issues critical to coastal communities.

Research, Outreach and Education

The interconnectedness of research, outreach and education is one of the aspects of the program which contributes to its effectiveness. As part of the prestigious School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, UH Sea Grant is in a unique position to link academia, federal, state and local government, industry, and private citizens.

Each year, UH Sea Grant funds research projects which have been selected via a competitive peer-refereed

process and which investigate a wide variety of marine and coastal topics. As scientists make new discoveries, the network of UH Sea Grant outreach professionals transfers this information to coastal communities to assist in decision-making. In addition, the research engages graduate and undergraduate students who will become our future marine and coastal scientists and professionals.

Currently, UH Sea Grant has full-time faculty based on all the main Hawaiian Islands and American Samoa. These faculty work directly with communities throughout the Pacific and even with those as far away as the Republic of Nicaragua. The following pages are designed to transport the reader to these shores and provide a better understanding of the wide range of projects and activities that are addressed on a daily basis.

If you are interested in more information on any of the projects pictured in this issue, don't hesitate to log on to our website: www.soest.hawaii.edu/SEAGRANT; call (808) 956-7031; or e-mail uhsg@hawaii.edu.

