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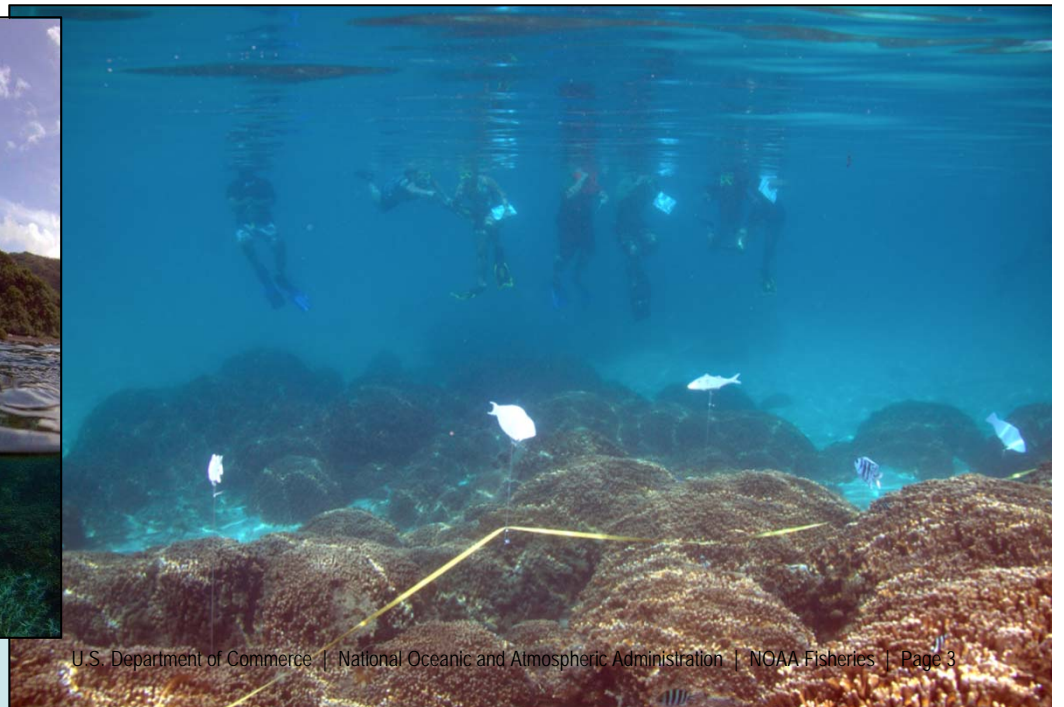
American Samoa Partnerships and
Currently Funded Projects

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Continuing to Build Pacific Islander Capacity through Training in Underwater Techniques – QUEST American Samoa

- UH Sea Grant ~ Kelley Anderson Tagarino
- 5th year of funding
- Collaborators: Jeff Kuwabara (UH MOP), Jameson Newtonson (ASCC), National Park Service, DMWR, Coral Reef Advisory Group (CRAG), DOC, and many more!
- Building capacity of Pacific Islanders in fisheries science, marine biology, and other related careers through participation in an underwater surveying training course developed for undergraduates

Funded through the PIRO Marine Education and Training Program



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Ocean Current Monitoring of Pago Pago Inner Harbor

- American Samoa Community College (ASCC) – Jameson Newtonson
- 2nd year of funding
- Monitor Pago Pago's inner harbor water circulation
 - GPS tracking drifters to study currents
 - Students from ASCC trained to build, deploy, and monitor drifters in a range of meteorological conditions
 - Data processing and map production
 - Valuable field experience

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Investigations into the Status of Marine Turtles of American Samoa: An Intensive Monitoring of Green and Hawksbill Turtle Nesting Beaches in Ofu Island and a Stranding Response Program in Tutuila Island

- Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
- Over 10 years of funding
- Beach monitoring to determine nesting activity and season, satellite tagging of females, satellite tracking to document movement and migration, population genetic studies, and education and outreach

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American Samoa Inter-jurisdictional Fisheries Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

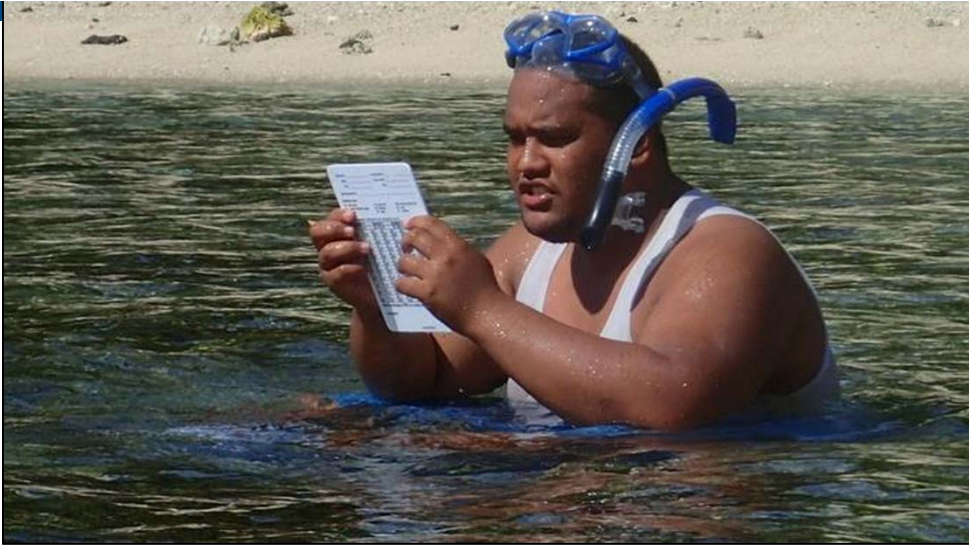
- Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
- Almost 30 years of funding
- Assess and monitor the status of inter-jurisdictional fish species caught within American Samoa's EEZ
 - This data is the main source of information utilized to address local and federal requirements for the regional Fishery Ecosystem Report

Formula based funding through the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986

Exploring Muliava from a Ta'u Perspective

- Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
- 2nd year of funding this project
- Collaboration with the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council
- “Outside classroom” curriculum developed and taught to high school students on Ta’u Island (Manu’a)
 - Coral reef ecosystems and monitoring, creel survey techniques, hydrology, water quality monitoring, geology, climate change

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Questions?

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