



Holomua Marine Initiative

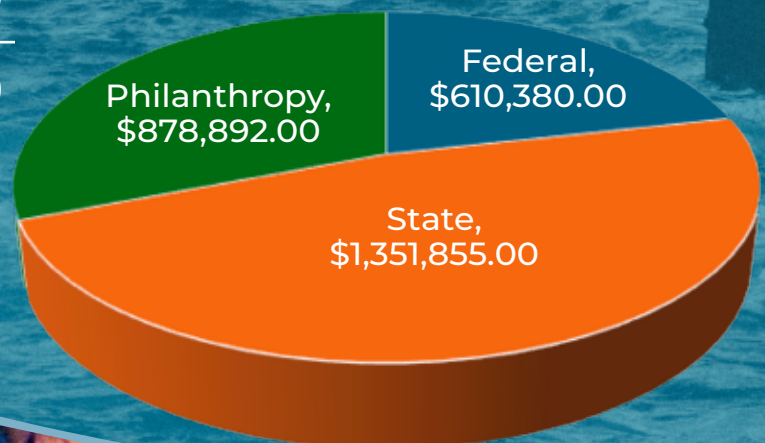
The Holomua Marine Initiative represents a diversity of natural resource management expertise with oversight by the Division of Aquatic Resources' Administrator and Program Managers. Contractual support is provided through the Holomua Marine Pooled Fund at the Hawai'i Community Foundation. Funding expands capacity for various projects within the initiative that contribute to strengthening community engagement and nearshore resource management. Development of management plans combines efforts in community engagement, data analysis, mapping, research and writing. Funding also contributes to communications so that the initiative is supported and shared through the website, social media, and other outreach opportunities. As compliance and enforcement are key to effective resource management, the Holomua Marine Initiative provides support to Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement for legal support, data analysis and the Makai Watch program. Not included in the financial summary above, but nevertheless crucial to the initiative, is the support of the many partners and collaborators in our island communities.

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Financial Summary FY '20 - '25

State	\$1,351,855.00
Philanthropic	\$878,892.00
Federal	\$610,380.00
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Total	\$2,841,127.00

DAR Holomua Budget





Holomua Four Pillars

The Holomua Marine Initiative works with communities to develop and strengthen effective management of Hawai'i's nearshore resources through holistic strategies based on a foundation of four pillars. Led by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), the initiative is supported by state, federal and philanthropic funds.



Place-Based Planning aims to identify and develop strategies for improved marine management in partnership with communities and stakeholders at local to regional scales. Funding supports DAR staff work with communities and community networking organizations, data providers, management plan drafting, meeting facilitation, coordination, communication, and stakeholder engagement.



Pono Practices encourages responsible behavior guided by Hawaiian values and perspectives through education and outreach, statewide rules, strengthened enforcement, and local partnerships to encourage sustainable behaviors and practices in nearshore waters. Funding supports DAR's work with island Navigation teams and the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) staff time for the DOCARE Academy, Makai Watch, and enforcement data analysis.



Monitoring nearshore waters includes DAR-led efforts and partnerships to observe, measure, and track conditions, particularly before and after new management approaches are implemented. Funding supports DAR's work with the Community-Based Monitoring Hui, the Hawai'i Monitoring and Reporting Collaborative (HIMARC), academic, agency, and nonprofit researchers, and development and implementation of a statewide monitoring framework.



Restoration builds on existing strategies to prevent damage to fragile nearshore ecosystems from invasive species, disease, and environmental damage events while expanding efforts to restore and enhance impacted areas. Funding supports DAR work on coral restoration, DAR's sea urchin hatchery, and liaising with local, state, federal and non-governmental partners on nearshore water quality and watershed restoration.

Learn more at <https://DLNR.Hawaii.gov/Holomua/>