

State Makai Watch Program Standards

- * Organizational Representation
- * Program Support and Evaluation
- * Designated Site Program Coordinator
- * Minimum Activity-20 hours/month
- * Management of Volunteers
- * Training and Education for Volunteers
- * Site Program Manuals and Quick Reference Guides
- * Coordination with DLNR
- * Recordkeeping and Reporting

Benefits of Makai Watch

Effective Stewardship: DOCARE and DAR can better manage and enforce resource regulations given the information shared by the Site Programs. **Improve Relationships:** DOCARE, DAR and Site Programs have a foundation to build the necessary relationships to mutually improve the protection and communication concerning the management of resources and cherished regions where the community is organized and engaged

Trained Volunteers: DLNR will assist the MW programs to access training and mentoring in MW activities

Outreach and Event Support: DLNR will provide support for Education and outreach events

DLNR Endorsement: DLNR will endorse recognized Site Programs that are in good standing as they seek financing and other support to operate their programs.



Makalo to our Partners and Sponsors



MAKAI WATCH

The goal of the Makai Watch Program is to enhance the management of coastal and near-shore marine resources by providing community members opportunities for direct involvement in management activities.





*Know
Your
Area!*

Visitors are educated about safety precautions and ocean conditions

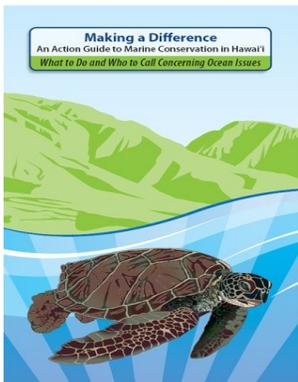
*Educate
Visitors!*



Youth share information about the Kahekili Herbivore Fisheries Management Area

Awareness Raising and Outreach

The MW Program trains volunteers to provide ocean users with useful, site-specific information related to the marine ecology, geography, culture, history, applicable resource regulations, safety, best fishing practices and proper reef etiquette.



For more information you can reference this Action guide

http://www.coral.org/Hawaii_action_guide

*Know
Your
Resources!*



Youth conduct in water fish populations surveys



Coordinators conduct safety briefing before diving

*Share
Knowledge
and
Experiences!*

The State Makai Watch Program

The Makai Watch Program is a collaborative program whereby citizens and NGOs systematically assist the DLNR in its mandate to manage marine and coastal resources. Makai Watch is guided by an Advisory Group and will include two mandatory components: Awareness Raising and Outreach (ARO) and Observation and Incident Reporting (OIR)

Human-use Monitoring and Biological Literacy Education (HUMBLE)

Educationally-oriented biological monitoring may be an important part of Raising Awareness both for MW volunteers and the general public, as it promotes active stewardship and further engagement. Additionally, Human use monitoring may be incorporated into Observation and Incident Reporting as it can serve as an informative activity to be carried out while volunteers are making observations.

*Know
Your
Resource
Users!*



Fishermen participate in a community fishing effort survey



Community volunteers build and strengthen relationship with management and enforcement agencies

*Know Your
Rules and
Regulations!*

Observation and Incident Reporting

Although Awareness Raising and Outreach may help to encourage compliance with regulations and pono practices, poaching and other detrimental activities may continue in some areas. To reduce the willful disregard for laws governing marine resource use, Volunteers are trained to accurately observe, identify and report resource violations to DOCARE. MW volunteers support effective resource protection by serving as the “eyes and ears” in the community, observing and reporting potential resource violations and Illegal activity to the DLNR-DOCARE.