

**NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Financial Assistance Awards for Fiscal Year 2015**

Project Title	Applicant	Applicant Type	Region	Location	Federal Funding	Matching Funds
<b>State and Territorial Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements</b>						
USVI Coral Reef Management and Monitoring	USVI DPNR, Division of Coastal Zone Management*	Territorial Government	Atlantic/Caribbean	U.S. Virgin Islands	\$580,000	\$227,714
Conservation Management and Monitoring of Puerto Rico's Coral Reefs FY15-16	Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources*	Commonwealth Government	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico	\$232,500	\$139,699
Florida's FY15-16 Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement	Florida Department of Environmental Protection*	State Government	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$805,000	\$645,765
FY15-FY16 Hawaii Coral Reef Management Cooperative Agreement	Hawaii DLNR, Division of Aquatic Resources*	State Government	Pacific	Hawaii	\$770,000	\$735,000
CNMI's FY15-16 Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement	CNMI Division of Environmental Quality*	Commonwealth Government	Pacific	CNMI	\$500,000	\$50,200
Guam FY15-16 CRCP State and Territory Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement	Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Coastal Management Program*	Territorial Government	Pacific	Guam	\$382,617	\$16,793
American Samoa's FY15-16 Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement	American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources*	Territorial Government	Pacific	American Samoa	\$580,000	\$21,430
<i>* At the recipient's request, a portion of the funds were held back for the All Islands Committee Secretariat and other specific tasks.</i>						
<b>Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements</b>						
FY11 Characterization of benthic habitat and associated coral reef communities at Tourmaline Reef, Puerto Rico	Caribbean Fishery Management Council	FMC	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico, USVI	\$162,831	\$0
Coral Reef Conservation Program Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Agreements	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council	FMC	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida, Gulf of Mexico	\$219,448	\$0
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program Proposal 2011	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council*	FMC	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$367,972	\$0
Coral Reef Conservation Program Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Agreements	Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council	FMC	Pacific	AS, HI, GU, CNMI	\$485,838	\$0
<i>* At the recipient's request, a portion of the funds were held back for specific work conducted by NOAA Principal Investigators.</i>						
<b>Domestic Coral Reef Conservation Grants</b>						
Water quality impacts of St. Lucie river plume on northern end of the Florida Reef Tract	Florida Atlantic University	University	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$59,556	\$59,930
Expanding Conservation/Sediment Control Practices in Priority Farm Areas of the Guánica Bay Watershed	Protectores de Cuencas	NGO	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico	\$75,400	\$75,400
Assessment of geological and geochemical proxies of sources of terrigenous sediment reaching reefs adjacent to the Guanica Bay watershed, southwest Puerto Rico	University of Puerto Rico, Caribbean Coral Reef Institute	University	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico	\$74,906	\$86,643
Evaluating the impacts of increasing sponge cover on the recovery and resilience of Caribbean corals	University of the Virgin Islands	University	Atlantic/Caribbean	USVI	\$79,051	\$26,596
Habitat utilization and Ecology of Aquarium Fishes on Shallow and Mesophotic Reefs in Hawaii	Humboldt State University	University	Pacific	Hawaii	\$79,999	\$83,010
High resolution coral-based sedimentation records from developed and undeveloped watersheds on St. John, USVI	University of Massachusetts, Boston	University	Atlantic/Caribbean	USVI	\$78,294	\$78,564
Addressing Threats to Marine Ecosystems in Maui Nui Through Community-Led Coral Reef Management	The Nature Conservancy Hawaii	NGO	Pacific	Hawaii	\$79,175	\$103,300
Synergistic effects of climate change and sedimentation: can the reduction of a local stressor increase coral resilience to climate change?	Nova Southeastern University	University	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$74,308	\$76,973
Coral Nitrogen Isotopes as a Tracer for Historic Nutrient Loading	University of California, Santa Cruz	University	Pacific	Hawaii	\$65,748	\$66,588
Thermal acclimatization capacity in reef-building corals: assessing the climate change resilience of the corals of American Samoa	Old Dominion University	University	Pacific	American Samoa	\$60,000	\$60,000
Vulnerability assessment frameworks for Florida that combine maps of historic and projected future exposure to disturbances with resilience assessments	Marine Applied Research	NGO	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$61,743	\$66,330
Mesophotic Corals of American Samoa: Implications for ESA-listed corals	University of Hawaii	University	Pacific	American Samoa	\$52,019	\$52,055
Sediment Reduction Education and Outreach in Coral Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands	Coral Bay Community Council	NGO	Atlantic/Caribbean	USVI	\$58,110	\$30,621
Resource Inventory, Resilience, and Historical Change of Reef Flat Communities Within the Manell-Geus Watershed, Guam's Habitat Focus Area	University of Guam	University	Pacific	Guam	\$59,256	\$16,500
Socio-economic assessment of marine water quality threats in West Maui and Kona, Hawaii	University of Hawaii	University	Pacific	Hawaii	\$79,994	\$81,033
<b>International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements</b>						
Building MPA Management Capacity and Coral Reef Resilience in the Caribbean's Mesoamerican Reef Region	Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute	NGO	Wider Caribbean	Caribbean MPAs	\$147,223	\$149,526
Enhancing sustainable coral reef monitoring and management capacity for the Micronesia Challenge, and Beyond	Micronesia Conservation Trust	NGO	Micronesia	Palau, FSM, Marshall Isl.	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Other Competitive Awards</b>						
Building Capacity for Coral Reef Resource Management in Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands	The Nature Conservancy, Regional	NGO	Domestic	Domestic	\$560,000	\$582,580
Supporting US Virgin Islands' government initiatives within the US Virgin Islands and collaborations throughout the Caribbean to improve the effective management of coral reefs	The Nature Conservancy, USVI	NGO	Domestic	Domestic	\$59,262	\$59,262
A Cooperative Agreement to Reduct Fishing Impacts and Effectively Conserve Coral Reefs in the Hawaiian Islands	Conservation International Hawaii	NGO	Domestic	Domestic	\$70,000	\$70,947
Contribution to Northeast Puerto Rico Reserves and Culebra Habitat Focus Area Competition	Protectores de Cuencas	NGO	Domestic	Puerto Rico	\$20,000	\$20,000
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation--Coral Fund Competitive Grants	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Competitive Programs	Public-Private Partnership	Domestic & International	Domestic & International	\$1,176,400	\$1,176,400

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