Projects and ActivitiesThu Mar 28 23:29:37 HST 2024

Name	Bleaching Response Plan for American Samoa
Capability Area: Variability/Changes	- Understanding Climate Variability and Change - Observing Systems, Data Stewardship, Data Services - Research/Development
Timeframe	- Intra-annual to Decadal
Capability Area: Impacts/Adaptations	- Understanding Climate Impacts and Informing Adaptation - Climate Impacts - Observing Systems, Data Stewardship, Data Services - Research/Development
Sectors	- Ecosystems
Status	- Ongoing
Focus Area	- Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems
Regions	- South Pacific - American Samoa
Description	The development of a bleaching response plan for American Samoa will guide the monitoring of mass coral bleaching events, but also other major disturbances like hurricanes, coral disease outbreaks, and crown-of-thorn starfish outbreaks.
Objectives/Outcomes	A bleaching response plan. A draft plan has been produced, and work will continue to complete the plan.
Lead Agencies	Climate Change Local Action Strategy group of the Coral Reef Advisory Group of American Samoa, which includes AS Dept. Commerce, AS Dept. Marine & Wildlife Resources, AS EPA, Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary, National Park of American Samoa, and AS Community College
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Partnering Agencies	NOAA/CRCP (coral reef management grant)
Projected Timelines	Ongoing