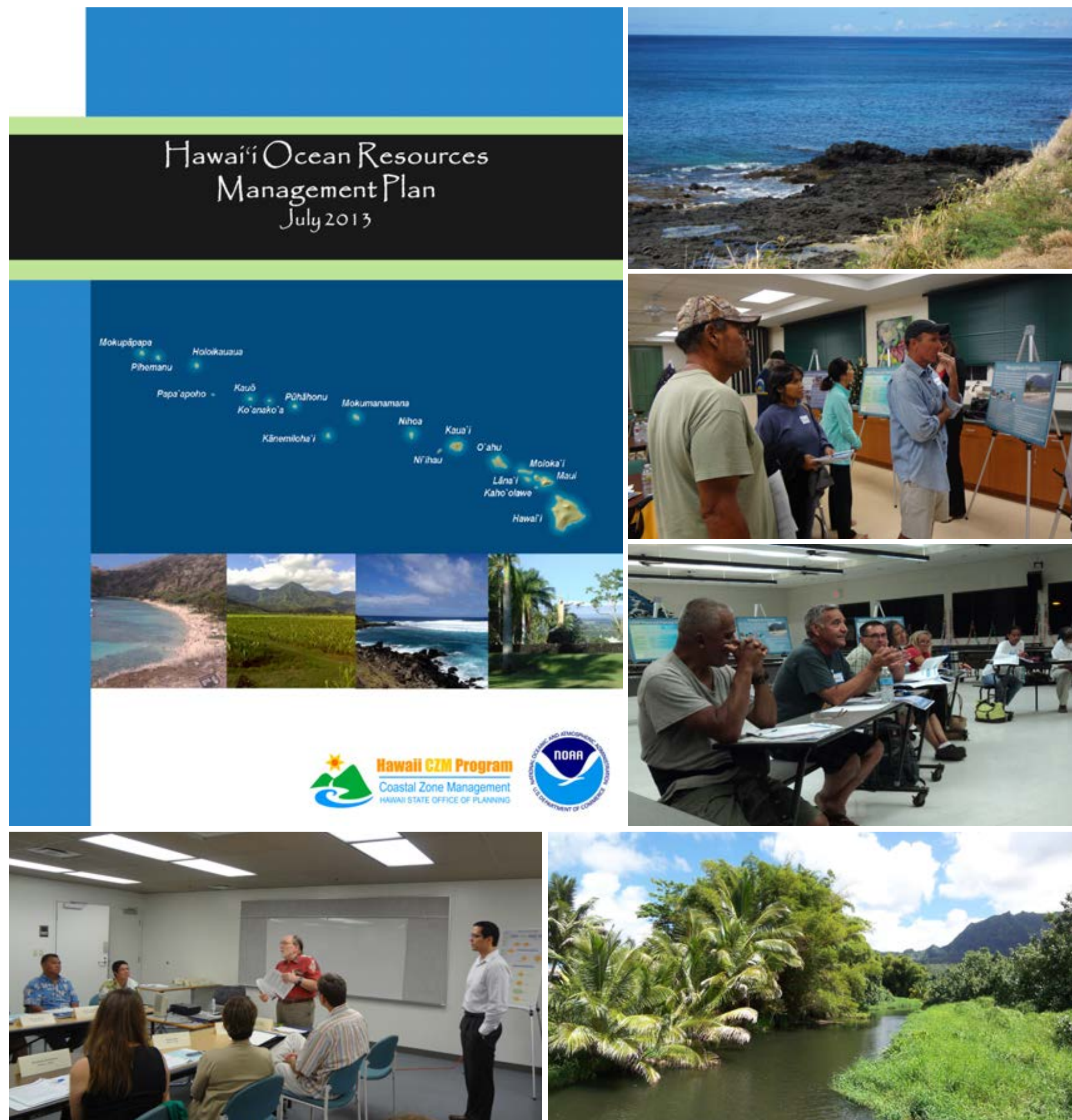


# OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN



## OFFICE OF PLANNING SSFM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

The purpose of the 2013 Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) is to provide a framework and implementation strategy for state agencies and others working with state agencies. The framework recognizes ecological, cultural, historic, recreational, and aesthetic values while balancing protection with economic development in marine and coastal areas. The ORMP complements Hawaii's vision for a healthy, productive, and sustainable ocean ecosystem that fosters economic growth while preserving and protecting Hawaii's values and needs.

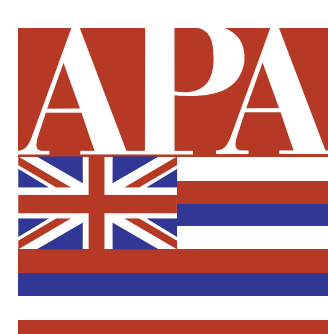
Updated in 5-year increments, the 2013 ORMP was developed with the participation of county, state, and federal agencies responsible for ocean and coastal resources. Community participation and input were encouraged through two rounds of public listen sessions held statewide. The plan has been updated to incorporate the National Ocean Policy and integrates with other state efforts such as the *Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan* and the *A New Day in Hawaii Plan*.

The ORMP is driven by three perspectives: (1) Connecting Land and Sea; (2) Preserving our Ocean Heritage; and (3) Promoting Collaboration and Stewardship. Most importantly, it identifies 11 management priorities with multiple goals and corresponding metrics to track the progress of each implementation measure.

Inter-agency collaboration is achieved via two coordinating bodies: the Policy Group, comprised of directors of county, state, and federal agencies, provides leadership and direction; and the Working Group, consisting of managers and staff of the departments of the Policy Group, and is tasked with coordinating their respective agency's implementation efforts.

The Ocean Resources Management Plan has been selected as the recipient of the 2013 APA Hawaii Annual Chapter Award in the Outstanding Planning Category. Both the plan and the process by which the plan was developed exemplify excellence in planning. Although it is an "update" of earlier plans, it represents a major step forward and goes beyond previous ORMPs. This includes adding emerging issues such as coastal hazards, climate change, and coastal erosion along with rigorous new performance measures. The ORMP illustrates a collaborative effort between multiple agencies and an engaged citizenry. The APA Awards Jury felt compelling justification for recognizing this project because of this partnership, which not only increases support for the project, but also increases the chances of implementation.

2 0 1 3   A P A   A W A R D S   P R O G R A M  
H A W A I I   C H A P T E R



Sponsored by  
**HonBlue**

Printed on 90% post-consumer material

OUTSTANDING PLANNING AWARD