



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND STEWARDSHIP IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS

The military is committed to protecting the marine and coastal environments of the Mariana Islands and employs measures to reduce potential environmental impacts from its activities.

MITIGATION MEASURES AT SEA

- Monitor the area prior to activities
- Post qualified Lookouts
- Establish mitigation zones for marine species
- Conduct safe navigation
- Report monitoring results and sightings

PROTECTION OF CORAL REEFS

- Survey area prior to amphibious landings to identify best route and minimize impacts
- Conduct regular surveys and study the condition of coral reefs and other plants and animals around Farallon de Medinilla
- Participate in the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

- Develop plans to manage biological resources on Department of Defense properties
- Monitor species and their habitat
- Observe training and testing areas before exercises
- Restrict certain exercises



PROTECTION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The military has developed cultural resources management plans to facilitate responsible management and stewardship of cultural resources and historic properties. The military works closely with:

- CNMI Historic Preservation Office
- Guam Historic Preservation Office
- National Park Service
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Public and interested parties

