

DOD'S REPI PROGRAM FY 2023 INVESTMENTS IN THE PACIFIC REGION

The Department of Defense (DOD)'s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program facilitates long-term, collaborative partnerships that improve resilience, preserve important habitats and natural resources, and support sustainable and productive land uses and water resources for their surrounding communities. For the Pacific islands, these partnerships are critical to the Department serving as both a trusted neighbor, and steadfast steward of native cultures and irreplaceable ecosystems.

As the Pacific region grows in strategic significance for national defense, REPI projects become increasingly essential to ensure greater conservation and protection of cultural and natural resources for communities that neighbor DOD facilities. In Fiscal Year 2023, the REPI Program has committed \$34 million in funding to support REPI Program projects and REPI Challenge projects across Hawai'i and Guam. These important projects leverage significant partner contributions and investments from other federal agency conservation and resilience programs.

REPI PROGRAM PROJECTS

Through the REPI Program, the Military Services can enter into cost-sharing agreements with state and local governments and conservation organizations. REPI projects are developed in partnership with a non-governmental organization (NGO) or state or local government partner and submitted through the appropriate Military Service to the REPI office by local installation staff.

FY 2023: Guam: \$4.0M Hawai'i: \$16.9M Total: \$20.9M

REPI CHALLENGE PROJECTS

The REPI Program designed the REPI Challenge to help meet its ambitious conservation goals while aiming to cultivate new projects, harness creativity, and preserve military capabilities. REPI Challenge projects are introduced by partners, who work in collaboration with military natural resource management staff to develop large-scale conservation projects and submitted directly to the REPI office.

FY 2023: Guam: \$3.1M Hawai'i: \$10.0M Total: \$13.1M



Blossom of 'ōhi'a lehua tree, endemic to Hawai'i.

2023 REPI CHALLENGE PROJECTS IN HAWAI'I



More information on the Hawai'i REPI Challenge is available here.

2023 REPI CHALLENGE PROJECTS IN GUAM



More information on the Guam REPI Challenge is available here.

LEVERAGING FEDERAL CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION INVESTMENTS IN THE PACIFIC REGION

Partnerships among DOD and its federal partners are a key component of the REPI Program that help sustain installations' operations and resilience. These partnerships fund projects that seek to enhance habitats and increase climate resilience, which can promote military readiness in shared geographic focus areas. For example, one of the REPI Program's partners, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, awarded over \$9.5 million in federal grants to Hawai'i and Guam partners to support climate resilience and enhanced natural resource conservation efforts. This total only reflects projects executed through the America the Beautiful Challenge and the National Coastal Resilience Fund. NFWF has <u>several other active programs</u> that can support species and conservation strategies in the Pacific.



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FY 2023 REPI PROGRAM PROJECTS IN GUAM

Guam, the southernmost island in the Mariana Islands Archipelago, is home to several U.S. DOD installations and annexes whose missions align closely with National Defense Strategy priorities. These facilities include Naval Base Guam, Andersen Air Force Base, and the newly reactivated Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz. These important missions face development pressures, climate-related threats, and continued degradation of important habitats for threatened and endangered species. To mitigate these threats, the REPI Program is working alongside the Government of Guam, federal agencies, and NGOs to implement the recovery and restoration of native ecosystems and the preservation of cultural resources.

KEY REPI PROGRAM PARTNERS

- Guam Department of Agriculture
- Guam Preservation Trust
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- White Buffalo, Inc.

2023 REPI PROGRAM PROJECTS IN GUAM

2023 REPI Program Project	FY 2023 REPI Program Funds
Guam Region-Wide Navy Project: This project supports species recovery and forest restoration plans and provides benefits to important cultural resources on Guam.	\$4M

For all REPI Guam project profiles through FY 2022 visit: www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/State_Packages/Guam_ALLFacts.pdf



The REPI Program and its partners are working to protect important habitat for the endangered Mariana fruit bat, pictured above (credit: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

