



## GUAM REGION-WIDE NAVY PROJECT

Guam is home to several installations and annexes, including Naval Base Guam, Naval Munitions Site, Andersen Air Force Base, and the newly reactivated Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz, whose missions align closely with National Defense Strategy priorities.

Naval Base Guam provides critical logistics support to the U.S. Pacific Fleet and is the only installation in the region that can be used for berthing, ship operations



and ordnance handling. Additionally, Naval Munitions Site is the largest ordnance facility in the Pacific and encompasses two land-based training areas. However, these important missions are facing increased development pressures and increased climate-related threats.

Guam is also home to a high concentration of threatened and endangered species impacted by the continued degradation of

habitat across the island. Regulatory restrictions in place as a result of reduced habitat for these species can impact military training and operations where species may take refuge within military operating areas. To alleviate these impacts, the Navy is partnering with the Government of Guam, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to implement ecosystem-level habitat recovery and restoration activities in off-base locations to support species recovery goals. A crediting strategy is being developed to consider the ecological benefits of off-base conservation activities and provide opportunities for streamlining federal consultation processes; paving the way for enhanced species conservation.

This project supports the goals and objectives of species recovery and forest restoration plans and provides benefits to important cultural resources on Guam. The project's focus on preserving contiguous areas of protected habitat will also include watershed management activities to reduce erosion and improve the quality of local water resources and the near-shore environment.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Protects cultural resources
- Preserves and enhances water resources
- Protects habitat for multiple threatened, endangered, and candidate species

### MILITARY

- Supports multiple Service missions
- Helps avoid and reduce workarounds and restrictions on training



To protect the Guam Micronesian Kingfisher (top), a critically endangered endemic bird, the Government of Guam is partnering with DOD to secure off-base protected habitat, preserving the species as well as military training activities, such as those taking place at U.S. Naval Base Guam at Apra Harbor (bottom).

## KEY PARTNERS

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

## FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED:  
0
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:  
0
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED:  
\$150,000\*
- PROJECT STATUS:  
Initiated

\* An additional \$3.8 million in REPI funding has been obligated for Guam Region projects under the Sikes Act authority.

## CONTACT

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