



Ridge to Reef Climate Resilience Project

Territorial Climate & Infrastructure
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area: 210m² population: 154,000



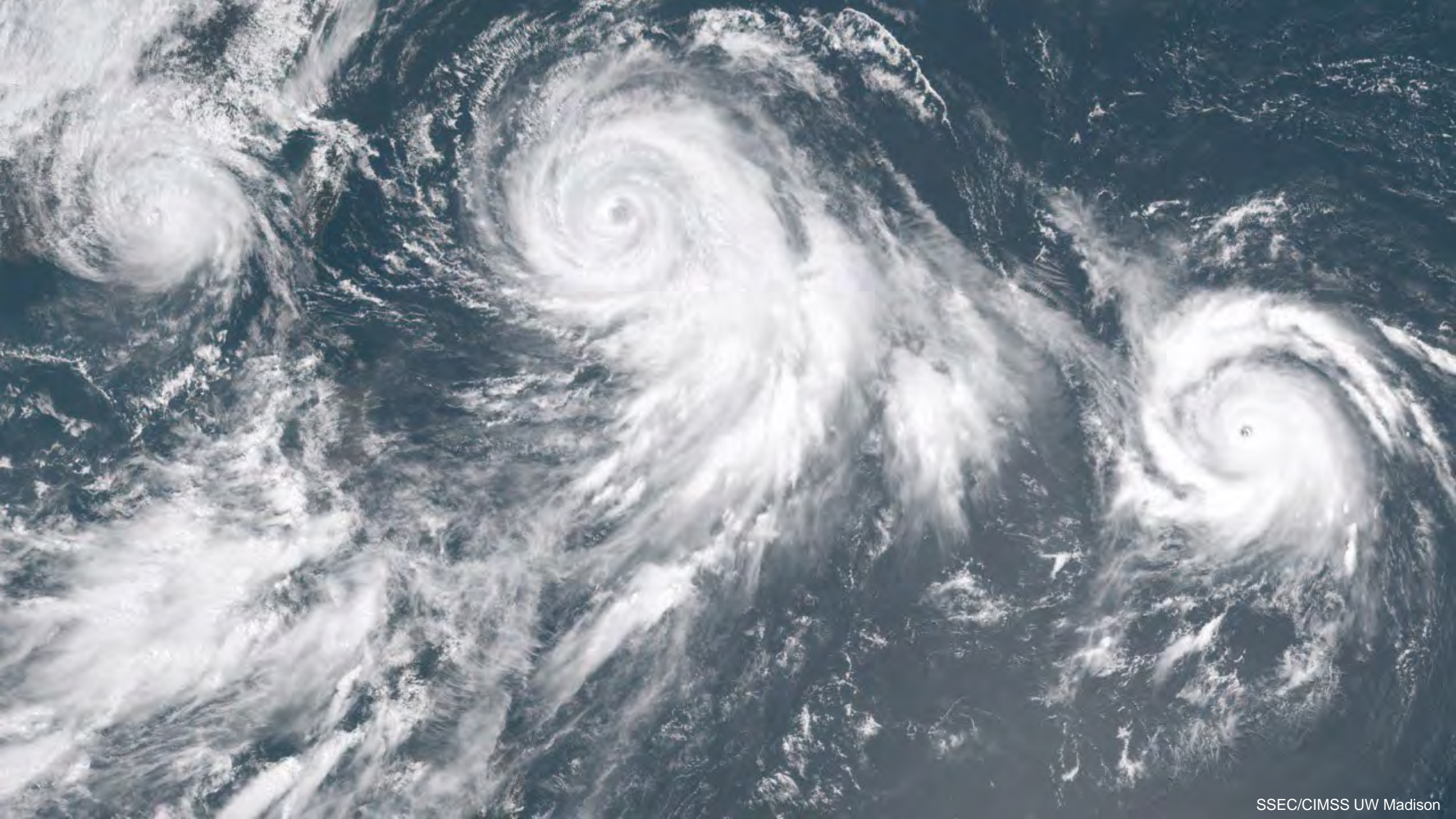
375
coral
species



1000
reef fish
species



225
algae
species





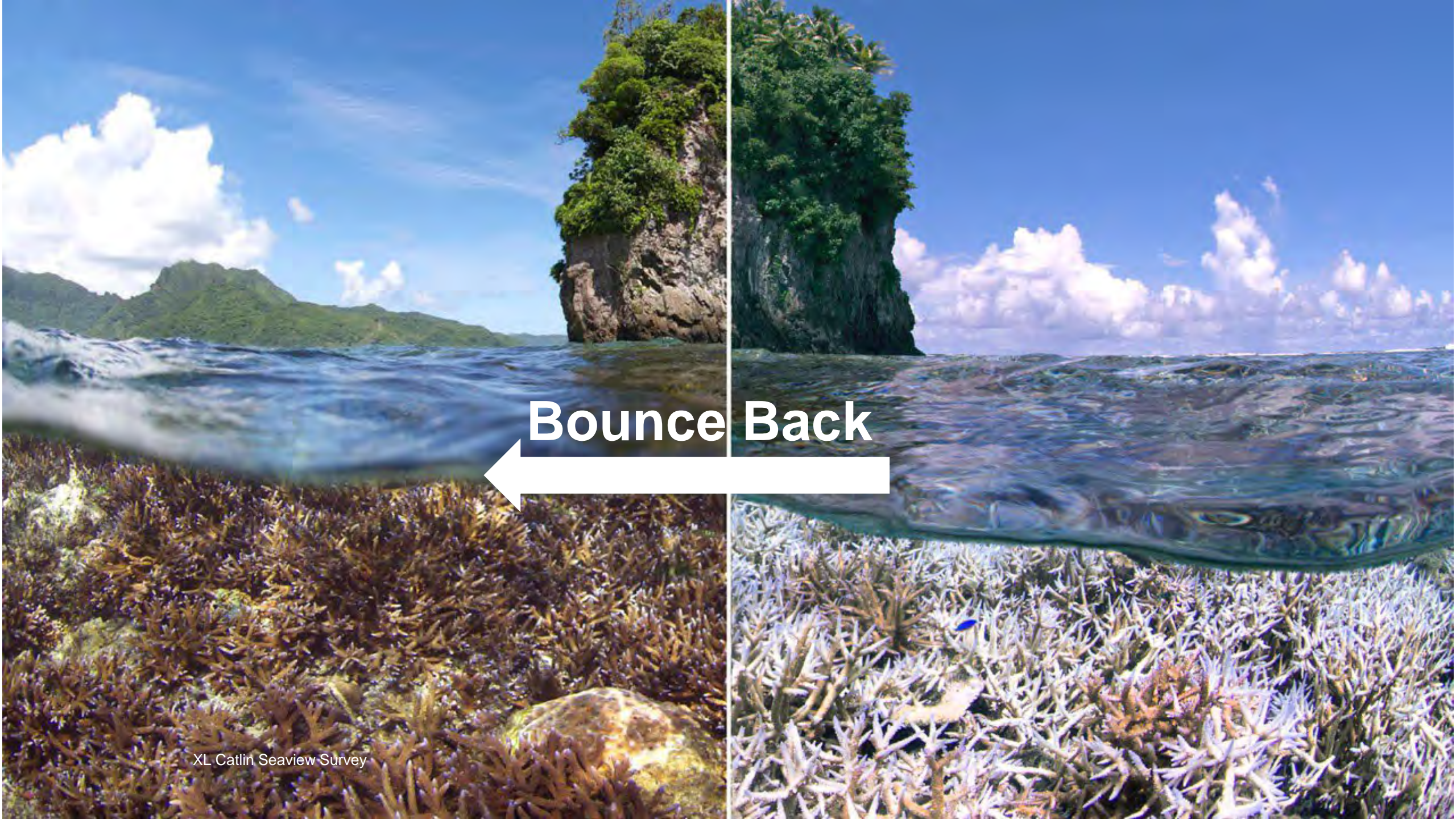
“More than a third of Guam’s coral reefs were killed by bleaching between 2013 and 2017”

-The Scientist, July 31, 2019



LOCAL environmental stressors





Bounce Back



Guam Ridge-to-Reef Climate Resilience Project
EXPAND, SCALE, REPLICATE

"TI TA NISISITA AYU...
PARA TA FANMAOLEK GUINI...
TANO'-TA, TAYA' TA'LO GINAGAGAO...
SATISFIED WITH WHAT OUR ISLANDS FURNISH US, WE
DESIRE NOTHING ELSE.

"MAN METGOT-NA HIT KI I TA HONGGE
YA SIÑA TA APATTA HIT GINEN INI NA
TAOTAO HIYONG SIHA YA TA NA' TA' LO
TATTE I MINAGOF YAN I MINAOLEK
LINA' LA' -TA."
WE ARE STRONGER THAN WE THINK! WE MUST REGAIN
OUR FORMER FREEDOM.

CHIEF HURAO
1671



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





Guam's most comprehensive public-private partnership ever created to achieve **our sustainable future**



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



HEALTHY &
PROSPEROUS
COMMUNITIES

7 AFFORDABLE
CLEAN ENERGY



SUSTAINABLE HOMES,
UTILITIES &
TRANSPORTATION

13 CLIMATE ACTION



EDUCATED, CAPABLE
& COMPASSIONATE
ISLAND

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



THRIVING NATURAL
RESOURCES

6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



DATA & PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT

16
DIGITAL
DIVIDENDE,
AND
STATISTICS



SUSTAINABLE
ALLIANCES





Healthy and Prosperous Communities

Guáhan is the indigenous CHamoru name for Guam, meaning "we have", signifying abundance.

However, Guam currently imports over 90% of what we consume. Achieving sustainable development would be impossible without a healthy community that can meet its basic needs. Reducing poverty and hunger, addressing our health and well-being, and innovating ways to promote local industries are essential for a healthy and prosperous community.

Healthy and Prosperous Communities

Farmers	Infant Mortality	Obesity Rate	Traffic Fatalities	Prevalence of Tobacco	Alcohol Use	Small Businesses
300	9.81	34.4%	14	20%	18%	3,462
total employed in the Agriculture sector, 2021	deaths per 1000 births, 2019	adults classified as obese based on BMI, 2020	total fatalities, 2020	adults who are current smokers, 2020	adults who binge drink, 2019	businesses with less than 500 employees, 2019
Measuring	Measuring	Unmet goal	Improving	Measuring	Improving	Measuring

Guam Forest Action Plan

4/28/2021

2020 - 2030

**Guam Department of Agriculture
Forestry & Soil Resources Division
Mangilao, Guam**

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GUAM WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

(GWAP)

Revised

JANUARY 10, 2019
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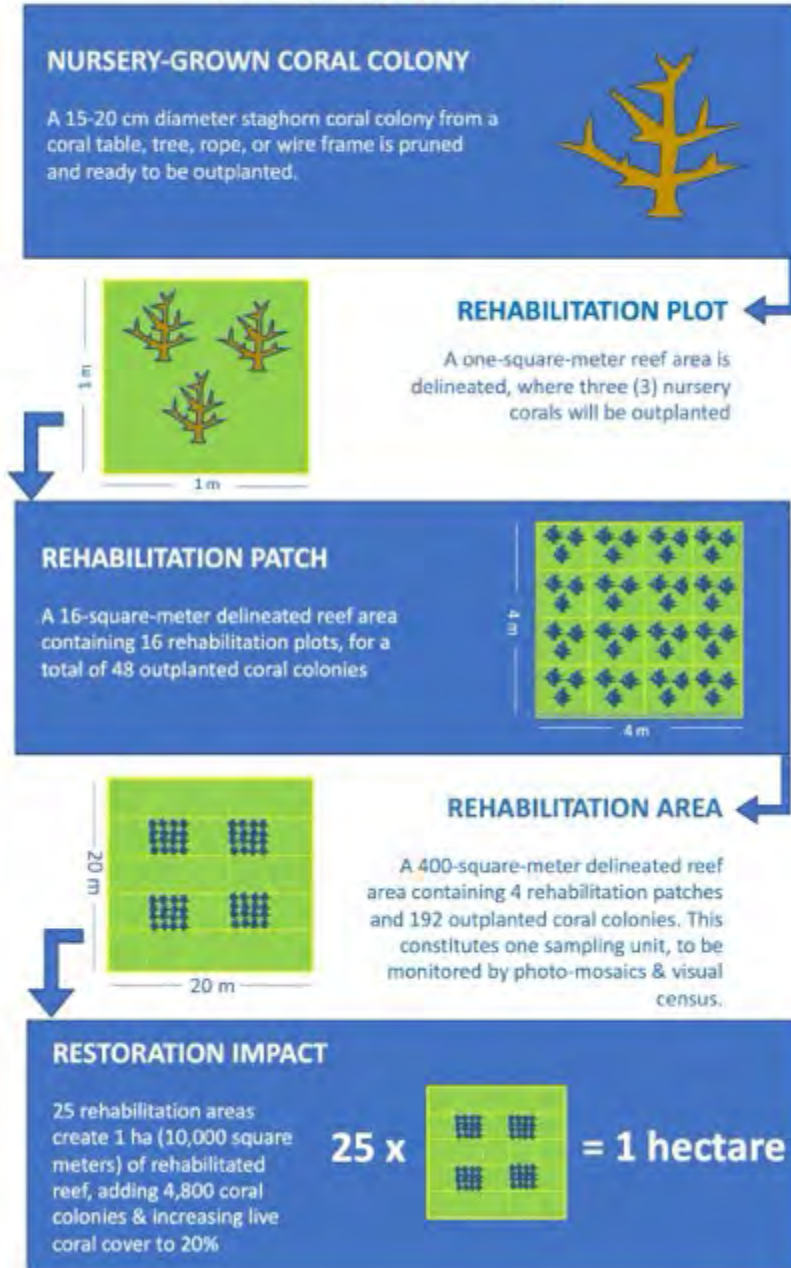
Guam Coral Reef Resilience Strategy

December 2018



LARGE-SCALE CORAL REEF RESTORATION

Upscaling strategy for outplanting



Guam Coral Reef Restoration Action Plan



September 3, 2021

Reef restoration planning team:

- Whitney Hoot (team lead) - Guam Coral Reef Initiative, Bureau of Statistics and Plans
- Marie Auyong - NOAA Coral/Coastal Liaison for Guam
- Frank Roberto - Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, Guam Dept. of Agriculture
- Jesse Cruz - Environmental Monitoring and Analytical Services Division, Guam Environmental Protection Agency
- Dr. Laurie Raymundo - Marine Laboratory, University of Guam
- Dave Burdick - Marine Laboratory, University of Guam

Project Description

Development of Guam's draft action plan for coral reef restoration was led by a core local team of six individuals representing a variety of relevant government entities and the University of Guam. Additional stakeholders were consulted and engaged throughout the process to incorporate additional areas of expertise. The restoration action plan will be a living document that is frequently updated to ensure effectiveness of ongoing restoration efforts and responsiveness to changes in ecological and management conditions. This plan complements the Guam Reef Resilience Strategy (2019), a document intended to guide coral reef management and conservation efforts on Guam from 2019-2025. Increased reef response and restoration is one of five target outcomes for coral reef management outlined in the Guam Reef Resilience Strategy.

Before developing this action plan, the local planning team - with input from other relevant experts and decision makers - established three priority goals for reef restoration on Guam:

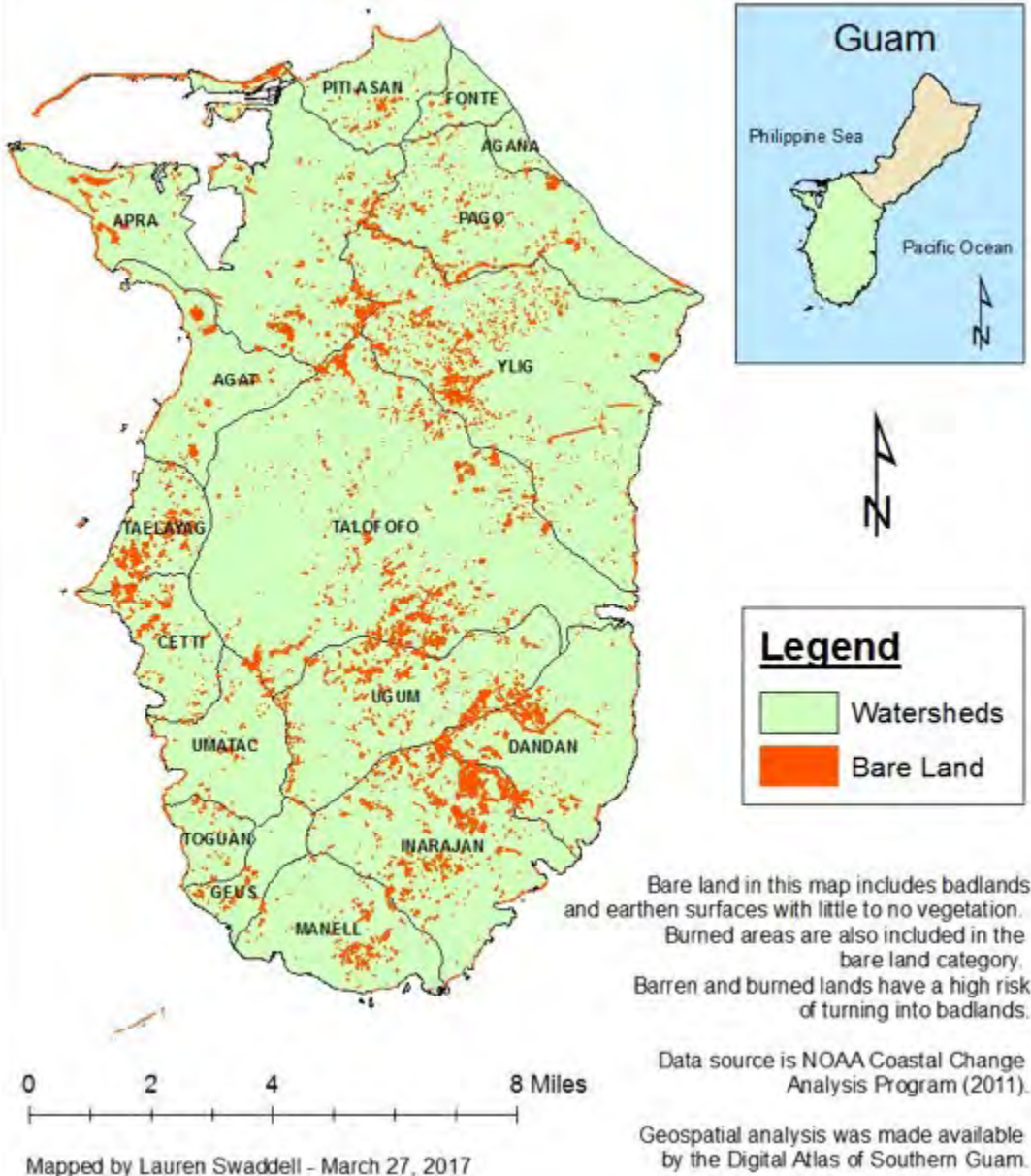
Goal 1: The structure and function of coral reef communities are restored to enhance reef resilience to thermal stress. This goal addresses the need for coral reef restoration to address the structure and function of coral reef communities, including biodiversity (species richness and evenness, morphological diversity), structural complexity/rugosity, benthic composition, coral size structure, habitat provision, etc. Optimizing these traits of coral communities will enhance the resilience of coral reef ecosystems to the impacts of thermal stress, i.e. coral bleaching and resulting mortality. Guam's

GUAM geology



3.56% of Land Cover

Up to 50% of total soil erosion











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J. Lawrence, USDA NRCS PIA













MONTH 1



MONTH 2



MONTH 30





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NOAA HABITAT BLUEPRINT

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION



ABOUT HABITAT BLUEPRINT

HABITAT FOCUS AREAS ▾

LIVING SHORELINES ▾

NEWS

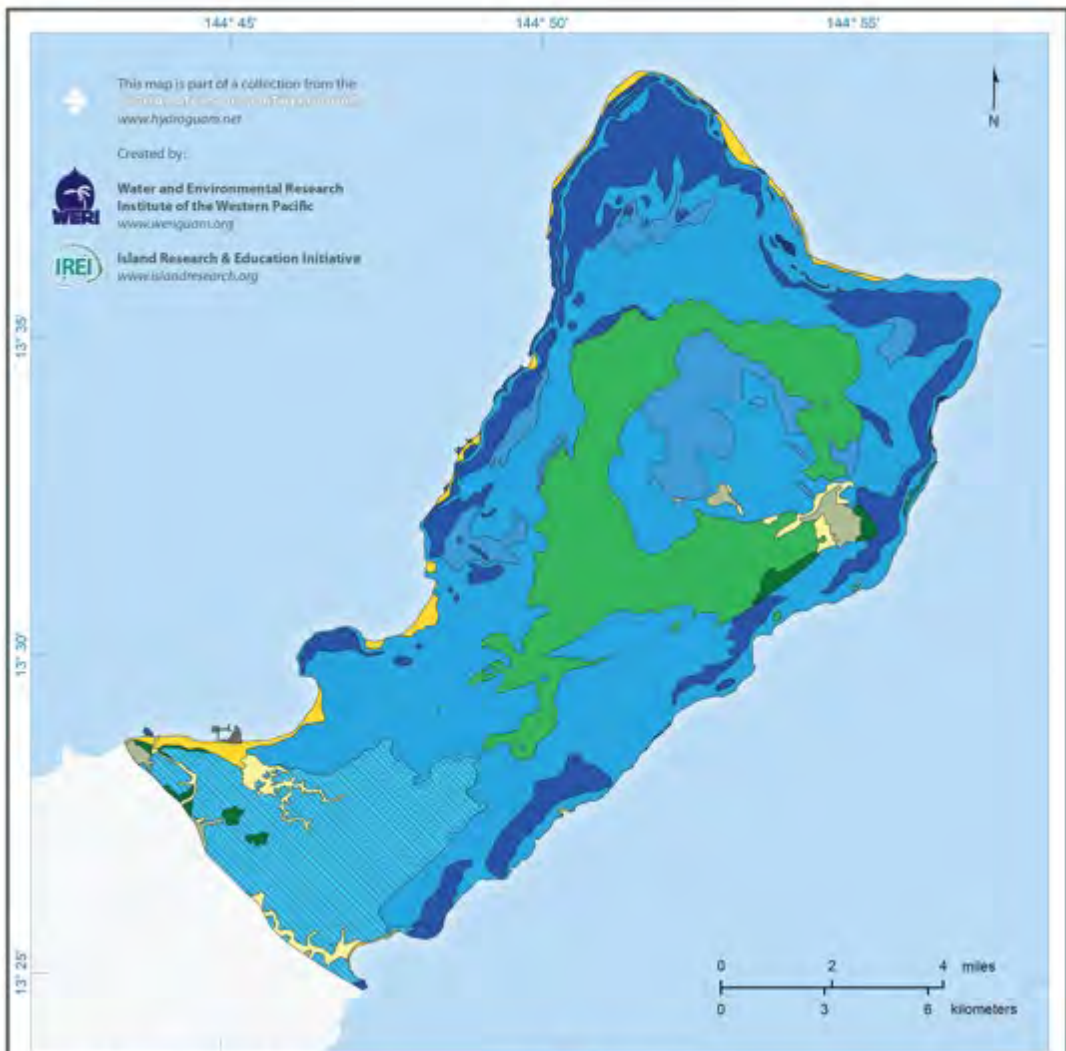
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Manell-Geus, Guam



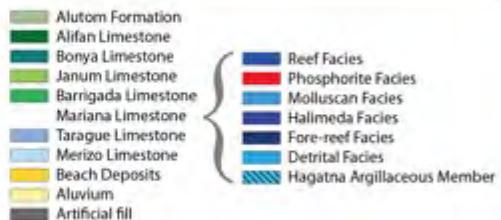






Surface geology Geologic formations and facies

This is a detailed geologic map of northern Guam, showing all the recognized stratigraphic units, formations, members, and facies. The map is based on the newest geologic map of Guam by Siegrist, H.C. and Reagan, M. (2008), who updated and revised the original Geologic Map of Guam by Tracy et al. (1994). Reinterpretation and revision of the map utilized a wealth of new data, including paleometric dating of selected volcanic rocks and a thin-section study of new limestone specimens. The work resulted in a single 1:50,000-scale map, as well as new 1:24,500 scale maps, corresponding to the USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles that cover the island of Guam. The maps were published in early 2008 and were scanned, georeferenced, and digitized to produce GIS shapefiles.



Cartography and design by Steven Johnson and Mark Robinson, 2011.



This map is an assessment and educational resource only. It is neither a comprehensive permit nor other information. See the full disclaimer at www.water.hydroguam.net/Disclaimer.html



Map funded under award #541196-CAP-00111 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, PMMA, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and the Guam Coastal Management Program, Institute of Statistics and Planning.



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Low Impact Development Solutions for Yigo Flood Zones

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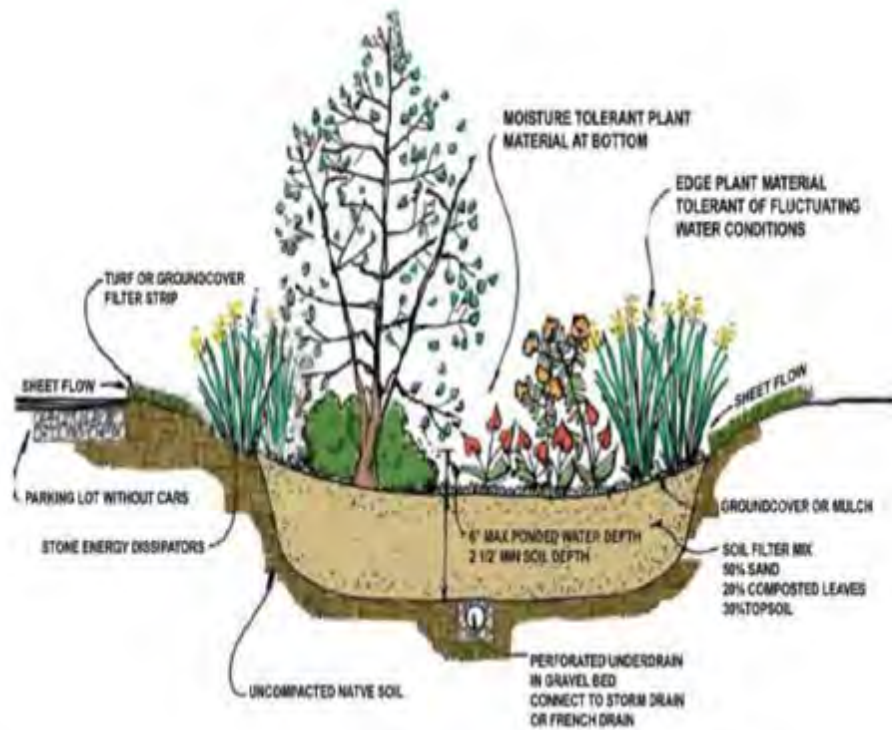
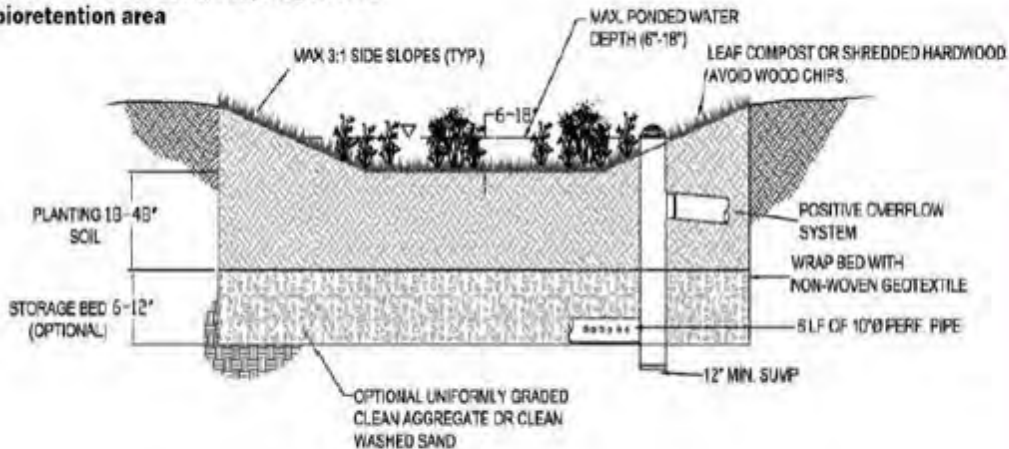


Figure 7.6
Schematic of a technically engineered
bioretention area



Preliminary Design

- 1 Year Event - Treat Water Quality
(NPDES, On Site Absorb Dirty)
-----> Raingarden
- 5 Year Event - Minor Event - Water Management
(Drain Water, Keep Water Sit On Rain Garden)
-----> Infiltration Pat
- 100 Year Event - Risk Management
(Protect Property from Flood, Reduce Flood Risk)
-----> FEMA Flood Plan

Preliminary Solution: Yigo McDonalds

- Natural Channel leading into rain garden



Proposed



Current

Preliminary Solution: Chalan La Chanch

1. Trench & implement bioswale and rain garden



Current




Image © 2021 Maxar Technologies



Proposed







**Guam Coastal Erosion and Nature-based
Living Shoreline Solutions**

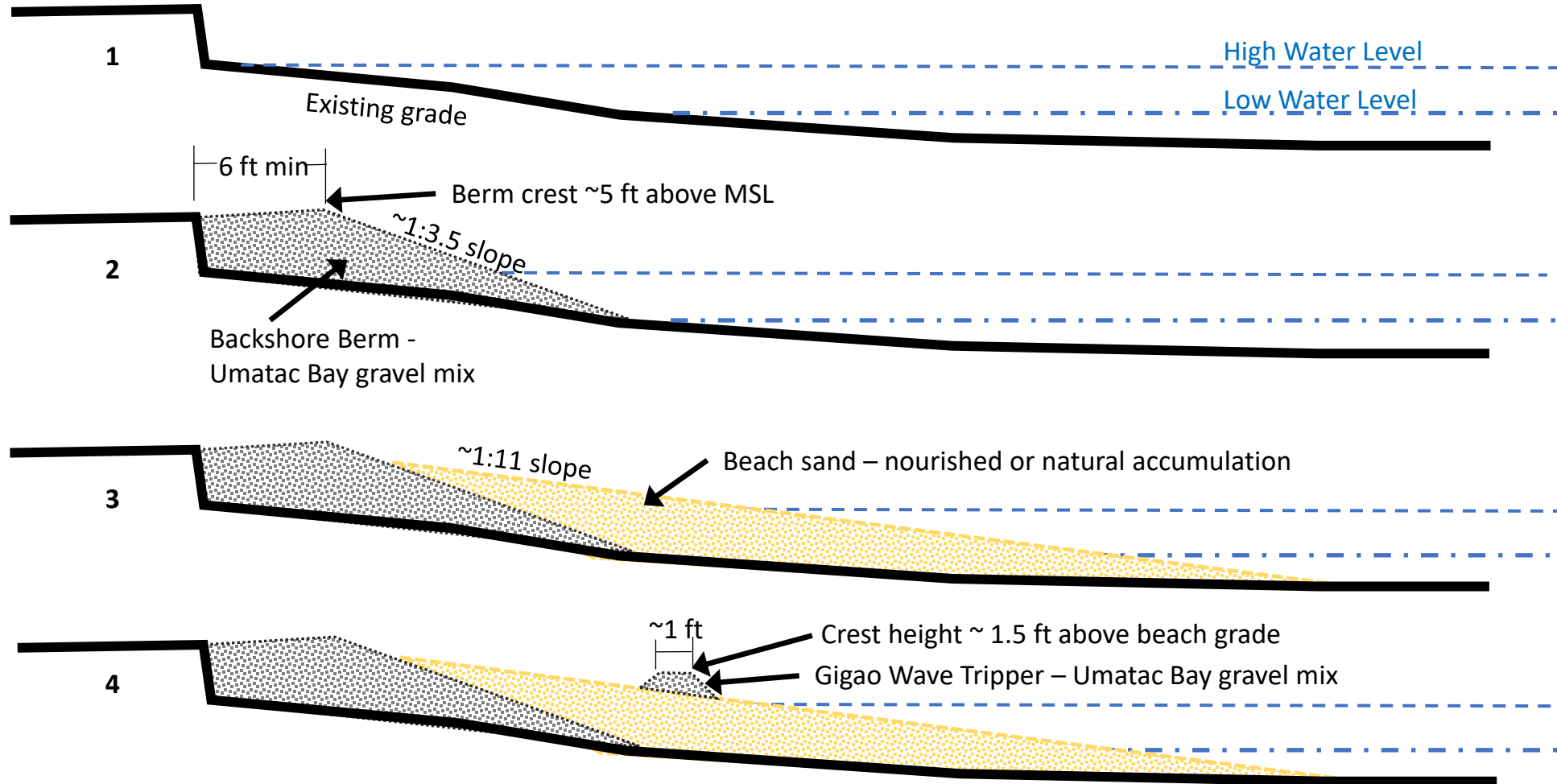
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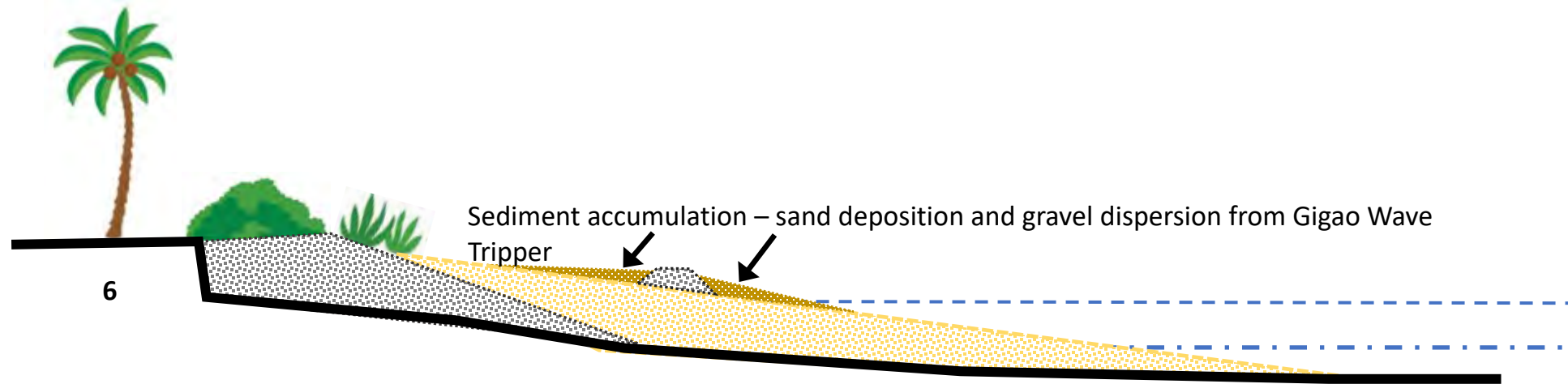
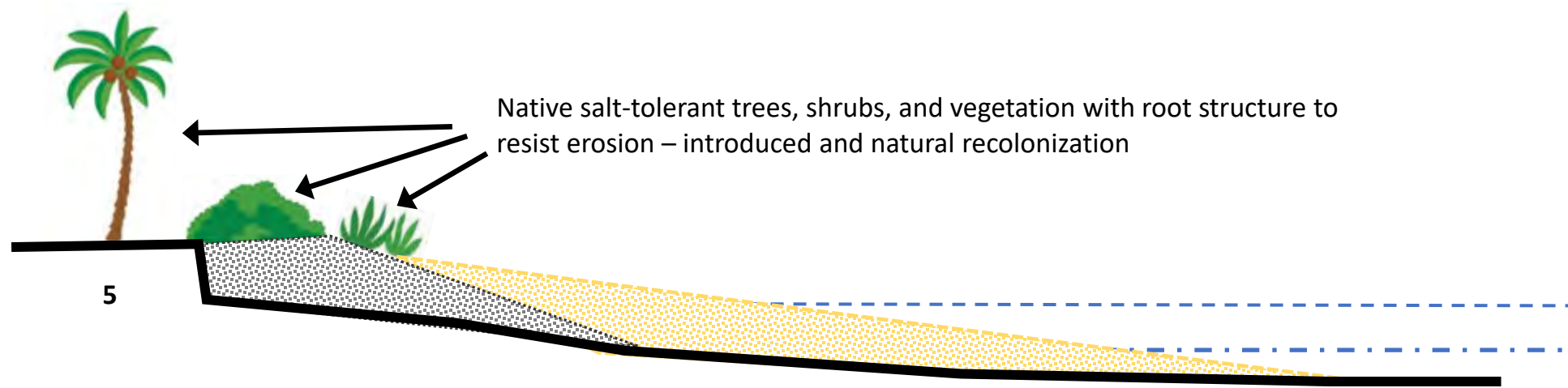




Nimitz Beach Park – Conceptual Design



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Building a Ridge to Reef Framework for Guam

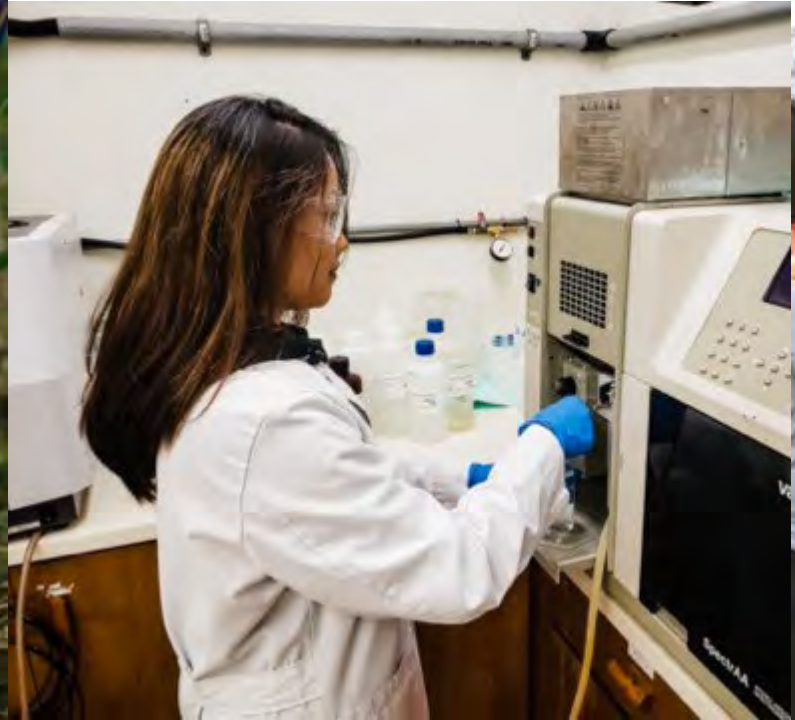
Summary of planned activities for the 2-year project



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Developing a Framework to assess Ridge to Reef Ecosystem Health in Guam





WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



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Public Law 35-46







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A H E A D

IMPACTS FOR OUR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

JUNE 23, 2021 - NOVEMBER 19, 2021

70,516

CANS COLLECTED
& RECYCLED



2,024

FOOD CROPS PLANTED



4,149

TOTAL VOLUNTEER
HOURS



2,890

TREES PLANTED



578

XLARGE BAGS OF
TRASH PICKED UP



690

FEET OF EROSION
CONTROL DEVICES
BUILT



693

FLUORESCENT BULBS
CHANGED TO LED



211

WHITE GOODS
& BULKY WASTE
REMOVED



641

SOLAR PANELS
INSTALLED



10

ACRES OF LAND PREPPED
FOR REFORESTATION
PROJECTS



400

FEET OF CHAIN OF
LOVE REMOVED



212

INVASIVE BAMBOO
STALKS REMOVED



19

ROADSIDE CLEANUPS



9

PAINTING PROJECTS
(MURALS, BUS STOPS,
SAFETY BARRICADES, ETC.)



6

BEACH CLEANUPS





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