



Akule swimming across the reefscape

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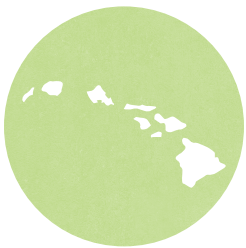
## Executive Summary

Life in Hawai'i has always been deeply linked with the ocean, which is central to our livelihoods, culture, health, and island lifestyle. For centuries, Native Hawaiian management practices ensured continued abundance for Hawai'i's people. However, in recent years, it has become apparent that both local and global impacts are affecting the health and resilience of Hawai'i's nearshore marine ecosystems. In response to the decline in nearshore resources, Governor David Ige announced the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative at the 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress, which includes *Holomua: Marine 30x30*, coordinated by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

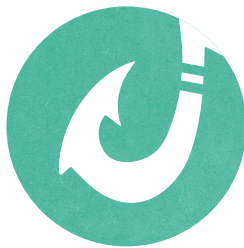
**The goal of Holomua: Marine 30x30 is “to effectively manage Hawai'i's nearshore waters with at least 30% established as marine management areas by 2030.”**

As the State agency tasked with managing, conserving, and restoring Hawai'i's aquatic resources and ecosystems for present and future generations, the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) is leading this marine initiative as part of a comprehensive strategy focused on our nearshore waters. Effective management will be assessed by measuring progress against ecological, social and cultural goals. Ultimate success, however, relies on the involvement of individuals and communities across the state

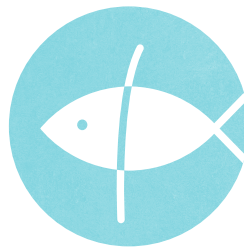
Building on Hawai'i's rich and effective traditional management practices and knowledge, along with guidance from today's fishers, cultural and scientific experts and community leaders, DAR has outlined a path built on four pillars:



**PLACE-BASED  
PLANNING**



**PONO PRACTICES**



**MONITORING**



**PROTECTION AND  
RESTORATION**

*Holomua: Marine 30x30* outlines how DAR plans to work in partnership with communities to operationalize these pillars and achieve shared nearshore management goals.

- *Place-based planning* aims to partner with communities and stakeholders to build a cohesive, ecologically-connected network of areas for improved marine management.
- *Pono Practices* encourages responsible behavior guided by Hawaiian values and perspectives through education and outreach, rules, strengthened enforcement, and local partnerships to encourage sustainable behaviors and practices in nearshore waters.
- *Monitoring* measures and documents current conditions, tracks progress following implementation of new management approaches, and uses data to identify areas where management actions need to be further adapted.
- *Protection and Restoration* builds on existing strategies to prevent damage to fragile nearshore ecosystems from invasive species, disease, and environmental damage events and expands efforts to restore and enhance impacted areas.

***Holomua: Marine 30x30* creates an opportunity for Hawai'i residents to work with DAR and its partners to achieve our shared vision of a healthy nearshore ecosystem with abundant resources, which allows the people of Hawai'i to enjoy our coastal waters, support our local livelihoods, and feed our families.**