



A REGIONAL FORUM FOR OCEANIA
ON MARINE MANAGED AREAS
AND WORLD HERITAGE

29 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY, 2007
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I

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Our Sea of Islands, A Regional Forum for Oceania on Marine Managed Areas and World Heritage will be held in Honolulu, January 29-February 2, 2007. With the exception of the public event and reception on February 1, Forum participation is limited to invited participants.

WHAT: NOAA, UNESCO and Pacific island leaders are working together to demonstrate their commitment to marine conservation in the Pacific. Delegates from over 20 Pacific nations, including Hawaii, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa and the Federated States of Micronesia will come together to enhance natural and cultural heritage and management of marine protected areas.

The recent designation of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument provides a catalyst for building partnerships and strengthening capacity to address the distinct heritage and marine management needs of island communities.

WHO: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Centre

WHEN: 1) Forum will be held from 29 January to 2 February, 2007
2) Public event and reception highlighting Forum accomplishments 1 February, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Keoni Auditorium, East-West Center, University of Hawaii, Mānoa Campus, 1601 East-West Road, Honolulu for both the invitee only and public sessions.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Media interview opportunities are available with NOAA, UNESCO, and Pacific Island leaders during the following times:

- Monday, 29 Jan—Opening session, 8:30–10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, 1 Feb—Closing session, 3:00–5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 1 Feb—"Our Sea of Islands: A Public Forum," 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Biographies and photos will be available in press packets prior to the event. For further information or other interview opportunities contact Keeley Belva at 397-2660 x230, cellular 808.294.0932 or

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