

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025



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OUR MISSION

To protect and enhance the CNMI's coastal resources for residents and visitors through effective and adaptive resource management, inter-agency collaboration, and stakeholder engagement, in a manner that builds and sustains community resilience and well-being.

OUR PROGRAMS



Permitting



Enforcement



Coastal Planning



Education & Outreach



Coral Reef Initiative



Coral Reef Restoration

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PERMITTING

DCRM's Permitting Section is responsible for permitting minor and major developments and/or projects that are situated within and around DCRM's designated Areas of Particular Concern (APCs), including developments that have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the CNMI's coastal resources. DCRM also receives and reviews One-Start Applications from BECQ's Division of Environmental Quality.



received and reviewed
134 applications



approved/cleared
131 applications



conducted
28 site inspections

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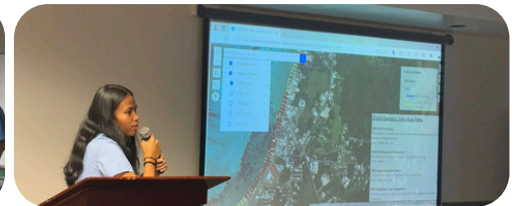
FEDERAL CONSISTENCY

DCRM continues efforts to coordinate and review projects with a federal nexus under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), including federal agency activities, federal permits, and federal financial assistance, to ensure they are consistent with enforceable policies and the management program. This includes working closely with other CNMI government agencies, public notices, actively participating in working groups, and coordinating with federal agencies. DCRM recently published an updated Procedures Guide, and also presented at the Guam 10th Assembly of Planners alongside Guam Coastal Management Program and Coastal States Organization on "Strengthening Regional Coordination: CZMA Federal Consistency Across the Marianas."



COASTAL HAZARDS MANAGEMENT

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EYES OF THE REEF TRAINING

The Coral Reef Initiative (CRI) Eyes of the Reef (EOR) program conducted two 2025 trainings, engaging 15 participants on Saipan and 9 on Rota. The sessions introduced community members to citizen science, coral reef ecology, and key threats such as bleaching, predation, algal overgrowth, and marine debris. Through interactive activities and discussions, participants strengthened their understanding of reef monitoring and preservation. The CRI team plans to continue these trainings to further promote community engagement in coral reef conservation.

2025 DCRM SUMMER INTERNSHIP

In collaboration with the Coral Reef Initiative (CRI), the 2025 internship cohort included 15 interns and 17 mentors from the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM), Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), Pacific Coastal Research & Planning (PRCP) and the Talaya Club. The program provided participants with field-based learning opportunities to develop practical skills in natural resource management, including water sampling at Jeffrey's Beach, understanding the importance of watersheds in the Marianas, and identifying the functions and ecological roles of wetland plants.



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EXPENDITURE



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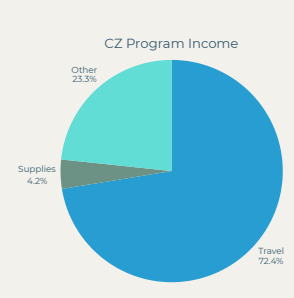
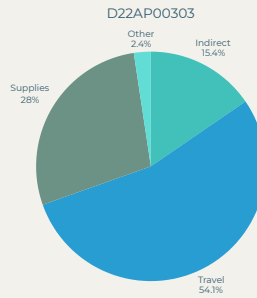
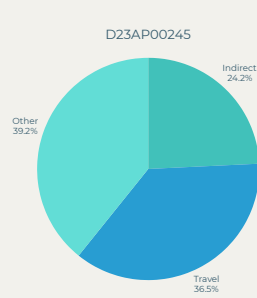
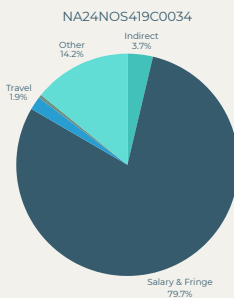
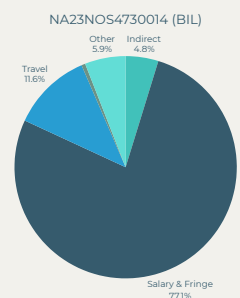
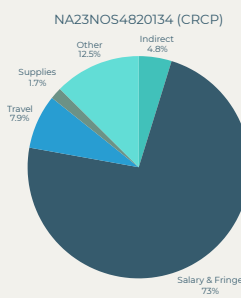
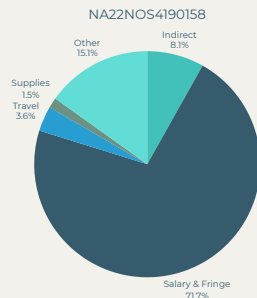
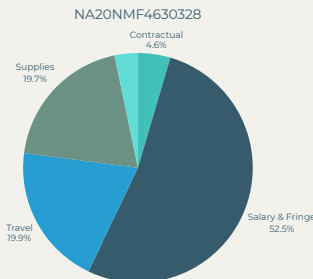


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FEDERAL AWARDS

CFDA NO.	AWARD NO.	AWARD ENDING	AWARD AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE
11.463	NA20NMF4630328	02/28/2026	\$190,580	\$97,805
11.419	NA22NOS4190158 Years 1 & 2	03/30/2026	\$2,056,674	\$1,726,803
11.482	NA23NOS4820134 (CRCP)	03/30/2026	\$1,575,343	\$821,359
11.473	NA23NOS4730014 (BIL)	11/30/2025	\$398,399	\$101,586
11.419	NA24NOS419C0034 Year 1	03/31/2027	\$1,179,982	\$856,846
15.875	D22AP00303 (CRNR-2022-2)	03/30/2026	\$124,223	\$31,134
15.875	D23AP00245 (CRNR-2023-7)	09/30/2027	\$120,000	\$31,865
15.875	D24APOO363	09/30/2028	\$286,837	-
11.419	CZM Program Income		Total Revenue: \$71,838	



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WETLANDS MANAGEMENT STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

The Wetland Stakeholder Workshop for the CNMI Comprehensive Wetlands Management Plan (CWMP) Update aims to bring together local and federal agencies that regulate, manage, and work closely with wetlands across the CNMI. The purpose of this workshop is to support the ongoing update of the CWMP while strengthening collaboration among government entities, non-governmental organizations, and regulatory partners. Through this engagement, participants will co-develop goals, strategies, and objectives that promote efficient and sustainable wetland management throughout the islands. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for January 2026, with separate sessions for Tinian and Rota currently in the planning phase.



STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently in the planning phase for a Strategic Communications Plan Stakeholder Workshop, which is anticipated to be held in January 2026. This workshop will serve as a collaborative platform to engage DCRM staff, partner agencies, and key stakeholders in refining communication goals, strategies, and objectives that will guide the implementation of the updated DCRM Strategic Communications Plan (2025–2029). Through this effort, DCRM aims to strengthen coordination, enhance outreach effectiveness, and ensure that communication efforts across programs are aligned with the organization's long-term mission and priorities.

