

How Can 'I' Help the Hawaiian Monk Seal?

The Most Endangered Endemic Marine Mammal in the United States

Inform - **Involve** - **Inspire** - **Invest** in the future - **IN TIME!**

Inform *yourself* - Read all the information enclosed in this package

Involve *yourself* - Support the seals through Government advocacy.

Contact your local elected officials and congressional delegation on the Contact Sheet provided. Inform your representative of the plight of the Hawaiian monk seal and the urgent need for ACTION. Ask for:

- Adequate Funding for recovery program
- Seal recovery programs on the main Hawaiian islands
- Monitoring and enforcement of protection
- Outreach and education efforts
- Captive care development



Inspire *others*

- Inspire others with advocacy, networking & building seal awareness
- Education in Schools & with other community organizations
- Seal workshops and Advocates Training
- Letter writing campaign
- Organizing events with seal expert speakers
- Raise Funds for Seal Coordinators & Volunteer Programs

Invest *in the future*

Practice of these five "I"s will be an investment in the future, in Hawaii, its culture and environment. Invest your time and money to help build and support the programs desperately needed for the recovery of these critically endangered Hawaiian Monk Seals. Funds are critical to the ongoing efforts and ultimate success of this species. Without these funds the dedicated teams and programs can only stand by and watch the certain extinction of this endemic Hawaiian mammal. Shall that be our sad legacy to the oceans of Hawaii?



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How Can I Help? A Call to Action

Volunteer with the Annual Hawaiian Monk Seal Count

NOAA is looking for people to help them count monk seals on the main Hawaiian Islands. The goal is to have volunteers and counting monk seals on each of the main Hawaiian Islands to estimate how many monk seals live in the main Hawaiian Islands. Volunteers will be assigned to a beach location and asked to fill out a sightings form and take digital pictures of the seals.

- This year's monk seal count is on Saturday, April 19th, 2008 from 10am to 1pm. If you would like to participate in the annual Hawaiian monk seal count, contact David Schofield at: david.schofield@noaa.gov.

Volunteer with the Response Team

Help the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal by responding to seals that haul out to rest and protect them from disturbance, provide information to the public about the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, and monitor monk seal pupping events. To volunteer, contact your island Monk Seal Response coordinator:

Oahu	Maui	Kauai	Big Island (Kona)	Big Island (Hilo)
David Schofield (808) 944-2269	Nicole Davis (808) 292-2372	Mimi Olry (808) 651-7668	Justin Viezbicke Justin.P.Viezbicke@hawaii.gov	Melisa Netze (808) 756-5961

If you see a Hawaiian monk seal...

Should you encounter a Hawaiian monk seal, keep a clear distance, at least 100ft (10 car lengths). It is illegal to harass a Hawaiian monk seal, or any endangered species. Harming a monk seal is punishable by up to a \$50,000 fine and/or up to a year in prison. If the monk seal appears to be distressed, report the sighting immediately to one of the following agencies:

- **National Marine Fisheries Service:** (808) 244-7572
- **State of Hawaii DNL:** (808) 244-4352
- **State of Hawaii DOCARE:** (808) 243-5414
- **Police:** 911



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