

How Can 'I' Help the Hawaiian Monk Seal?

The Most Endangered Endemic Marine Mammal in America

Inform - Involve - Inspire - Invest

Inform

Read the information enclosed in this package.

Involve

Contact your local elected officials and congressional delegation on the contact sheet provided. Inform your representatives of the Hawaiian monk seal's plight and the urgent need for ACTION:

- Support the seal recovery programs
- Adequate funding for recovery programs
- Adequate monitoring and enforcement
- Outreach and education efforts

Inspire

- Inspire others to join the campaign to save our Hawaiian monk seal
- Participate in the letter writing campaign
- Participate in education and outreach activities
- Raise funds for seal coordinators and volunteer programs
- Become a volunteer



Image: James Watt/ NOAA

Invest

Protecting the Hawaiian monk seal is an investment in the future of Hawaii's environment. Your support is needed to build the programs needed for recovery of this endangered species. Adequate funds are needed to develop the teams and programs that will save this species from extinction.



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How Can I Help? A Call to Action

Volunteer with the Annual Hawaiian Monk Seal Count

Once a year, in April, NOAA looks 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. 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 monitoring seal haul outs and pupping events, protecting seals from disturbance, and providing information to the public about the endangered Hawaiian monk seal. To volunteer, contact your island monk seal response coordinator:

Oahu

Jennifer Maldonado
(808) 224-6423

Maui

Nicole Davis
(808) 292-2372

Kauai

Mimi Olry
(808) 651-7668

Molokai

Julie Lopez
(808) 646-0839

Big Island (Hilo)

Melisa Netze
(808) 756-5961

Big Island (Kona)

Justin Viezbicke
(808) 987-0765

If you see a Hawaiian monk seal...

Should you encounter a Hawaiian monk seal, keep a clear distance, at least 150ft. 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 you do see a monk seal, please report the sighting by contacting the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center:



Image: John Johnson

- **Report all seal sightings:** (808) 220-7802
- **Report entangled or injured seals:** (888) 256-9840
- **Email:** PIFSC.monksealsighting@noaa.gov

Save Our Seals

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