



# 2010 U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Field Trip Information

## *Laolao Field Trip*

### **\*MEMBERS AND INVITATION ONLY**

Led by the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality  
Monday, September 13, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Meeting/pick-up: In front of World Resort 7:30 a.m.  
*Transportation will be provided by CNMI Division of Environmental Quality*

#### Description:

The field trip will begin with a hike in the Laolao uplands, a briefing on the revegetation work taking place there, and a general overview of the ARRA-funded Laolao Bay Road & Coastal Management Improvement Project. The field trip continues with a short drive down to the bay, and a brief snorkel in an area severely affected by upland erosion and resultant sedimentation. The field trip will finish with a snorkel in a healthier part of the bay, and opportunities for further discussion of Laolao watershed restoration projects.

- Lunch will be provided

#### Participants must bring:

- Water
- Shoes suitable for hiking in steep, rugged terrain
- Long pants or shorts with knee-high socks (for hiking in swordgrass)
- Hat (wide-brimmed recommended)
- Sunscreen
- Swim suit
- Snorkeling gear (mask, snorkel, fins, booties)
- Insect repellent

#### For further information contact:

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## *Kagman Watershed Field Trip*

### **\*MEMBERS AND INVITATION ONLY**

Led by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Tuesday, September 14, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting/pick-up: In front of World Resort 7:45a.m.  
*Transportation will be provided by CNMI Division of Environmental Quality*

This tour will be exploring the Kagman Watershed Project located on the east side of the Island. The tour will begin with a visit to Tank beach at the bottom of the Kagman watershed. We will view and discuss the environmental benefits of the watershed projects for marine habitat. The group will then progress up the watershed to Education Island wetlands area for wildlife viewing and a discussion about efforts made to restore native wildlife habitat for the endangered Common Moorhen and Nightingale Reed Warbler. The tour continues with brief visits to constructed sediment basins, waterways, Kagman quarry, and 100,000gal water tank. The NRCS Project Engineer will give a brief description of the engineering components and describe the overall conservation value. The tour finishes at the LaoLao uplands where participants will have an opportunity to plant some trees and shrubs in the active revegetation area.

#### Participants must bring:

- Water
- Closed-toed shoes
- Hat (that covers head and neck)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Snacks

#### For further information:

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## *Ranger-conducted Tour of Saipan WWII Sites*

### **\*MEMBERS AND INVITATION ONLY**

Led by the National Park Service - American Memorial Park  
Tuesday, September 14, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Meeting/pick-up: American Memorial Park Visitor's Center  
8 a.m.

*4WD transportation will be provided by NPS, CNMI Division  
of Environmental Quality and the Coastal Resources  
Management Office*

Description: The South Island tour begins with a visit to Mt. Tapochao for a panoramic view of the island and historical briefing of all locations. The tour covers WWII sites, including invasion beaches, Sherman tanks in the lagoon, Japanese bunkers and assorted gun emplacements; along with the Japanese airfield area at As Lito, with its buildings and assorted military items.

### Participants must bring:

- Water
- Closed-toed shoes
- Hat (that covers head and neck)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Snacks

### For further information:

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## *Mañagaha Marine Conservation Area Boat Ride and Snorkel*

### **\*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Led by the CNMI Marine Monitoring Team and Division of Fish and Wildlife

Thursday, September 16 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$15 per person (for boat transfers and landing fee)

Meeting/pick-up: In front of World Resort 12:30 p.m.

Participants will snorkel in CNMI's crown jewel, the Mañagaha Marine Conservation Area, a fully protected no-take area. Mañagaha Island is a small reef-island located 2.5 kilometers (1.6 miles) off the west coast of Saipan. Mañagaha Island and its surrounding waters are an important part of the CNMI natural history, cultural history, and its beauty.

Field trip participants will enjoy this conservation area in the water and on land, and will have a first-hand view of a marine conservation area enriched with coral reefs and marine life. Mañagaha also has a significant diversity of associated flora and fauna, all which provide historical, cultural, and natural resources for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. Mañagaha is also the only known breeding ground for wedge-tailed Shearwaters in the CNMI. Shearwaters usually arrive to breed in April and chicks fledge throughout December. The breeding colony is a designated Wildlife Area on Mañagaha. During the field trip, a wildlife biologist will give an insight on the Shearwaters following the snorkel.

Snorkel guides will be available to lead snorkelers. Snorkel gear is not included. Bring sunscreen, hat, towels, beach sandals or booties and a water bottle.

### For further information:

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