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Guam Sea Grant becomes an Institutional Sea Grant Program



NOAA and Sea Grant are pleased to announce that Guam Sea Grant has achieved status as a Sea Grant Institutional Program, a designation of growth from the program's previous Coherent Area Program status. The designation comes on the unanimous recommendation of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board and NOAA senior leadership. As an Institutional Program, Guam Sea Grant will be able to increase its contributions to the national Sea Grant network and enhance the practical use and conservation of Guam's marine and coastal resources.

"Guam Sea Grant has earned Sea Grant Institutional Program status by demonstrating excellence in research, education and public service dedicated to the environmentally responsible management and development of Guam's marine and coastal resources," said Jonathan Pennock, Ph.D., National Sea Grant College Program director. "Congratulations to the University of Guam, Guam Sea Grant leadership, and all of the staff involved in the remarkable growth of Guam Sea Grant over the past several years that made this designation a clear and well-earned advancement."

[To learn more about the designation, continue reading here](#)

Guam Sea Grant will celebrate its designation of institutional status locally with a "graduation ceremony" on Thursday, August 11, 2022. The event will include official remarks by the Director of Guam Sea Grant, Dr. Shelton, and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program, Dr. Pennock, along with a concert and seafood.



Images of (top) Guam Sea Grant staff and students gathering at the SACNAS 2019 conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and (bottom) Guam Sea Grant staff engaging in recent outreach activities.

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