



# PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA

## Marine National Monument

### Visitation Fact Sheet

- Three thousand miles from the nearest continent, Papahānuamokuākea spans a distance of 1931 km (1,200 mi) across the North Pacific Ocean in the Hawaiian Archipelago and is approximately 185 km (115 mi) wide
- Composing the Northernmost three-fourths of the Hawaiian Archipelago, Papahānuamokuākea has become Hawai‘i’s second World Heritage Site. The first, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, was inscribed in 1978.
- The remote reefs, islands and waters of Papahānuamokuākea are home to more than 7000 species, approximately 25% of which are found nowhere else in the world.
- The Monument Management philosophy is to “*Bring the place to the people,*” through a variety of media and web-based interactive experiences in order to help limit the human footprint on the remote region’s near pristine ecosystems and cultural heritage for future generations.
- The Monument’s Mokuapāpapa Discovery Center in Hilo on the island of Hawai‘i offers virtual visitor opportunities to Papahānuamokuākea through exhibitry, events, and educational programs.
- With the Monument philosophy in mind, and by regulation, all access to and activities within the Monument are by permit only.
- Strict carrying capacity guidelines limit visitor access and restrict it to Midway Atoll.

*For more information about visitation please contact the Visitor Services Manager, via e-mail at [tracy\\_ammerman@fws.gov](mailto:tracy_ammerman@fws.gov), or call +1-808-954-4814.*

*For general information visit the Monument’s web site: [www.papahanaumokuakea.gov](http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov)*

