Visitation Fact Sheet

• Three thousand miles from the nearest continent, Papahānaumokuākea 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, Papahānaumokuākea 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 Papahānaumokuākea 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 Mokupāpapa Discovery Center in Hilo on the island of Hawai‘i offers virtual visitor opportunities to Papahānaumokuākea 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, or call +1-808-954-4814.

For general information visit the Monument’s web site: www.papahanaumokuakea.gov