# Watershed Working Group Meeting

May 16, 2012 at 2pm DEQ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

## Today's Agenda

- 1. Opening: attendance sheet, introductions
- 2. Project updates
- 3. Garapan Conservation Action Plan
- 4. Renew MOA for Watershed Working Group
- 5. Other new business?
- 6. Closing: Set date for next meeting (August?)

#### Defining Your Project

- Project people
- Project scope & focal targets

#### Using Results to Adapt & Improve

- · Analyze actions & data
- Learn from results
- Adapt project
- Share findings

Conservation Action Planning

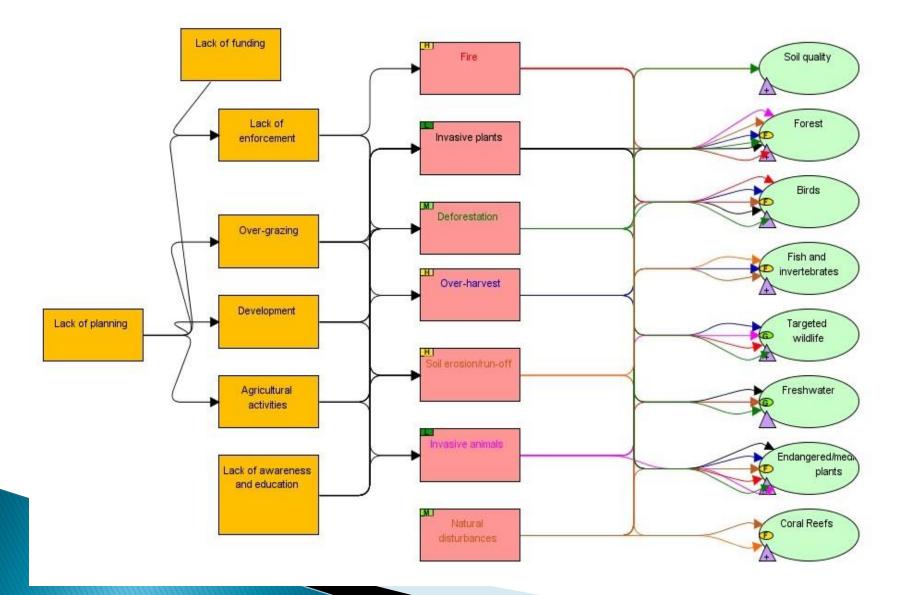
#### Developing Strategies & Measures

- Target viability
- Critical threats
- Situation analysis
- Objectives & actions
- Measures

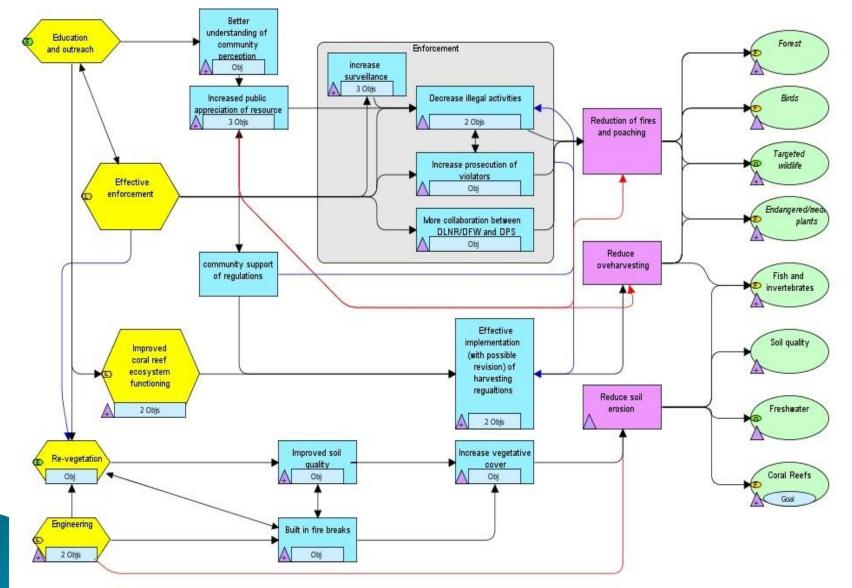
#### Implementing Strategies & Measures

- Develop workplans
- Implement actions
- Implement measures

### Talakhaya Conceptual Model



### Talakhaya Results Chains



#### Garapan Conservation Action Plan

- Dates: June 25–28 (Monday–Thursday)
  - 8:00am until 4:00pm
- Location: TBD, Garapan
- Outputs:
  - List of focal conservation targets and viability
  - List of threats and ratings
  - Strategies and strategic actions to improve targets
  - Assessment of readiness/capacity to implement plan
- Registration form

### Scope/Area:

SAI-04

Chalan Kanoa

araban Southern Boundary of Garapan CAP

South: JP Center Building on Beach Road North: AMP and **Smiling Cove** • West: Managaha and outer reefline East: Takpochau Rd

SAI-08

Northern Mariana Islands

Tanapag

Questions: 1. Include Puerto Rico Dump? 2. Include Managaha Island and Marine Protected Area? Google earth SAI-08

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## **Potential Targets**

- Corals
- Fish
- Macroinvertebrates
- Turtles
- Benthic Habitats (seagrass, algae)
- Biodiversity
- Water quality (lagoon, freshwater, drinking water)

- Recreation
- Aesthetics
- Human health (trash, smells, standing water)
- Terrestrial habitats (forest, birds, soil, agricultural opportunities)

## **Potential Threats**

- Lack of compliance
- Tourism activities
- Climate change
- Dredging
- Nutrification
- Sedimentation
- Erosion
- Boat operation
- Overharvesting
- Poaching

- Point source pollution
- Stormwater
- Trash
- Invasive species
- Clearing/land conversion
- Improper agricultural practices
- Standing water
- Foul smells

## Stakeholders/Participants

- DEQ
- CRM
- DFW
- NOAA
- DPW
- USDA-NRCS
- DLNR
- American Memorial Park
- MINA
- PMRI
- SWCD
- NMDOA
- MVA
- CUC

- PDM Promoters
- Chamber of Commerce
- HANMI
- Fisherman's Association
- Mayor's Office
- Public Health?
- Marine Sporting group?
- Prominent Landowners?
- Smiling Cove?
- DPL?
- HPO?
- Representative of tenants/residents

## Agenda

- Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (stakeholders and resource managers)
  - AM: Intro to CAP process, overview of current Garapan plans, development of Vision
  - PM: Brainstorm and narrow down lists of threats and targets
- Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> (resource agencies, interested stakeholders)
  - AM: Rate threats based on scope, severity, irreversibility
  - PM: Determine Key Ecological Attributes to assess target health
- Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> (all marine-based interests)
  - AM: Develop strategies for marine-based targets/threats
  - PM: Map out actions and objectives for morning's strategies
- Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> (all land-based interests)
  - AM: Develop strategies for land-based targets/threats
  - PM: Map out actions and objectives for morning's strategies

## **Existing Garapan Plans**

- Garapan Flood Control Plan (1986, ?)
- Conceptual Stormwater Management Plan (2005)
- Stormwater Management Manual (2006)
- Saipan Lagoon Groundwater Discharge Study (2006)
- Saipan Lagoon Use Management Plan (?)

### **MOA for Watershed Working Group**

- Revision of 2004 MOA
- Components
  - Participating organizations/agencies
  - Goals/objectives
- Signatures
  - Governor
  - Directors/secretaries of gov't agencies, CUC, etc.
  - Mayors
  - Soil and Water Conservation Districts
  - Other heads of participating groups