**Name**: U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands Regional Gap Analysis for Hazard Planning Implementation

| Capability Area: Impacts/Adaptations | - Understanding Climate Impacts and Informing Adaptation  
- Climate Adaptation  
- Assessment and Evaluation |
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| **Sectors** | - Public Health and Safety  
- Community Planning and Development |
| **Status** | Ongoing |
| **Focus Area** | Coastal Inundation/Sea Level Rise, Extreme Weather, and Community Resilience |
| **Regions** | Central North Pacific  
State Of Hawaii  
Western North Pacific  
CNMI  
FSM  
Guam  
Palau  
RMI  
South Pacific  
American Samoa |
| **Description** | 1) To develop a multi-dimensional gap analyses to determine how to implement science into the community in order to improve hazard resiliency.  
2) To develop an analysis that is flexible and can be used for different regions of the Pacific.  
3) To test the analyses for two geographically diverse areas – Kauai, Hawaii and the U.S. Marshall Islands.  
4) If successful, apply in later phases to the entire Pacific Region. The project begins with a briefing to the NOAA Regional Collaboration Team for the Pacific Region. Extensive interviews will also be conducted with scientists, planners, community members and leaders. |
| **Objectives/Outcomes** | 1) Development of multi-dimensional gap analyses.  
2) Application to two politically ad geographically diverse areas (Kauai and RMI).  
3) Recommendations and if successful, apply to other portions of Hawaii and the Pacific Region. |
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| **Projected Timelines** | 10/1/2011 to 9/30/2012 |