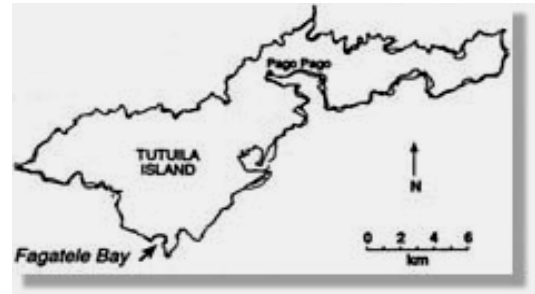


Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary



- **Year Designated:** 1986
- **Size (area):** 0.25 square miles
- **Location:** Bay area off the southwest coast of Tutuila Island, American Samoa
- **Territorial Waters:** Located entirely in Territorial waters
- **Purpose:** To protect and preserve an example of a pristine tropical marine habitat and coral reef terrace ecosystem of exceptional productivity; to expand public awareness and understanding of tropical marine ecosystems; to expand scientific knowledge of marine ecosystems; to improve resource management techniques; and to regulate uses within the Sanctuary to ensure the health and well-being of the ecosystem and its associated flora and fauna.
- **Fully-Protected Areas:** None
- **Date Management Plan Issued:** 1986
- **Date of Management Plan Review:** Fagatele Bay NMS is beginning review of its Management Plan in 2005 and expects it to be completed by 2007.



Map credit: Fagatele Bay NMS

Sanctuary Website: <http://fagatelebay.noaa.gov/>

Sanctuary Regulations: 15 C.F.R. § 922, Subpart J

Examples of Research and Monitoring Activities in the Sanctuary:

- Long-term monitoring to follow the recovery of a coral reef.
- Marine mammal survey (not limited to the Fagatele Bay Sanctuary).
- Planning a coral disease study that will be conducted next year.
- Submarine and ROV used to video as much of the sanctuary as possible, and the deep areas adjoining the site down to 1,500 ft. This project compliments previous GIS/multibeam mapping work.
- A science coordinator is being hired in 2005 and will develop and implement the site's coral reef monitoring plan.

Examples of Endangered and Threatened Species in the Sanctuary:

Endangered	Threatened
Humpback Whale	Green Sea Turtle
Hawksbill Sea Turtle	Olive Ridley Sea Turtle



**Summary of Regulation of Activities and Uses in
the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary**
(For full regulations, see 15 C.F.R. § 922 and contact the regulating agencies)

Type of Use	Regulated by the Sanctuary (NMS)				Examples of Other Regulating Agencies, States/Territories, or Laws (may not be comprehensive list)
	Zoned (areas closed to this type of use)	Restricted	Prohibited	Comments	
Commercial Fishing	√	√		Listed gears are prohibited sanctuary-wide. Greater protection in zones.	American Samoa Dept. of Marine and Wildlife Resources, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Wespac)
Recreational Fishing	√	√		Listed gears are prohibited sanctuary-wide. Greater protection in zones.	American Samoa Dept. of Marine and Wildlife Resources, Wespac
Bottom Trawling			√		American Samoa Dept. of Marine and Wildlife Resources, Wespac
Collecting Aquarium Fish				Not regulated by NMS regulations	American Samoa Dept. of Marine and Wildlife Resources, Wespac
Aquaculture				May be regulated under Discharges and Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Army Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency
Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor			√		
Seabed cables or devices				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Army Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, FCC
Exploring for, Developing, or Producing Oil and Gas				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Exploring for, Developing or Producing Other Minerals				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Removal/Damage of Natural Resources		√		Listed natural resources are protected	
Removal/Damage of Cultural or Historical Resources			√		Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
Overflights				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Use of motorized watercraft		√		Vessels may not speed near dive flags or strike/damage NMS natural features	
Underwater Noise				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Discharging or Depositing Material Within the NMS			√		U.S. Coast Guard
Discharging or Depositing Material Outside the NMS that Might Injure NMS Resources				Not regulated by NMS regulations	U.S. Coast Guard

Other Regulations: Permits for research, education, or salvage/recovery operations may be issued to allow any otherwise prohibited or restricted activity. Additionally, tampering with markers or diving without a flag is prohibited.