

**JOB PROGRESS REPORT  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SEGMENT**

**STATE:** Territory of Guam

**PROJECT NO:** F-4-D

**SEGMENT:** 3

**PROJECT TITLE:** Marine Fish Habitat Improvement and Aggregating Devices (2323)

**PERIOD COVERED:** October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000

**SUMMARY**

Fish aggregating device (FAD) activity is normally focused on the reestablishment of FAD systems, but the project in FY00 involved enhancement projects such as the production of FAD location maps for fishers and the improvement of the current FAD system design to extend the average time on station.

**OBJECTIVE**

- 1) To enhance access to Guam's popular coastal pelagic fishing grounds through the continued development and replacement of a system of fish aggregating devices (FADs).

**RESULTS**

FAD maps were updated periodically and issued out to fishers on request during FY00. In addition, FAD system supplies were maintained for future deployments.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The F-4-D project to develop and enhance the Guam DAWR FAD program should be continued with the following recommendations for FY01:

- 1) Attach ribbons made of plastic strapping material to upper mooring chain of each FAD to further enhance bait and fish-attracting characteristics of the FADs.
- 2) Discontinue unproductive existing FAD sites and invest the time and effort in locating new and improved locations for future deployments. This may be accomplished via fisher surveys.

**PROGRAM COST**

The estimated cost for the project in FY00 was \$14,000.

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