

Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Environmental Report

3 December 2023

Response to P-8 Mishap

Environmental conditions remained stable over the last 24 hours. There is no indication of a release of contaminants of potential concern into the environment and the P-8A is now completely out of the water.

P-8A recovery using roller bags continued through the morning. Wildlife monitors, spill response teams, as well as partners from the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) were on site to observe the process. No concerns were identified throughout the recovery operation.

Environmental Protective Measures largely remain the same. While the risk of potential spills are minimal, triple boom and fresh sorbent sweeps will remain around the aircraft during the P-8A removal and post-recovery dives. The precautionary boom around coconut island was removed at approximately 1630. The boom was placed back into storage on coconut island.

Post salvage dives began with DAR, NOAA, USFWS, US Navy, and Marine Corps Base Hawaii personnel supporting the endeavor. The dive team conducted preliminary assessment of the area to delineate the extent of potential damage. A second dive is expected to occur on 4 Dec 2023 to further delineate and quantify any potential damage and perform emergency coral restoration.