



AMERICAN SAMOA

Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management

PACIFIC RISK MANAGEMENT 'OHANA PRESENTATION



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Located south of the equator, American Samoa is the southernmost territory of the United States and is roughly 2,558 miles from the state of Hawaii. The territory, which is part of Polynesia, includes the seven islands that make up American Samoa: the island of Tutuila, Ta'u, Olosega, Ofu, Aunu'u, and Swains Island along with an uninhabited coral atoll named Rose Atoll.



OFFICE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT

ODAPM consists of the following programs:

- Public Assistance Grant Program
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
 - Office of Petroleum Management
 - American Samoa Petroleum Cooperative
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Coordinator
 - American Samoa Government Property Insurance
- *Collaborate with Local and Federal Agencies to reduce the risk of loss of life and properties, and mitigate the impacts of disasters*
- *State Administrative Agency for Mitigation and Recovery Funds*



CLIMATE CHANGE IN AMERICAN SAMOA



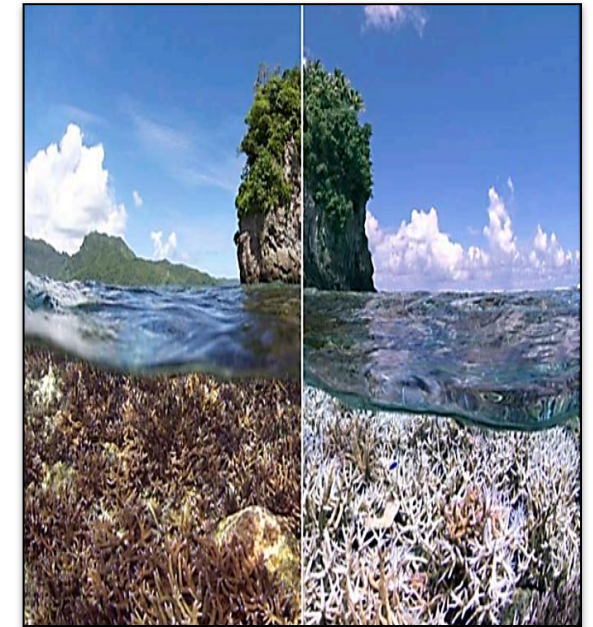
**Vailulu'u Volcano
Manu'a**



King Tides



**Sea Level Rise and
Coastal Inundation**



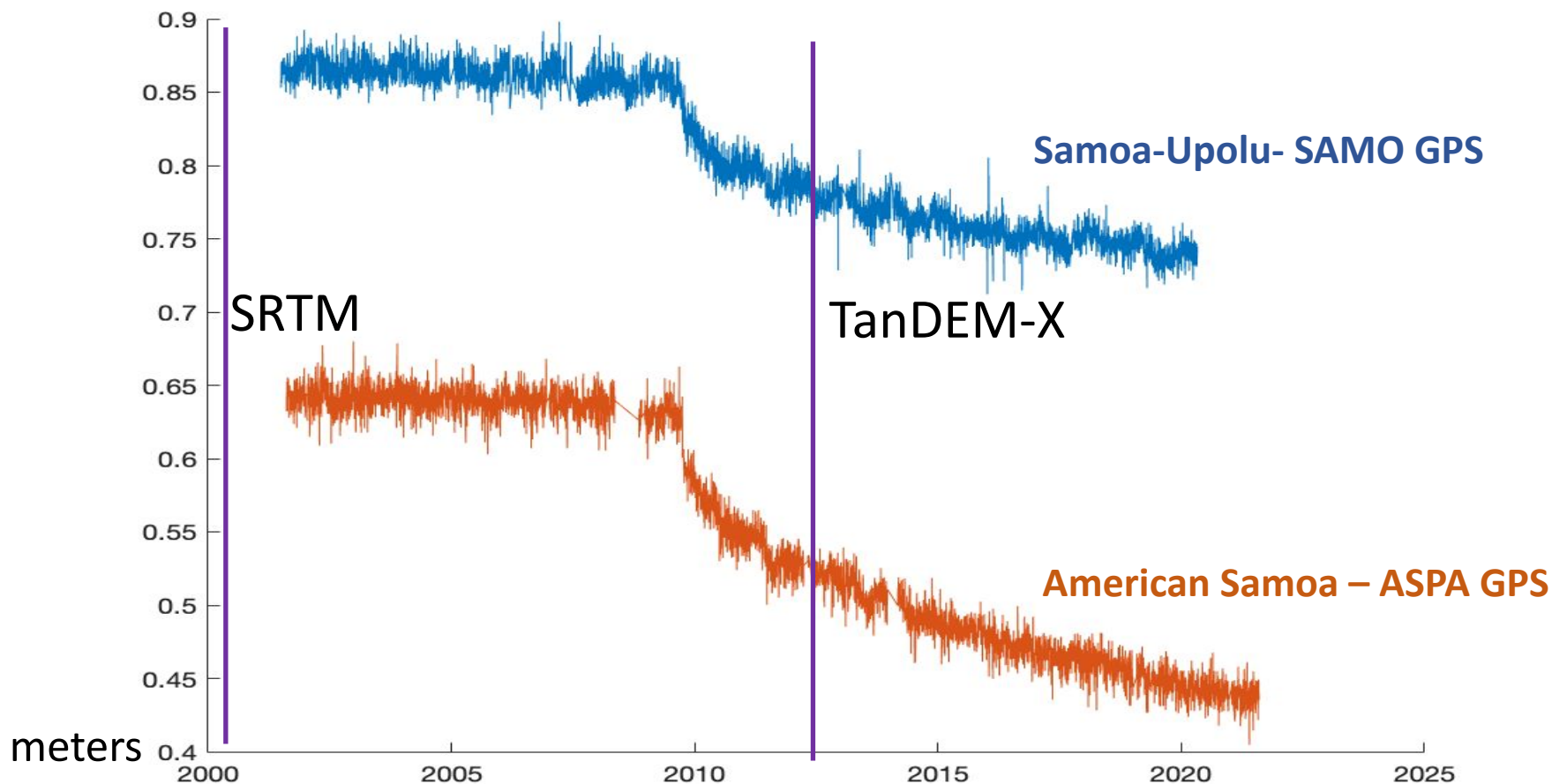
**Coral Bleaching
Fatu & Futi**



SIGNIFICANT SINKING



2009 EQ



- In the decade after the earthquake, Tutuila sank 20 cm or 7.8 inches, making our relative sea level rise extreme.
- Our relative sea level rise rate is five times the global average of sea level rise



SEA LEVEL RISE



Pago Pago International Airport



Pago Pago International Airport
2100 with 7ft Sea Level Rise

URGENT NEED FOR GLOBAL CHANGE

- The Secretary of the UN state in response to the 6th IPCC Climate Change Report (2021) that the world is in a “Code Red for Humanity.”
- If we do not take action NOW, there will be a continuation of detrimental and irreversible climate change effects on the economy, social well being, public health, and OUR way of life-culture
- Climate change will continue to threaten the quality of life for the people of American Samoa.
- This is a call for CHANGE and ACTION for our future generation!



AMERICAN SAMOA'S ACTIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- Coral Reef Resilience Local Action Strategy (2008)
- American Samoa Renewable Energy Committee (2010)
- Climate Change Summit (2011)
- Territorial Climate Change Advisory Group, Territorial Climate Change Framework (2012)
- American Samoa Climate Change Task Force (2015)

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES APPLICABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Office of the
Governor

Department of
Marine and
Wildlife
Resources

AS
Environmental
Protection
Agency

Office of Disaster
Assistance and
Petroleum
Management

Department of
Commerce

Department of
Parks and
Recreations

Department of
Agriculture

American Samoa
Power Authority

Department of
Public Works

Department of
Health

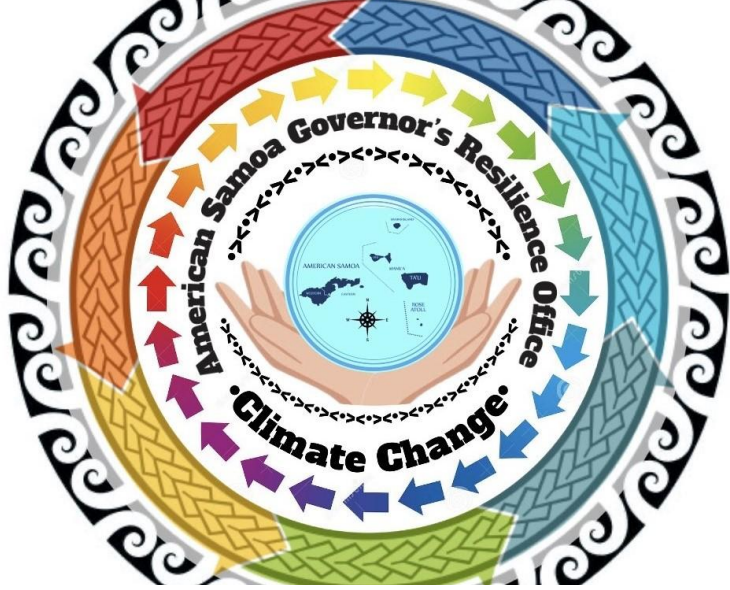
Department of
Education

AS Historic
Preservation
Office

American Samoa
Community
College

Coral Reef
Advisory Group

AS Department of
Homeland
Security



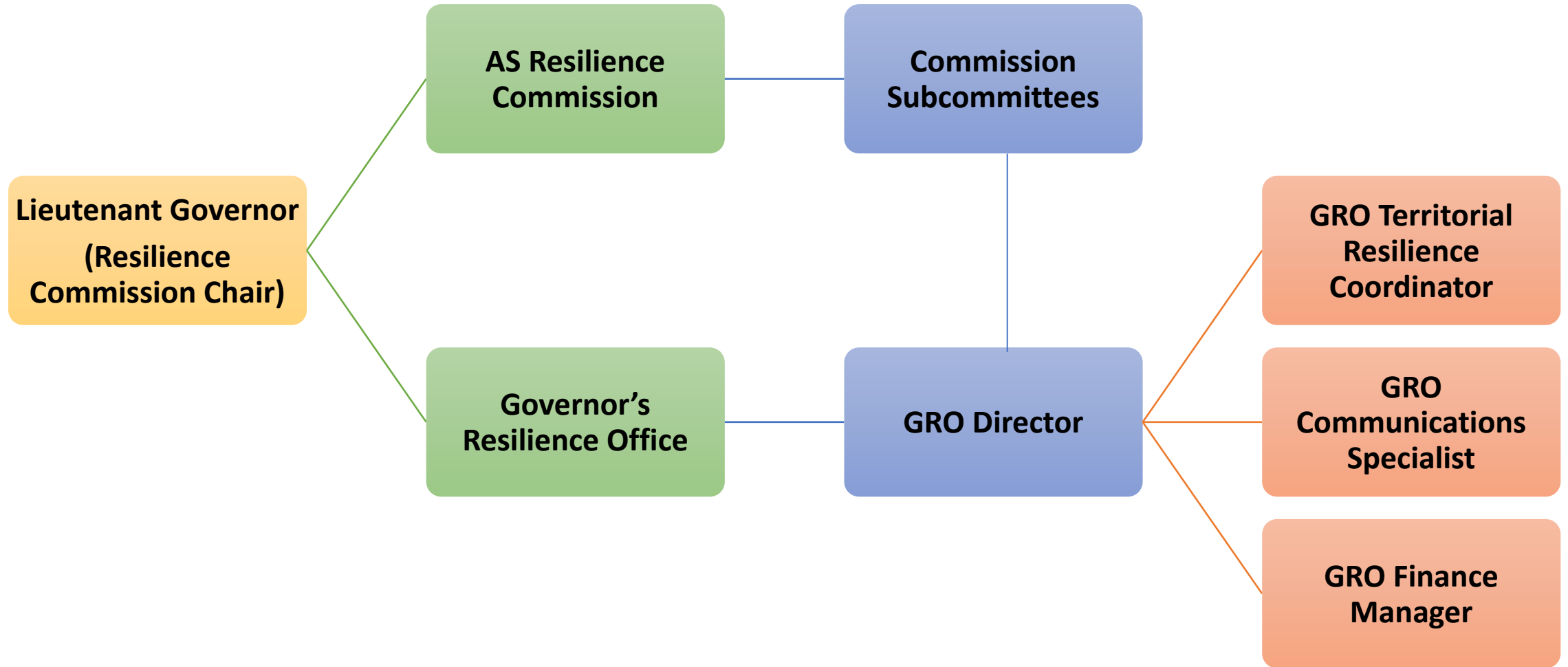
GOVERNOR'S RESILIENCE OFFICE



American Samoa's Resilience Commission and Governor's Resilience Office recognizes the urgency of climate impacts with grave concern and the need to respond quickly and strategically to ensure the protection, adaptive capacity, resilience, and well-being of the islands and residents of American Samoa.



GOVERNOR'S RESILIENCE OFFICE



AMERIKA SAMOA'S DISASTER RESILIENCE SUMMIT



- Emergency Support Functions Outreach Booths
- Disaster Management Training Sessions
- September 26-29, 2023





BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

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National Fish and Wildlife
Foundation (NFWF)
America the Beautiful
Challenge FY 2022

USEPA-Marine Debris
Removal Program

National
Telecommunications and
Information Administration
(NTIA)-Middle Mile
Broadband Infrastructure
and Infrastructure Grant
Program

Port Infrastructure
Development Program (PIDP)

USDOT INFRA
(Nationally Significant
Multimodal Freight &
Highway Projects)

Building Resilient
Infrastructure and
Communities (BRIC)

CHALLENGES

- Lack of Local Cost Matching ****DOI Waiver**
- Competitive Grants/Equity in Scoring and Review
- Period of Performance (POP)-Life of the grant
 - Shipping delays
 - Supply Chain Issues
 - Lack of subject matter experts
(engineers, project managers, etc.)
- Lack of Local US Army Corps of Engineers in AS



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Thank you

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