

MEGAN LAMSON

Megan Lamson is a marine biologist with a specialty in coral reef fish ecology and community-based management projects. She received her Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from the University of California in Santa Cruz and a Master's degree in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. She is currently the Vice President and Hawai'i Island Program Director for the nonprofit organization, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund. She also works with the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit within the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i for the Hawai'i State DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources in Kona, surveying fish and coral habitats along the West Hawai'i coastline. Lamson has been working and volunteering for Hawai'i Wildlife Fund since 2008, and during that time she has helped to coordinate the removal of 100+ tons of marine debris from the shores of Hawai'i Island, Maui, and Lana'i. In 2016, Lamson participated in the Hawai'i County Council sponsored Hawai'i Island Packaging and Sustainability Task Force.

In addition, Lamson has given presentations on marine debris and marine resources in college classrooms, professional meetings, and at several international conferences around the world. She has co-authored several papers and studies related to marine debris and coral reefs in Hawai'i nei.