

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT
for
MARIANA ISLANDS TRAINING AND TESTING ACTIVITIES**

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Cooperating Agency: National Marine Fisheries Service
United States Air Force
United States Coast Guard

Title of the Proposed Action: Mariana Islands Training and Testing Activities

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Abstract

The United States Department of the Navy (Navy) prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 United States Code §4321 et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations [C.F.R.] §§1500 et seq.); Navy Procedures for Implementing NEPA (32 C.F.R. §775); and Executive Order 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*. The Navy identified its need to support and conduct current, emerging, and future training and testing activities in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study Area (Study Area), which is made up of the Mariana Islands Range Complex, additional areas on the high seas, and a transit corridor where training and testing activities may occur. Three alternatives were analyzed in this EIS/OEIS:

- The No Action Alternative represents those training and testing activities as set forth in previously completed environmental planning documentation.
- Alternative 1 (Preferred Alternative) consists of the No Action Alternative, plus the expansion of Study Area boundaries and adjustments to location, type, and tempo of training and testing activities, which includes the addition of platforms and systems.
- Alternative 2 consists of all activities that would occur under Alternative 1 plus adjustments to the type and tempo of training and testing activities.

In this EIS/OEIS, the Navy analyzed potential environmental impacts that result or could result from activities under the No Action Alternative, Alternative 1, and Alternative 2. The resources evaluated include ocean and biological resources (including marine mammals and threatened and endangered species), terrestrial resources, air quality, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, and public health and safety.

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