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## **Earth Day Celebration at Sea Life Park**

**April 13, 2012 – Honolulu, HI --** Sea Life Park Education Department, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i, and SoulTrex present an Earth Day Celebration in the Makapu'u Meadows at Sea Life Park on Sunday, April 22 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Live music sets the stage for an afternoon of family fun and education, featuring a variety of nonprofit booths, educational displays, and several guest speakers including Carey Morishige, Pacific Islands regional coordinator of the NOAA Marine Debris program. Activities include games, art, and face painting for keiki and raffle prizes like surfing lessons, clothing, and handboards. Entertainment is provided by a variety of musical acts, with a special appearance by the Grammy-award winning Honoka'a Jazz Band, scheduled at noon to kickstart the festivities. Mike Love & Paula Fuga play mid-day, delivering acoustic roots reggae with 'aina-centric lyrics and smooth melodies.

Come with an empty Coca Cola product to be recycled and Sea Life Park will take 50% off of the regular retail rate of admission in exchange for your donation (\$15 Adult admission and \$10 Junior admission (ages 3 -12). (One person per recycled item, other restrictions apply.)

Working in tandem with Sea Life Park on Earth Day will be Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii and the public for their one-year anniversary beach clean-up of the coastal area from Makapu'u to Kaupo Bay. Benefiting Hawaii's beaches and your wallet, entry fee for volunteers will be only \$5, including an entrance to the event and all Sea Life Park exhibits.

The day's festivities include the following:

- Musical talent, provided by Sustainable Coastlines, including Grammy-award winning, Honoka'a Jazz Band, along with performances by Mike Love and Paula Fuga, Grover Cleveland, Bonafide Sound System, and much more.
- Invited to speak on topics ranging from Watersheds to marine debris prevention are Sea Life Park Curator, Jeff Pawloski, and Education Manager, Tara Dixon. Other presenting guest speakers include NOAA, Surfrider Foundation, Sustainable Coastlines, and UH-Research Professor of Marine Biology and Ecotoxicology, Dr. Robert "Bob" Richmond.
- Due to the recent strong trade winds and consequential large amount of marine debris washed upon Hawaii's shoreline, Sea Life Park and Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii invite the public to the Earth Day beach clean-up of the coastal area from Makapu'u to Kaupo Bay at 9:30 a.m.
- Makapu'u Meadows will be open to the general public at 12 noon. Each clean up volunteer will be given a unique stamp for \$5 admission to Sea Life Park for the Earth Day celebration.
- Picnic lunch menu to be served and provided by Sea Life Park free of charge to beach clean-up volunteers with the pre-designated stamp while supplies last. All other Park guests & other exhibitors that were not able to help in beach clean-up can purchase the lunch for \$5.
- Over 20 environmental education booths with hands-on activities including games and raffle prizes.
- Sea Life Park daily marine animal shows & exhibits:
  - Dolphin Cove Shows will be held at 12:30
  - Hawaii Ocean Theatre featuring the talents of dolphins, penguins, sea lions, as well as trainers Sea Life Park Hawaii's conservation efforts.
  - Kolohe Kai Sea Lion Show 2:50 p.m.
  - Sea Lion Feeding 3:00 p.m.
  - And much more

Come celebrate Earth Day and learn about Sea Life Park Hawaii's educational, local, eco-friendly organization efforts to educate the general public of what we can do throughout the year to keep the 'Aina clean and sustainable now and for years to come.

### **About Sea Life Park Hawaii**

Sea Life Park offers a variety of marine-life shows, exhibits and educational programs for all ages and is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Among its most popular features are the swim-with-the-dolphins experiences and the one of a kind, wholphin. Sea Life Park also offers daily dolphin shows, a monk seal and penguin exhibit, a Sea Trek dive adventure and a chance to for guests to feed the sea turtles and sea lions. The Park is a member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. Sea Life Park is owned and operated by Palace Entertainment. For more information, visit the Park's website at [www.sealifeparkhawaii.com](http://www.sealifeparkhawaii.com)

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