

These Hawaiian and Western sites are part of a complex cultural landscape, where environment and history and culture join together in a unique location. Only by appreciating multiple perspectives can we better understand and value our coastal and marine spaces.

Hiking the coast on Lāna`i's north shore
Photo: J Coney NOAA ONMS



The rough north shore of Lāna`i, particularly within the ahupua`a of Paoma`i and Mahana, possesses many cultural and historic locations. Some of these places have significance in both pre and post Western contact periods. For example, Awaia or Double Channel Bay, once the site of an ancient village, later served as a steamship landing during ranching days. Here, sheep and cattle were rounded up by paniolo (local cowboys) and made to swim out to the waiting steamers, then loaded for transport to Honolulu. Today the north shore features a unique concentration of historic wrecks, the remains of steamships from Hawai`i's ranching and plantation era. The six-mile stretch of coastline called Shipwreck Beach features wonderful opportunities for hiking, hunting, fishing, photography and exploration.

Special Locations: Paoma`i and Mahana

Traditional landmarks within the ahupua`a of Paoma`i and Mahana, and shipwreck locations along Lāna`i's north shore
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Partnerships in Heritage

Partnerships are an important part of NOAA's maritime heritage efforts in the Pacific Islands Region of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Partners on the island of Lāna`i include:

- NOAA Maritime Heritage Program
- University of Hawai`i Marine Option Program
- Lāna`i Culture & Heritage Center
- Lāna`i High & Elementary School
- Lāna`i Archaeological Committee
- Alu Like Inc.
- Coalition for a Drug Free Lāna`i
- Lāna`i Waialua Plantation
- NOAA Preserve America Initiative Grant Program

Historic resources in coastal waters fall under the protection of the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division.

What Is a National Marine Sanctuary?

Our national marine sanctuaries embrace part of our collective riches as a nation. Sanctuary habitats include beautiful rocky reefs, lush kelp forests, whale migration corridors, spectacular deep-sea canyons, and underwater archaeological sites. Our nation's



Recording shipwreck machinery in the Hawaiian Islands
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sanctuaries can provide a safe habitat for species close to extinction, or protect historically significant shipwrecks. Ranging in size

from less than one square mile to over 5,300 square miles, each sanctuary is a unique place needing special protections. The Island of Lāna`i lies within the boundaries of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

To find more information, contact:

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Bottom of double-cylinder steam engine bed projects from surf

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Front image: grounded navy tanker near Pō aiwa; wooden keelson of another wreck in foreground
Photo: S Van Tilburg UH Lab School



Maritime Heritage and Lāna`i's Shipwreck Beach

