Marine Conservation Institute is a US nonprofit organization based in Seattle, Washington. We have additional offices in Glen Ellen, California and Washington, DC. Honua Consulting of Honolulu handles our conservation project for the Hawaiian monk seal.

Marine Conservation Institute has become a leader in the global movement to protect and recover the biological integrity of the world’s oceans. Our effectiveness comes from our vision, expertise and willingness to partner with others to find sustainable ways to manage our oceans.

Marine Conservation Institute works with partners around the world to protect essential ocean places and the wild species in them. Our goal is to maintain and recover bountiful, diverse and healthy oceans now and for generations to come. We understand that marine ecosystems are essential for human survival, wealth and well-being. Because the oceans are Earth’s biggest life support system, everyone has a stake in maintaining their integrity.

We have been involved in Pacific Islands and Hawaii conservation work since 2004 when we joined a coalition of Hawaiian groups working to protect the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands as a biological reserve. After the creation of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in 2006, we led the effort to scientifically justify and advocate additional marine monuments at Rose Atoll, American Samoa, and the U.S. Pacific Remote Islands in the Central Pacific. We continue to provide advice and assistance to federal agencies regarding the management and enforcement of all Pacific marine monuments.

Since 2007, Marine Conservation Institute has advocated for the protection and recovery of the Hawaiian monk seal. The Hawaiian monk seal is a unique and important element of Hawaii’s marine ecosystems whose demise would be a tragic loss for the state and the world. Our monk seal campaign focuses on working constructively with fishermen and other stakeholders to meet the seal’s conservation needs, while also educating the public on how to coexist with the growing number of seals that are appearing naturally in the main Hawaii Islands.
Honua Consulting is an environmental and cultural consulting firm founded and based in Hawai`i that focuses on innovative approaches to marrying indigenous community and cultural needs with conservation outcomes. The firm was founded in 2003 by Dr. Trisha Kēhaulani Watson. Our clients have included federal, state and private entities. We have worked primarily throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

The firm consists of a small group of employees and contractors who provide professional services in the areas of culture, education, community engagement and environmental services. We are particularly skilled in dealing with culturally and community sensitive issues.

Honua Consulting is one of a handful of Native Hawaiian owned small businesses in Hawai`i. It is unique in its ability to bring outstanding Native Hawaiian talent to the table to work in collaboration with public and private partners in many capacities vital to their missions. Honua Consulting is known for its ability to assemble extraordinary teams of Native Hawaiian professionals who add breadth, depth, wisdom and innovation to any project.

Our vision is for a strong, proud Hawai`i, one that lives sustainability and with aloha. We pride ourselves on our ability to give our clients the best service and guidance while ensuring that our community and its way of life is protected and perpetuated for generations to come.