

# Tern Island Preliminary Assessment (PA) and TSD

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## Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge: Tern Island

Tern Island is part of the atoll known as French Frigate Shoals (FFS) and is located 490 nautical miles northwest of Honolulu, Hawaii.

### Islands of French Frigate Shoals

FFS, or Kanemilohai as it is known in the Hawaiian language, is the largest atoll in the Hawaiian island chain. Tern Island is the largest of 12 small sand islands contained within the low lying coral atoll called FFS. The atoll consists of two crescent-shaped reefs surrounding a large 140-square-mile lagoon.

### Early History

French Frigate Shoals and Tern Island

Mid-Pacific Mountains

Kamohameha Basin

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French Frigate Shoals Airport

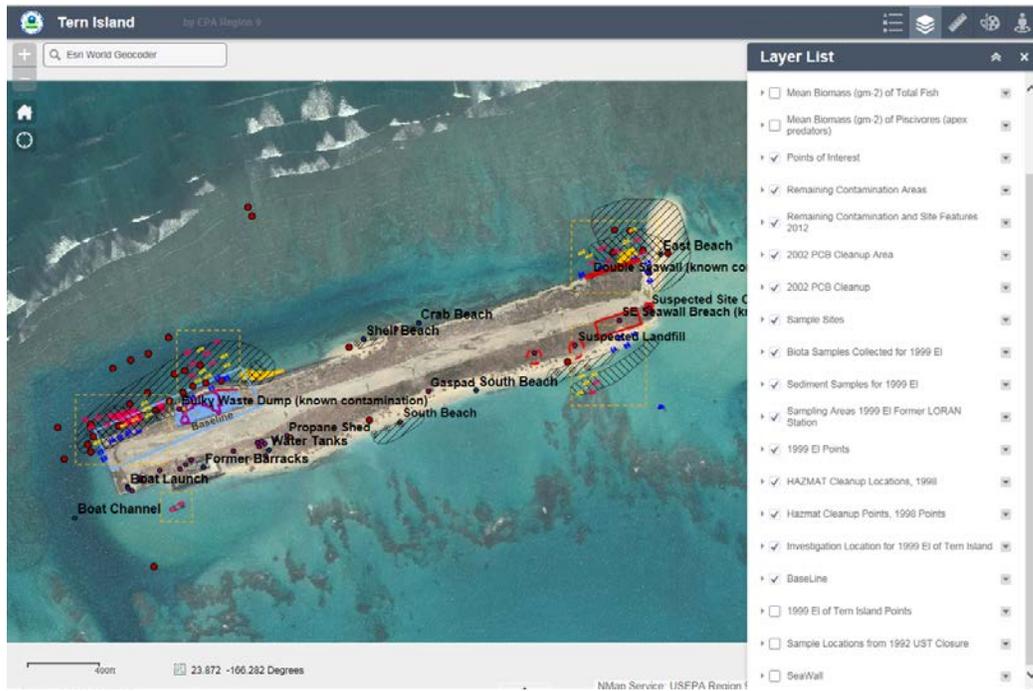
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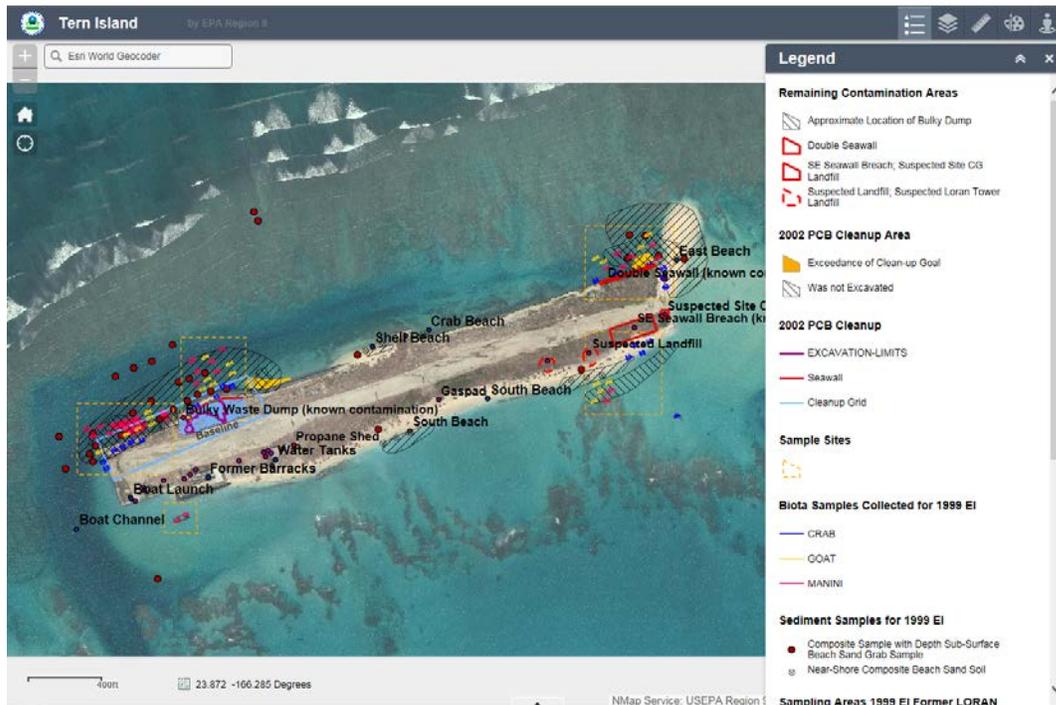
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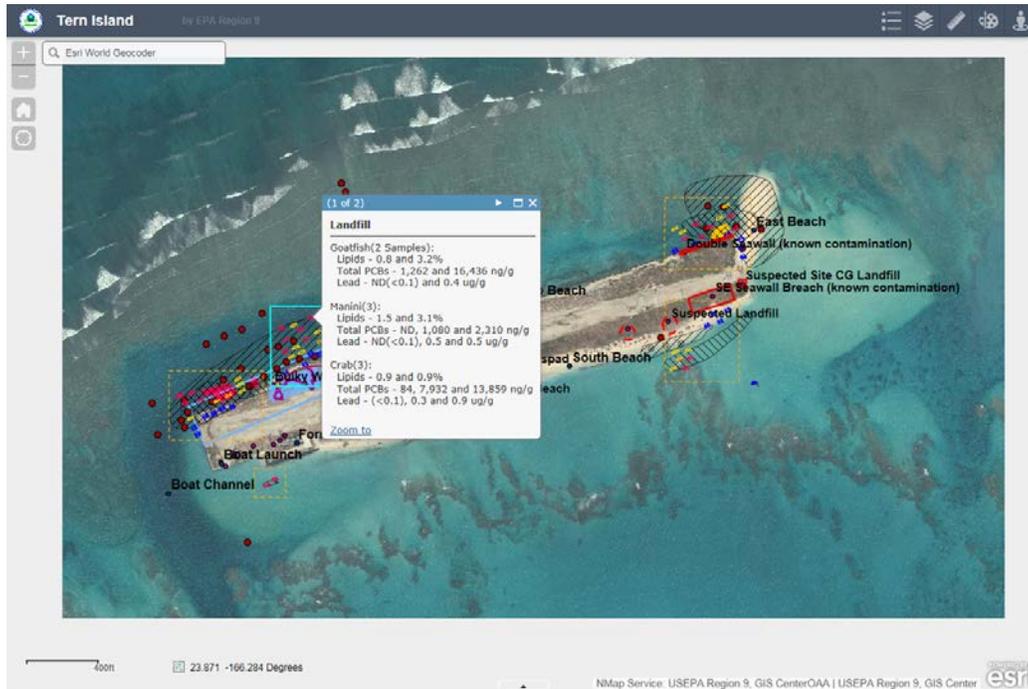


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US EPA and US FWS Partner in Preliminary Assessment of Tern Island Contamination

Tern Island Preliminary Assessment, French Frigate Shoals, NW Hawaiian Islands:

Tern Island, French Frigate Shoals, is located 564 miles northwest of Honolulu, and comprises part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge and Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in the NWHI. It also lies within the Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the State of Hawaii's NWHI Marine Refuge.

In September 2014, EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released an initial assessment of contamination at Tern Island, a remote island in the chain of Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). The results show that there have been releases of hazardous substances such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and lead from military wastes buried on the island between World War II and 1979, and further action is warranted.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to continuing to work with the EPA to establish next steps for further action at Tern Island. Tern Island is part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge and an important oasis of protection for marine mammals like the endangered monk seal, threatened green sea turtles, and many different species of seabirds."

— Kevin Forrester, Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Pacific Region