



Earth Team Volunteer Spotlight

Lisa Castro Guam

Interested in gaining on-hand experience and enhancing her degree in agriculture, Lisa Castro joined the Guam Field Office as an Earth Team Volunteer on July 19, 2004. Lisa, a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Science, University of Guam (UOG), had turned to UOG professor Mari Marutani for information regarding volunteer opportunities. Dr. Marutani told Lisa about the Earth Team Volunteer Program and assisted her in signing up.

Lisa has coordinated with each staff member of the Guam Field Office to ensure that she has the opportunity to observe and learn all aspects of the activities conducted by a field office, such as: management, planning and the implementation of conservation practices. Lisa has assisted with data collection of farms involved in EQIP and FSA programs, attended Northern Guam and Southern Guam SWCD meetings, and has participated on EWP site and client follow-up visits.



After a nine year absence, Lisa returned to Guam from San Diego, California. Back in Guam for a little over a year, Lisa has been working towards a degree in Agriculture at the University of Guam. Along with her two year old daughter, she is enjoying being close to family again and going to the beach. Lisa is always on the lookout for opportunities to be involved with that will help improve the island of Guam. "I've always been an advocate of conservation and the endeavor to 'save the planet'", explains Lisa. By spending time with the staff at the Guam Field Office, Lisa hopes to obtain a better understanding of the strategies and obstacles involved in conservation efforts on Guam. Describing her experiences, Lisa states, "So far, it has been quite rewarding to know I'm on the "Good Guys' Team"!