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The Fairmont Orchid graces Paoua Bay, a green-blue cove where guests can swim with sea turtles, snorkel among coral reefs teeming with colorful fish, and walk along sugar white sands.

To maintain this pristine ecosystem, the Fairmont Orchid partnered with the University of Hawai'i-Hilo in 2003 to launch the Reef and Fishpond Monitoring Signature Project. This collaborative effort monitors the presence of nitrates from fertilizers and run-off that encourages algae growth, which smothers coral.

Under the Fairmont Green Partnership program, all 50 Fairmont hotels worldwide are committed to minimizing environmental impact through local programs and franchise green programs that address habitat and species protection, resource conservation, waste reduction, and local sustainability.

The Fairmont Orchid's Room to Reef project recognizes the impact of hotel operations on the marine ecosystem. Rooms are cleaned with non-toxic, biodegradable products, the grounds are landscaped organically, and the pools are treated with low-impact chemicals.

Ecological balance is especially crucial for the Fairmont Orchid's 36-hole

Hawai'i golf course where ocean surf sprays up against the fairways. To prevent dangerous run-off and leaching, the golf greens are irrigated with potable water and weeds are controlled organically. In addition, all Fairmont golf courses must meet high standards set by the Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary.

Shrinking its global carbon footprint is a continuing enterprise for Fairmont Hotels. The installation of water-efficient showerheads, toilets, and tap aerators has allowed Fairmont to reduce its water use by 31%. Retrofitting lighting with low-wattage or LED bulbs and updating air conditioning, pool heating, and pump systems has also significantly lowered energy consumption at its resorts worldwide.

Guests are encouraged to pursue environmental stewardship through the towel and sheet exchange program, choosing Eco-Meet solutions for conferences and Green Cuisine for meals as well as recycling.

At the Fairmont Orchid, it's easy to be a part of the Green Partnership program.

Guests can wake up to a cup of hot locally grown coffee and a delicious breakfast with fresh apples and bananas grown in the hotel gardens. Later, they can take a guided snorkel tour of one of the healthiest coral reef systems in Hawaii and learn reef etiquette. In the evening, guests relax with a bottle of organic wine and enjoy four star cuisine created with fresh organic produce from local farms and herbs grown on-site.

The Fairmont Orchid's philosophy is reflected in a client relationship founded in trust and stewardship. The Fairmont strives to offer experiences that are authentic, extraordinary and green.