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## Ivy Gourd Call 573-MISC



### What is it?

- Ivy gourd (*Coccinia grandis*) is a vine from Asia, Africa, and India that is invading Hawai'i.
- The 2-3 inch leaves are heart shaped.
- The white flowers have 5 petals, up to 2 inches across.
- The fruits are red and shaped like cucumbers.
- Ivy gourd is a State noxious weed.
- It is found in dry to moist areas up to 800' elevation.

### Why is it a problem in Hawai'i?

- Ivy gourd attacks shrubs, trees, fences, and telephone poles.
- If left unchecked, ivy gourd can form a dense canopy that quickly smothers out its hosts under a solid blanket of vines.
- Birds eat the fruits and scatter the seeds, contributing to the rapid spread of the vine. It can grow up to 4 inches a day.

### What is MISC doing?

- The Maui Invasive Species Committee is a partnership fighting to protect Maui County from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.
- MISC works to prevent invasive species from becoming established in Maui.
- MISC controls invasive species on private and public property free of charge.
- MISC educates people about invasive species and how to protect Maui.

### What can you do?

- Never import or plant ivy gourd.
- If you have ivy gourd, call MISC and give us permission to control it on your property.
- If you see ivy gourd growing or for sale, call MISC.
- Encourage your friends not to buy this or other pest plants so nurseries will stop selling them.
- Learn more. Visit the website <http://www.hear.org/AlienSpeciesInHawaii/>

**Together we can keep "Maui Nō Ka 'Oi!"**



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