

Subject: Derris elliptica**Date:** Thu, 12 Oct 2000 13:52:41 -1000**From:** "J. B. Friday" <jbfriday@hawaii.edu>**To:** pt@hear.org

Dear Philip,

A client brought in a section of a vine which Lyman Perry of Hawaii DOFAW identified as *Derris elliptica*. It is the vine from which we get rotenone, the fish poison. The man who brought in the vine says it is smothering trees and growing wild near where he lives in Puna. Is *Derris* known to be a pest? I did not see it in the HEAR database or in Dr. Smith's database. It is in the PEIR database. A woody legume vine which smothers trees sounds like it could be a problem.

FYI, the man is cutting it. He contacted Phil Motooka, who recommend treating regrowth with Garlon IV. Great that people are concerned with weeds that they don't recognize.

I'm sorry, I don't remember if the HEAR news list is for posting by anyone or whether you need to post items to it. Please send this around as you see appropriate.

Yours,
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Find out in advance what the public will stand for. If it is right and they won't stand for it, postpone action and educate them.

-Gifford Pinchot
First Chief, USDA Forest Service
Founder, Yale School of Forestry
Founder, Society of American Foresters