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MAUI AXIS DEER GROUP: SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS

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The rapidly increasing Axis deer population on Maui is causing serious problems from Hana to Kapalua. Vehicle accidents, property damage, poaching, ecosystem damage, crop damage, concerns about the spread of disease to other animals and humans are among the concerns. A year ago, Steve Anderson presented the results of two years of research on the Axis deer on Maui. As a result of that presentation, the Maui Axis Deer Group formed working groups to examine the issues and concerns of various stakeholders. The results and recommendations of those efforts to this growing, complex and very controversial problem will be presented on this program.

There will be several public meetings around the island by MADG to present their findings and gather public input.

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