

Invasive Plants in Hawai`i

**Collaborative
Discussions About
Invasive Species**

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Solutions**

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Dear Colleague:

Last December, a first of its kind workshop on the impacts of terrestrial invasive species in Hawai`i brought together representatives from Hawai`i's landscape industry, government agencies, and other stakeholders.

(See www.state.hi.us/dlnr/dofaw/pubs/.)

It was agreed that additional meetings would be held to develop practical solutions to minimize the risk of introducing new invasive plants, and to maintain an economically viable landscape industry.

Meetings have been planned in each county that will specifically:

- Create an awareness of the impact of invasive species.
- Look at how the risk assessment process works – the University of Hawai`i and the US Forest Service are testing New Zealand's system which has been successfully used to predict invasiveness of new introductions. We believe it can work in Hawai`i.
- Openly discuss the leadership role of the landscape industry.

All meetings are from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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| October 3 | Kauai | <i>Kauai Veterans Center
3215 Kapule Hwy, Lihue - near the airport.</i> |
| October 7 | Oahu | <i>McCoy Pavilion – Ala Moana Beach Park,
1201 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu</i> |
| October 8 | Hilo | <i>UH Hilo – Komohana Agriculture Complex,
Conf Rooms A & B, 875 Komohana St., (near
Puainako intersection)</i> |
| October 9 | Kona | <i>Kona Outdoor Circle
76-6280 Kuakini Hwy, Kailua-Kona</i> |
| October 10 | Maui | <i>Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center
91 Pukalani Street, Pukalani</i> |

We look forward to working with you.

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