



Coqui News

Kauai Invasive Species Committee

Work Notification
September 3—7

Work update at Lawai infestation site

Upcoming control work is scheduled to continue the week of September 3, 2007. Crews will be arriving in the morning and working until around 9:30 pm.

Field crew work is scheduled for September 4, 5, 6, and 7.

This past week lime was applied in sections 6, 8 and 9. Citric Acid was applied in sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9. Although it turned out to be a little too rainy to spray citric acid on Wednesday evening, the crew was able to hand-capture 17 calling frogs.

Since Monday, September 3, is Labor Day and a Federal Holiday no work will be conducted at the site. The crew will resume work on Tuesday

and work controlling frogs through Thursday. Daytime work applying herbicide is scheduled to be conducted on Friday, September 7.

Both lime and citric acid are slated to be applied in sections 10 through 22. Herbicide will be applied to control hau resprouts and grasses in sections 18 through 20.

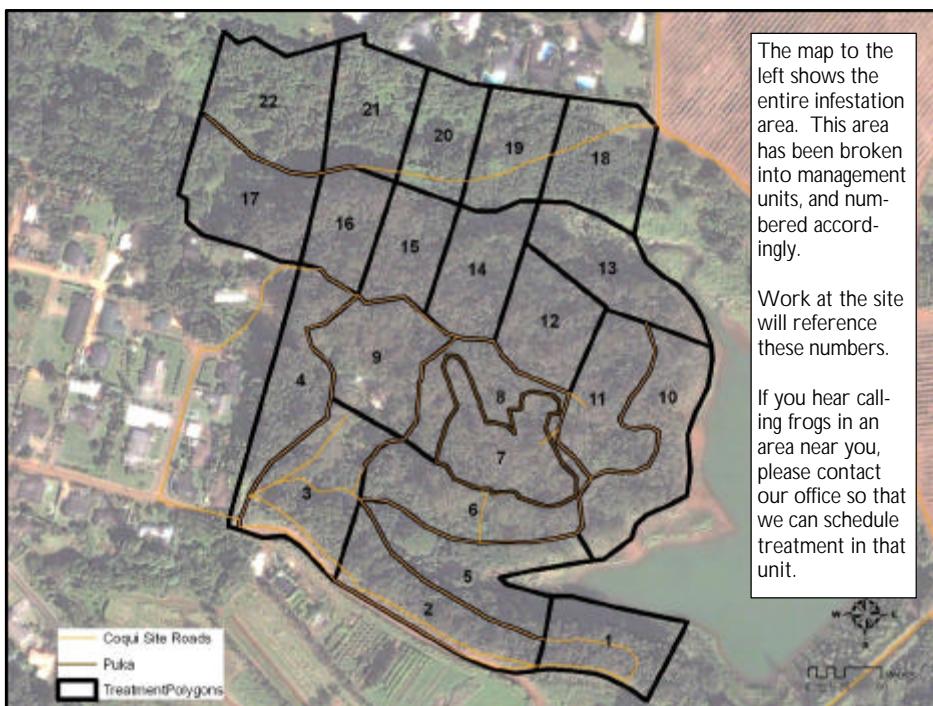
Word also has it that Aepo Reservoir is slated for re-filling. The reservoir has been empty while a drain valve was being repaired. The filled reservoir has acted as a helpful boundary to help contain the spread of coqui at this site.

Report a Pest:
643-PEST



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Management Area Map



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Contact Phone Numbers:

- **KISC:** 246-0684
(from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm)
- **Crew Supervisor:**
651-8781
- **Hawaii Department of Agriculture:** 274-3069
- **Pest Hotline:** 643-PEST

Tidbit

662 people came into the KISC booth at the 2007 Kauai County Farm Bureau Fair. Members of the coqui frog work crew were there to educate people about the threat that coqui pose to our precious island.



State Representatives visit Lawai

13 members of the state House of Representatives were on Kauai during the second week in August for a two-day visit to tour agricultural and economic development projects.

Part of their tour included a visit to the coqui infestation site in Lawai where they received a briefing regarding the introduction of coqui to Hawaii and, later, to Kauai.

Activity to battle the frog was recounted starting with the first report in

2001 (when little action was actually taken), the expanding population, USDA's efforts to obtain a label to use citric acid as a pesticide, the formation of the Kauai Coqui Frog Working Group and the current efforts at the site.

The group also observed the coqui crewmembers in action spraying citric acid in section 6 as a ground-drench.

The highlight of the visit was being shown a live coqui frog and a clutch of eggs that were captured in a

PVC refugia trap. The Representatives got to handle the frog and take advantage of the "photo-op".

Representative James Tokioka, 15th District, Kauai, was also on the tour and commented on what a great job the crew was doing and commended their accomplishments and efforts.



Rep. Muramoto, Rep. Oakland-Chun, and Agriculture Committee Chair Rep. Clift Tsuji getting "up-close and personal" with captured coqui at the Lawai infestation site.

"The coqui frog is fast approaching natural areas and forest reserves and is about to penetrate in very pristine areas," he said. "It is rapidly spreading in uncontrollable fashion." [Clift Tsuji, April 2005, Maui News]

Successful outreach at Kauai County Fair



the booths relating to agriculture and conservation. KISC was there displaying information about the threats that invasive species pose to an island ecosystem.

What people wanted to know the most about was the tiny

coqui frog that has invaded Hawaii.

This gave the County-funded frog crew a perfect opportunity to educate the public about the dam-

This past weekend celebrated the annual, and well attended, Kauai County Farm Bureau Fair.

Outside the commercial tent, under the silver canopies, were

aging effects that the coqui frog has. There was a specimen jar full of captured and preserved frogs, "Coqui Patrol: whistle while you work" bumper stickers, window decals, flyers with information and lots of pictures. We even have plenty of "Got coqui? 643-PEST 'Nuff already" flyswatters! Please let us know if you are interested in obtaining any of these "give-away" items and we'll be sure to get them to you.

All-in-all it was a great fair with 662 fair-goers seeking information at the KISC booth about invasive species.

Thank you for everyone's help!



Young Kauaiian fascinated with a jar of coqui specimens at the fair

Informational Links

Please visit the following sites for more info:

- Work Notification Policy:
<http://www.hear.org/kisc/pdfs/200704coqueworknotificationpolicy.pdf>
- <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/house/comm/commAGR.asp>

