

## **Molokai MISC Subcommittee Meeting**

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii

Molokai Industrial Park

October 31, 2000

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Attendance:** Billy Akutagawa, George Chung, Sheila Cox, Debbie Kelly, Tina Lau, Edwin Misaki, Bill Puleloa, Glenn Sakamoto, Jeff Trainer.

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

- Review of agenda topics

#### **II. BACKGROUND ON INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEES (ISC)**

- **MISC.** Mission, Terms of Reference, Year 2000 Action Plan
- **Executive order 13112.** The EO on Invasive Species was signed in Feb 1999. It mandates the formation of a National Invasive Species Council, National Management Plan and provides guidelines for invasive species efforts on a local level.
- **OISC and BIISC.**
- **HEAR project.** Website that provides links to information on invasive species throughout the State of Hawaii.

#### **III. ISLAND-WIDE RESOURCES - Molokai agencies and programs that deal with invasive species (IS) issues.**

- **The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Molokai program** – Tina and Ed  
TNC works to conserve native plants, animals and the habitats that they need to survive, which includes control of invasive species that threaten those native habitats.  
*Contribution:* Dedicated resource to MISC; plant identification expertise; act as the lead organization for Molokai meetings, contact, dissemination of information through quarterly News Flash mailings.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Sheila**  
Various cost-share programs that focus on the East Molokai priority areas.  
*Contribution:* Help public access funding programs, possibly education up to \$5000.
- **NRCS/Plant Materials Center (PMC) - Glenn**  
*Contribution:* Technical support, plant identification, plant screening system, and seed production.

- **Dept. of Transportation (DOT) - George**  
Deals with issues pertaining to transportation.  
*Contribution:* Education through airport kiosk, possibly a permanent information/reference center, and brochure distribution.
- **Molokai-Lanai Soil and Water Conservation District (MLSWCD) – Debbie**  
Provides coordination for technical and financial component of NRCS  
*Contribution:* Possible funding (technical, financial, and educational components), potential increase in Molokai NRCS personnel with proposal from MISC.
- **Kalaupapa National Historical Park (KNHP) – Jeff**  
Exotic Plant Management Team (ASA. “Swat Team”) is a 5 year program currently based on Maui with plans to work on Molokai for a short period of time. Implements weed control and monitoring.  
*Contribution:* Possible coordination of Molokai weed control efforts with “Swat Team” ?
- **Hawaii Hunter Education Program – Billy A.**  
Provides hunter education six times a year with Federal funds and State-wide control.  
*Contribution:* Insert MISC information into the Hunter Education Program on Molokai.
- **Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) – Bill P.**  
State-wide television spots for public awareness on alien aquatic species.  
*Contribution:* Expertise on aquatic and marine systems.

#### IV. MOLOKAI PRIORITIES FOR ISLAND-WIDE IS CONTROL

- **Island-wide Organization**  
Molokai subcommittee of MISC  
TNC will lead Molokai group  
Tina Lau will act as interim chairperson
- **Candidate species**  
Incipient list  
Gorse  
Fountain Grass  
Cat’s claw  
Jackson chameleon  
Apple snail  
  
Prevention list  
Miconia  
Tibouchina  
Manuka  
Faya tree  
Banana poka  
Fresh water clams

Snakes  
Tree frogs  
Red vented Bulbul

- **Education Priorities**

- Dissemination of information

- 1. Community events, such as Earth Day
    2. AKAKU – cable station that airs local programs
    3. TNC Newsflash
    4. Airport kiosk
    5. Videos

- Packaging – School curriculum, visual displays including maps.

- Values - Social, economic, environmental, Laau (via Kupuna).

- Funding - Hawaii Community Foundation, NRCS

- Organization Targets – PRISM, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-Hers, Livestock, Puu O Hoku Ranch, Meyer Ranch, Molokai Ranch, MVA, Nene O Molokai

## V. NEXT MEETING

**Date:** Nov. 28, 2000

**Time:** 8:00 AM

**Location:** Plant Materials Center