

Molokai MISC Subcommittee Meeting

Plant Materials Center

Tues, Nov. 28, 2000

8:00 to 10:00 am

Attendance: Billy Akutagawa, Kali Arce, Sheila Cox, Debbie Kelly, Tina Lau, Edwin Misaki, Glenn Sakamoto, Jeff Trainer.

Meeting Notes

I. INTRODUCTION

- **Meeting notes.** Reviewed Oct. 31 notes.
- **Group name.** Molokai MISC (Maui Invasive Species Committee) subcommittee was decided upon as the official group name.

II. MOLO MISC STRUCTURE

- **CGAPS.** CGAPS will be increasing its role as a state-wide coordinator. CGAPS deals with policy and coordination. Molokai's relationship to CGAPS is through MISC.
- **Structure.** Diagram and outline of activities and responsibilities will be the basis for the Molo MISC overall plan. Group decided to remain as a single decision-making and coordinating entity with designated leaders for response, education/detection, and budget subgroups.
- **Response subgroup.** Tina and Jeff will lead the risk assessment and selection of species, control activities, and species record keeping.
- **Education and outreach group.** Sheila and Kali will lead the formation of objectives and strategies.
- **Budget and funding.** Debbie and Ed will lead budgeting.
- **Molokai contact numbers.** The public will be able to contact either TNCH office or KHNP (Jeff Trainer's work number).
- **Overall Plan for Molokai MISC Subcommittee.** Include timeframe with deadlines – longterm, quarterly goals. A draft will be written by Tina and presented to the group for review at the next meeting.

Additional group goal: Provide support to other organizations on Molokai dealing with long-term containment of incipient invasive species. E.g. control of cat's claw.

- **NRCS EQUIP.** Program funds can be requested by Sheila in the amount of \$5,000. Program requires that the target species is in the East end priority area. Decisions need to be made about the type of educational material and/or workshop. Draft needed by Jan. 1, final proposal due Jan. 31. Ed and Tina will meet with Sheila to discuss the details.

III. CANDIDATE WEEDS FOR ERADICATION

- **Fountain grass.** One known population in Kawela plantation that has been eradicated. Seven year follow-up is necessary because of potential seed viability in soil.
- **Miconia.** No known plants on Molokai. Unconfirmed reports have been made of the plant growing on Molokai. Actions required are to continue prevention education and for agencies to keep a watch for this plant while on work trips requiring helicopter transport.
- **Gorse.** Only one population is known and is under control by DOFAW. Ed to check with DOFAW if surveys are being done and current status of the population.
- **Cat's claw.** Need to contact Ed Tamura for locations. Location is being controlled by landowners through the EQUIP program. Possible sighting at Kawela Stream. To be checked this afternoon.
- **New Zealand flax.** Two populations in Forest Reserve at Puu Kauwa and in Kamakou Preserve.
- **Karakanut.** Aerial drops were done to reforest areas. Only one known population in Kamakou Preserve.
- **Pampas Grass.** Sighting reported at the Lodge near swimming pool this past weekend by Anders Lyons. Plant needs to be checked for species. Contact landowner to remove plants and stress the possible spread to the rest of land and becoming a fire hazard.
- **Octopus tree.** Present in home gardens and Kalaupapa. Obtaining consent from homeowners is too large a task for the present time. Possible listing on the prevention list.
- **Other comments.**
Weed phenology (flowering, fruiting) should be noted when monitoring.

NRCS protocol requires agency to provide list of species not to plant to private organizations. A comprehensive list of weeds known to be a threat in Hawaii is available on the UH Botany website (www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/cw_smith/aliens.htm)

Jeff to contact Bob Hobby regarding DLNR representative for Molokai. Tina to ask Randy Manaba to be the DOFAW representative.

IV. NATIONAL PARKS EXOTIC PLANT MANAGEMENT TEAM

- The newly formed team will spend 4 to 6 weeks a year on Molokai. Jeremy Gooding, team coordinator, will consider work projects outside of national park boundaries that will help protect national parks from incipient weed invasion. A list of proposed projects will be sent to Jeremy for discussion in December.

V. NEXT MEETING

Location: Plant Materials Center

Date: Jan. 24, 2001

Time: 8:30 AM