

Molokai MISC Subcommittee Meeting

Wed., April 12, 2001

9:00 am to 11:30 pm

A. Plant Materials Center

Attendance: Sheila Cox, Bob Joy, Tina Lau, Stefanie Loo, Brian Naeole.

Meeting Notes

I. INTRODUCTION (Tina)

- ? **Meeting notes.** March 28 meeting's notes approved for internet posting with an addition that *Arundo donax* is "thought to be" sterile.

II. EDUCATION SUBGROUP STATUS (Sheila/Stefanie)

- ? **MoMISC logo.** Stef will request revisions to the logo and name, as well as a request for three separate files for each of the components ("MoMISC", island logo, and written name).
- ? **MoMISC brochure.** The second draft of the trifold brochure was reviewed. Stef will incorporate comments discussed. Printing supplies have been purchased using the DLNR miconia funds. TNC will print and distribute 100 brochures at Earthday, one per family. Comments will continue to be taken. Tina will find a photo for the Asian clam.
- ? **MoMISC factsheet.** Use the same wording as the MoMISC brochure. 50 copies will be made for Earthday distribution.
- ? **Frog wallet card.** 100 copies were printed by Kathy Tachibana for distribution. A similar card can be made for the Asian clam, *Corbicula fluminea*.
- ? **Earth Day display.** Tina will use the information from the brochure to create a display describing MoMISC and a few target species, including plant samples.

III. RESPONSE SUBGROUP STATUS (Tina)

- ? **Cat's claw.** A report on the March 28, 2000 site visit to Kipu, west of the Kalae highway will be given to landowner. The population was too large and dense to walk on foot. Recommendation by the group was to conduct a helicopter survey when the plants are in season (Dec.). The group will consider containment efforts after a thorough survey.
- ? **Pampas grass.** MoMISC members will meet at Maunaloa this afternoon to survey areas below plant site for naturalized plants.
- ? **New Zealand flax.** Bob Hobdy will need to visit the site before making a decision to contain flax on State Forest Reserve land. Tina will make a report of the survey and send to Bob as background. Jeff has the GPS points which will be included.

IV. OTHER REPORTS (Tina)

- ? **Report Forms.** MoMISC will use the OISC Observation/field Form to be consistent with HINHP invasive species database. The caller Report Form was distributed to the group and instructions given on how to fill in. Add FAX number and check if blue paper will copy clearly in FAX machine.

- ? **Internet version.** The MoMISC internet site is working thanks to Philip Thomas of HEAR. The site is listed on the MoMISC brochure. The page has similar format as the other ISC groups.

- ? **DLNR Miconia funds.** A portion of the funds were used to purchase printing supplies for brochures to be distributed at Earth Day. A purchase order has been placed by MISC to purchase a GeoExplorer 3 for MoMISC. This is an educational 2-pack purchase with MISC at a discounted price. Extra funds may also be spent on inter-island tickets for partners to Maui for Miconia helicopter training. MISC will be conducting flights at the end of April. TNC and KHNP will be busy on Molokai and will not be able to attend. Tina will contact MISC about future dates.

V. NEXT MEETING

Date: Thurs., May 31, 2001

Time: 9:00 AM – 12 PM

Location: Plant Materials Center

B. Field visit, 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Attendance: Tina Lau, Brian Naeole, Clayton English.

PAMPAS GRASS SURVEY

- ? Maunaloa, Molokai

Tina and Brian met Clayton at Maunaloa. Tina dropped off the cat's claw report. The group went to the 3 locations. 1) At the population along the main road, the grass clumps were dug out without indication of burning. A few remnants of grass roots remained and appeared dried out. Clayton said that they would keep a watch to see if the roots resprout. We surveyed the pasture area below which was inside a pasture labeled with electric fence. Horses are rotated in the pasture. A drainage ditch runs through the pasture and contained continuous Guinea grass population that was green and reproducing due to the water run off from the property. This ditch is a potential habitat for pampas grass to naturalize and needs to be closely monitored. 2) One clump was removed from the west end of the property. A green belt or landscape plants and grasses below (west of) the property was surveyed. No pampas grass was seen in any of the areas. 3) We left Clayton and inspected the laundromat parking area. There were no signs of pampas grass. Pictures were taken at both sites, including the hole with remaining roots and areas where pampas grass could naturalize.

Recommendations are to walk the entire pasture area below the Lodge during the flowering season (early Aug. to late Oct.). GPS original locations and the extent surveyed. Report observations to landowner.