

Molokai MISC Subcommittee Meeting

Thurs., May 31, 2001

9:00 am to 11:45 am

Plant Materials Center

Attendance: Kali Arce, Linda Adachi, George Chung, Karen Horita, Debbie Kelly, Tina Lau, Bobby Loni, Edwin Misaki, Bill Puleloa, Glen Sakamoto, Jeff Trainer.

Meeting Notes

I. INTRODUCTION (Tina)

? **Meeting notes.** April 12 meeting's notes accepted for internet posting.

? **Guest introduction.**

- Linda Adachi, Molokai Lanai Soil Water Conservation District.
- Karen Horita, Special Assistant for Executive Programs, Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit. Karen is researching the invasive species island committee networks in an effort to increase ISC resources.
- Bobby Loni, Maui Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Conservationist.

II. EDUCATION SUBGROUP STATUS (Tina/Kali)

? **Earth day report.** There was a good response to the MoMISC display topics, especially the frog information. A sighting on cat's claw was reported at the event and will be followed up on. MEPO had a complementary display on the Caribbean frog.

? **Brochure.** Matte HP brochure/flyer paper is the preferred paper type for print quality rather than the glossy HP brochure/flyer paper. Debbie Kelly suggested trying a 26 lb. 90 brightness paper, which is cheaper. Glenn asked whether a discrimination clause is needed on the brochure – which is required on government documents. Tina will consult MISC and TNC attorney if this is needed.

? **Outreach strategies.** MoMISC will educate group leaders that can convey the invasive species information to a expanded audience. MoMISC will produce an informational material packet for distribution. A Fall workshop may be held to instruct group leaders and to identify each group's role. Specific groups may be targeted for specific species, or other interests. Groups that MoMISC will approach followed by the MoMISC representative that will contact them:

Boyscouts, Wayde Lee – Debbie Kelly

Grade schools, Penny Martin – Kali Arce

Meyer Museum, elder hostel program - Kali Arce

Hunter Education Program, Billy Akutagawa – Ed Misaki

Nurseries – Tina Lau

Molokai Ranch – Tina Lau

Airport kiosk – George Chung

- ? **NRCS (Glenn).** NRCS provides education for land users on invasive species. There are different programs within NRCS that could assist land users to control invasive species.
- ? **Reference document.** Tina is compiling a list of references relating to ISC issues, including internet sites, books, and other material.

III. RESPONSE SUBGROUP STATUS (Tina/Jeff)

- ? **Maui Miconia survey.** Tina joined the MISC crew on Maui for a Miconia aerial reconnaissance and helicopter spray operation. Miconia plants are very visible from helicopter, particularly because of the large leaf size. Pictures of miconia in open canopy native forest and alien-dominated closed canopy forest were taken, as well as miconia seedlings and helicopter herbicide operations. People who fly in helicopters should keep this species image in mind during all flights. Jeff Trainer will be setting a date to join the MISC crew.
- ? **MISC Meeting updates.** Rapid Response was allotted \$ 400,000 statewide of which \$ 60,000 for MISC and DOFAW workers-1 per county. The parrot-type bird report has been completed and recommendations are being evaluated by MISC.
- ? **Cat's claw.** Jeff Trainer will contact East Kalae landowner about surveying on his property. Need to confirm the location of the population east of the Kalae highway. After determining the extent, then we can make action plan for east and west populations.
- ? **Pampas grass.** Ed will contact Kaunakakai landowner to determine if the suspected grass still exists on their property.
- ? **Report form.** For use by all agencies, and returned to Tina for records. Make requests for a master copy or more forms to Tina.

IV. OTHER REPORTS

- ? **Lanai ISC.** Debbie Kelly will contact Darryl Stokes, Castle and Cooke Resorts.
- ? **Miconia funds.** \$ 4,147.90 has been spent from the original \$ 5,000. Other expenses may include accessories for the GeoExplorer 3, MoMISC T-shirts that can be used as awards, printing supplies, laminating plastic for preserving miconia leaves, small laminator. Tina to look into remaining fund use.
- ? **FY2002 Action Plan.** MISC requested an Action plan from MoMISC to be done by the end of summer. MoMISC goals: No establishment of prevention target species; Eradication of 1 species from Molokai (Pampas grass); Identify external funding sources for FY2003.
- ? **Replacement plants.** Glenn inquired whether MoMISC will be considering replacement plants when invasive species are removed. Replacements will give a positive light to the issues. Each plant will need to be evaluated individually based on things such as the extent

of the species, and population extent. MoMISC currently does not have the capacity to focus on restoration work, but can facilitate restoration through partners or provide references.

- ? **Japanese honeysuckle.** Japanese honey suckle was reported on Molokai. It is on the Illinois noxious weed list. Members have seen it in Maunaloa and Kalae. Tina to consult MISC on further action and notifying landscapers about using invasive plants.
- ? **Aquatic invasive species.** Bill Puleloa, Molokai DAR, noted that he holds the records for Molokai alien aquatic species and inquired who will be holding that data. Tina will send HINHP contact numbers.

V. NEXT MEETING

Date: Thurs., June 28, 2001

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Plant Materials Center