

MoMISC Meeting Notes

April 10, 2002

Plant Materials Center

Attendance: Lori Buchanan, Sheila Cox, Bob Joy, Tina Lau, Eddie Misaki.

Meeting Note

I. INTRODUCTION

- **Call to order.** Tina Lau called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
- **Last Meeting Notes.** Reviewed and approved meeting notes from 1-23-02.
- **Emergency Hire.** Tina opened the meeting by introducing Lori Buchanan, the new MoMISC temporary emergency hire. She will be working part-time with Tina specifically for MoMISC. Lori may be contacted through The Nature Conservancy at 553-5236 or her cell phone at 336-1584.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- **HCF grant.** Tina elaborated on the grant monies from the Hawaii Community Foundation of \$10,000 which is paying for the part-time field technician position held by Lori Buchanan at this time. A report will be made to the foundation on this project.
- **HI Conservation Conference.** Tina and Eddie also discussed the upcoming Hawaii Conservation Conference to be held on July 18, and 19, 2002 in Honolulu. MoMISC, as well as other ISC from the outer islands will put on displays on what they are doing on their islands. The next meeting date of MISC on Maui will be on April 19, 2002.

III. OUTREACH GROUP

- **Earth Day.** Tina also gave a report on the upcoming Earthday celebration to be held on April 15, 2002, at the Mitchell Pauole Center in Kaunakakai. This function will primarily deal with outreach and education. MoMISC will have a display there and will pass out MoMISC pens and brochures.
- **Shirts.** MoMISC shirts are done. They are for our partners, volunteers who work at least one day, and landowners who willingly support the invasive species cause.
- **Pens.** MoMISC pens are complete. Next printing, need to add MoMISC phone number and complete name.
- **Poster.** Posters should be located at places that can provide permanent housing such as teh Lion's, Drug store, and Fish and Dive. Further poster printing and location discussion will be at a separate meeting of the Outreach Group.

IV. RESPONSE GROUP

- **Barbados gooseberry.** Tina reported for the response group on Barbados gooseberry in Halawa valley. Tina did an onsite inspection in Halawa valley with volunteer who spotted the plant, took pictures and consulted with plant specialist who confirmed the invasive plant species as *Pereskia aculeata*, also known as the “Barbados gooseberry”. Tina and Lori will be developing a control method in May 2002. Currently, notification letters to landowners in the affected areas will be mailed to advise them of our intentions to combat this problem.
- **Miconia.** Eddie touched on the ongoing reports of miconia, all of which have not been confirmed. All investigated reports have turned out to be Clidemia. People are thinking of clidemia, but say “miconia” because it is a more publicized and familiar name to them. People in Wailau do not want attention drawn to the valley. MoMISC strategy for miconia is to conduct ground searches and talk with people who regularly visit the valley. The last Wailau miconia report requires follow-up.
- **Hawaii Administrative Rules.** Tina read from the Hawaii Administrative Rules concerning the injurious animals list, which include the Coqui frog, Jackson chameleons and etc. Prohibited activities include release of injurious wildlife into the wild, transport within the state where they are not already established and living wild, and export from the state. There are 2 DOCARE workers on Molokai.
- **TMK maps.** Computerized TMK maps are needed for identifying landowners that own land where invasive species grow. Sheila said that NRCS has TMK maps that can be opened using ArcView software. Tina will arrange to meet with Sheila to determine Halawa landowners for notification purposes. However, the TMK files can only be used by federal worker.

IV. OTHER REPORTS

- **Budget.** There is roughly \$ 7,900 remaining in the budget for FY02. \$ 2880 has been spent on Outreach. The remaining funds will be spent on field and office supplies to set-up field technician activities. There is another \$10,000 from the Hawaii Community Foundation for the emergency hire and field technician position.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

July 11, 2002

10:00am to 11:30 am

Plant Materials Center, Hoolehua, Molokai