

MoMISC Meeting Notes

Jan. 15, 2003

Plant Materials Center

10-11:30 AM

Attendance: Kali Arce, Nancy Bauman, Lori Buchanan, Bob Joy, Tina Lau, Creighton Low, Christy Martin, Teya Penniman, Glenn Sakamoto.

Meeting Notes

I. INTRODUCTION

- **Last Meeting Notes.** No changes made.
- **Introductions.** Teya Penniman, MISC Coordinator and Christy Martin, Statewide Public Relations Specialist.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- **MoMISC chairperson (Tina).** MoMISC does not currently have a Chairperson. We report to the MISC Chairperson. If anyone is interested, please ask Tina about duties.
- **MISC update (Teya).** MISC's current activities include coordinating with the National Park Service on Maui, conducting veiled chameleon survey, and displaying flyers. Up to 13 veiled chameleons have been captured on Maui and MISC has been investigating other reports. The protocol is to investigate a report and then confirm the species. The chameleon occupies habitats 0 to 5,000 feet and are up to 24 inches long, head to tail. They can capture and eat whole birds.
- **Public Relations update (Christy).** Christy started this position in Oct. 2002 and conducts outreach on each island. Some of the outreach work she's been working on include publicity about scoring weeds using the Weed Risk Assessment and the brown tree snake issue. She has written a Media Plan to address issues of all the ISC's and is requesting comments. Her goal is to motivate the public to do something different.
- **Other invasives (Tina).** Be on the look out for *Piper aduncum* which has been mistakenly sold as kava (*Piper methysticum*). It could be a threat to lowland shrublands. *Stapelia gigantea*, the giant starfish flower is becoming a problem on Oahu.

III. OUTREACH GROUP

- **Cruise liner display (Lori).** On the day that the cruise liner was scheduled to visit (12/28/02), Lori set up a MoMISC display to provide information to visitors. No passengers landed that day, but Lori distributed information to local residents. Volunteer response was greater than she expected. Glenn asked if the mule ride operators were notified. They may be able to watch for new invasives since visitors are taken on the ride directly from the Maui

Princess and the airport. Lori will continue to have information at subsequent cruise liner visits and other public events.

- **Workshops (Lori).** As a part of outreach, Lori will be conducting workshops to specific interest groups such as tour people, heavy equipment operators, and county workers.
- **Poster (Kali).** The posters are completed and were given to Lori for posting at agreed upon locations across the island. Guy Hughes printed the posters on NPS printers and Kali laminated them. Lori said that Kaunakakai School community learning center may have 2 laminating machines for public use.

IV. RESPONSE GROUP (Lori and Tina)

- **Cat's Claw.** We are preparing to conduct aerial spraying in the Spring on the condition that we get landowner approval. We have all landowner's permission except one and Lori is working to explain our procedures and precautions to them. There is still concern about herbiciding near housing. Cattle are not in the immediate area right now. Lori has been working on the population in upper Kalamaula and has made significant progress. Kali inquired whether there were any populations between the Waiakalae and upper Kalamaula populations. A survey was done, but more surveys need to be done.
- **Giant reed.** The single population was treated by foliar spraying regrowth, but has not been very effective. Glenn suggested adding surfactant to the Roundup to make it more effective - Sticker 90 or other non-ionic surfactant. Kali suggested using Fusilade or Post herbicides.
- **California fan palm.** A palm at the same location as giant reed was reported. It is thought to be *Washingtonia filifera* which is distinguished by the spines along the leaf petiole and persistent dead leaves lining the trunk of the palm. A couple of botanist were consulted about this species' invasiveness and both thought that it was not invasive. However, MoMISC will continue to watch this plant.
- **Gorse.** Gorse has been scouted and one more plant was found near the core population about 10 feet away. The area will continue to be scouted. Goat could be used to control a gorse population, but the Kamiloloa population too small to warrant that kind of control method. The original population was controlled by burning and replanting the area with pines.
- **New Zealand flax (Creighton).** Creighton and the DOFAW staff treated the two populations at Puu Kauwa with foliar spray of Roundup Pro. They collected the fruit and flower. January is a good time to return to cut off stalks in the future. Creighton will continue to monitor on return visits.
- **Bulbul.** A bulbul was reported from Wailua on Molokai. The report was given to Randy at DOFAW for investigation. We have no update on the effort.

- **Parrot-like birds.** A blue and green bird was seen on Farrington Ave. Between Hoolehua and Kualapuu. Glenn said that parrots have been seen near the hospital as well as 2 others at the Plant Materials Center. The information will be recorded as a report.
- **Rabbits (Kali).** There are rabbits in Hoolehua and could pose a problem. Rabbits have been a problem in Kula, Maui where they were removed, and on Rabbit island. Christy suggested to call the Humane Society.

VI. BUDGET

- **FY03 Budget.** The Hawaii Community Foundation funds hold \$21,000 for FY03 to fund the Field Technician salary. A report has been completed for HCF and the USDA Forest Service which is received through MISC.
- **DHHL funds.** The funds have been transferred and are available for use through Tri-Isle RC&D.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

Apr. 9, 2003

10:00am to 11:30 am

Plant Materials Center, Hoolehua, Molokai