

# MoMISC Meeting Agenda -- Minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (FY 2008)

**Date:** November 7, 2007  
**Time:** 12:30 - 2:30 am  
**Place:** TNC Molokai Office, 23 Pueo Place, Molokai Industrial Park

## I. Call to Order -- Introductions & Announcements, Approve Agenda

## II. Molokai Updates -- Lori

- Coqui (Kualapuu)—Kama checked twice and no detections to date.
- Australian Tree Fern (Kalae)—Conducted 2 detection surveys, removed mostly young, plan to survey once a quarter. Bill Garnett wants to go on the next one. **Action Item: conduct a survey post November rain storm.**
- Miconia—planning to survey last sites-Olokui & Mapulehu to Kapualei. Plan to resurvey East Molokai beginning from Halawa next fiscal year (FY09). Need funding for Helicopter time (\$20,000).
- Arundo (Beach Place, K'kai) – Last survey detected only a few sprouts. Also did replanting of akiaki, naupaka, mao (PMC supplied)
- Gooseberry (Halawa)—monitoring canopy treatment, recent detection just above the bridge (farthest detection from the main upstream population).
- Rubbervine—Just remove 4 detections (Hoolehua, Kamiloloa, One Alii, Ohia). Replace each removal with native plants (donated by Riki and Brownwyn Cooke).
- Rosa, Woodrose, Flax—MoMISC collaborates with DoFAW as these detections occur within DOFAW Molokai Forest Reserve areas (John Neizman)
- Fire ants—Spreading on Hawaii Island. CTAHR has been doing ant surveys on agriculture land and hasn't detected any fire ants yet. **Action Item: MoMISC (Teya & Bob Y.) to determine who can conduct detection survey on Molokai in possible introduction sites.**
- Nettle Caterpillar—Bob Yonahara reported on the detection surveys being conducted on Maui.
- New Wasps on Molokai—Bill Garnett reports the New Wasp (*Blastophaga quadraticeps*) on the Bo Tree (*Ficus religiosa*). The wasp is the pollinator of the Bo tree. Up to now, what few Bo trees we have in Hawaii have been sterile. Now that the wasp is here, the Bo tree may become an invasive. On Molokai, Bill will begin to conduct trials to prevent the Bo tree from reproducing. MoMISC to assist. **Action Item: MoMISC has approved that Lori and her team conducts surveys to map the location of Bo Tree.**
- Voucher Transfer—Lori is requesting a solution to transferring invasive species vouchers to Oahu or Maui. It used to be easy with all the USDA PHSS Officers going to and from Molokai. The position now has a permanent Molokai resident and travel between islands to Molokai by USDA workers is not a common thing anymore.

## III Outreach -- Lori

- Conservation Conference—All the ISCs had a session together. Plan to make this an annual meeting at the HCC.
- Wilderness First Aid (Maui)—Kama and Lori attended
- Bishop Museum Plant ID Course—Lori and Wai from Molokai attended week long training. Focus on tropical plant families.

- Continuing to do news articles, airport kiosk, wharf MoMISC bulletin board, community bulletin boards (Manae Goods & Grinds, BOH, Friendly Market, Kualapuu Stores and all Post Offices on Island).

#### **IV MISC/CGAPS (Maui Nui/Statewide) Updates – Teya**

- HISC—has been co-chaired in the past by DOA, DLNR. Laura Thielen (new DLNR Chair) will co-chair HISC.
- CGAPS—USFWS anticipates that the build up of US military in Guam will require a lot more logistics between Guam and Honolulu. CGAPS is worried about the increased chance of Brown Tree Snake introduction to Honolulu. USDA (Molokai) will look into possibility of getting snake detecting dog. Possible legislation for the next session would require clear manifest (more detailed) on high risks (lumber, plants, rock, stone, slate) cargo (container) coming in on ships from the mainland.
- Chuck Chimera, is the new Statewide Weed Risk Assessment Technician. Currently MISC is providing office space for him.
- MoMISC FY07 Budget & Expenditures—Very efficient with spending.
- MoMISC FY08 Budget Proposal—slight increase from FY07 budget anticipated

#### **V. Old Business, Committee Member Concern/Issues, Announcements.**

- KNHP -- Exotic Plant Management Team (EPMT)—In process of hiring crew leader.
- Youth Conservation Corp—MoMISC will hosts in the summer for 1 week. Currently working out agreement with Pono Pacific.
- Bio diesel crop production – Moringa (karamunguay?)—What is MoMISC’s role? Members will find out more about this propose industry. **Action Item--Bill Garnett will contact Chuck if it is part of the Weed Risk Assessment.**
- In April (beg of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter) of every year, members can nominate new MoMISC Chair. Committee decided on term limit of one year.

#### **VI! Schedule 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (FY08) Meeting and/or Other Activities:**

**February 6, 2008, 12:00 – 2:00 pm**  
**TNC Molokai Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Lori Buchanan-MoMISC, Kamalani Pali–MoMISC; Ed Misaki-MoMISC Chair, TNC Molokai; Karl Buermeyer – USFWS; Glenn Shishido, John Neizman-DoFAW; Bill Garnett-Rare Plant Species Recovery Molokai; Teya Penniman-MISC; Bob Yonahara-Maui DOA; Kali Arce, Alton Arakakai-UH Extension Service; Dayanti Karunaratne-Molokai Times; Donald Maum-Mycogen Biologist; Ella Alcon-County Council Liaison; Chevalier “Chevy” Levasa-USDA PHSS Molokai Officer; Bob Joy-Plant Material Center; Debbie Kelly, Charity Dudoit-MLSWCD