


WANTED

MICONIA

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Landslide in Tahiti caused by dense Miconia forest.

<p>WHAT IS IT?</p>	<p>WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miconia (<i>Miconia calvenscens</i>), a state listed noxious weed, is a fast-growing invasive tree native to South and Central America. • It can grow up to 50 ft in height. It has long dark green oval leaves (up to 2-3ft) with purple undersides and 3 obvious parallel leaf veins. • Miconia prefers wet moist areas and is able to grow in thick canopy. • <i>Miconia calvenscens</i> has a reputation as the most invasive and damaging of alien plant species to wet forests of Pacific islands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miconia shades out other plants in native forest, pastures, and farmlands. It grows rapidly and can smother the slower growing native species. • It causes increased erosion by killing groundcover plants. Its shallow root system encourages landslides. • A single plant produces millions of tiny seeds that are dispersed by wind and birds. • It has already destroyed over 70% of the forest growth on Tahiti.
<p>WHO IS  OISC ?</p>	<p>WHAT CAN YOU DO?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) is a multi-sector partnership fighting to protect Oahu from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life. • OISC focuses on species that are not yet established and eradication still possible. • OISC controls and maps each population with follow-up monitoring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the spread of seeds. Scrub your boots after every hike, especially when you go to other islands. • Do not buy, import, or plant Miconia. • If found, do not throw plants away! Call us for proper disposal. • Please report all sightings. Your information is important to us. CALL us at 286-4616. • For more information on invasive species go to the HEAR website www.hear.org



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