

HAWAII/PACIFIC WEED RISK ASSESSMENT COMMENTS ON PLANTS CLEARED BY SCREENING

Friends,

The Hawaii/Pacific Weed Risk Assessment protocol (HPWRA) has been used to review over 360 species of plants in the trade. Recognizing that the HPWRA is a predictive tool based on published information, we are working to establish a second level of review to evaluate those species predicted to be pests for their actual invasiveness in Hawaii (see <http://www.hear.org/wra>). Meanwhile we would like to do a final check on species predicted to be OK by the HPWRA. Those species not known to be adversely affecting natural or managed plant communities in Hawaii will not be evaluated further. If you have information that suggests that one or more of these species may be a threat to Hawaii's native or managed plant communities, we would like to hear about it.

Note: Our focus is on species causing actual harm to Hawaiian plant communities. We are unable to evaluate all of the more than 1000 exotic species naturalized in the state, but would like to identify those posing the greatest risk to Hawaii's native ecosystems or economy. Would you please complete the following form (one form for each species), put the species name in the subject line and send the form as an e-mail attachment to hpwra@hear.org. The list of species evaluated as OK by the HPWRA can be found at <http://www.hear.org/wra>.

(The document you're reading now is available online at http://www.hear.org/wra/hpwra/hpwra_info_request_copcbcs.pdf)

Thanks for your help and your information,

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CLICK ON THIS TEXT to submit the completed form via e-mail

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Species name (Latin):

Your name:

Your contact information:

e-mail address:

telephone number (best contact time):

The date you submitted this information:

Your confidence in identification of the species (low, medium, high):

Is there a voucher of the species available from the affected site? If yes, indicate location (including accession number[s], if known) of the voucher(s).

Have you observed populations of this species to be naturally increasing in native or actively managed plant communities (e.g., pastures, plantations, or nurseries)? If yes, give the specific location and habitat description.

Have you observed this species to form dense thickets, alter community structure, increase fire frequencies or otherwise adversely affect native or actively managed plant communities? If yes, give the specific location and habitat type.

Describe the plant community was being invaded and the impact being caused by this species (e.g. forms dense thickets, alters community structure, increases fire frequencies, threatens threatened/endangered species, reduces production of managed areas, etc.).

Do you know of additional **published** information on this species that was not used in the HPWRA evaluation? If so please give the citation(s) here.

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