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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MAUI ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee
Trustee Keola Lindsey (zoom)
Trustee John Waihe‘e, IV

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen, COS
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Ramona Hink, CFO
Raina Gushiken, CC
Everett Ohta, CC
Kevin Chak, IT Support
Erin Nakama, IT Support

GUEST:

Lipoa Kahaleuahi
Kapono‘ai Molitau
Jon Brito
John Leong
Scott Crawford
Lisa Ponichtera
Kupono Lucero
Serlinda Soukon
Kelly Pearson
Harmony Hallas
Ipolani Pu
Fran Heath
Marie Fitzsimmons
Bryden Lind
Janai Kealoha

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees' Maui Island Community Meeting to order for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Chair Hulu Lindsey calls for a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	X	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	KEOLA	LINDSEY		Joins at 6:05 pm
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **eight (8)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou everyone and welcome to our Maui Island community meeting. I want to apologize to our Maui beneficiaries that we're not able to meet with them in person. We were planning, all nine trustees, to see them this evening but the situation, not within our control and for the safety of our lāhui, it was safer to hold the meeting virtually. I hope our beneficiaries are logged onto our site this evening and are watching the different presentations that will be made.

As a reminder for everyone here on Zoom - Please mute your mics when you are not speaking. Trustees, please enable your cameras if you are able to do so. We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting.

Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the Emergency Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Response, dated August 5, 2021, that suspends parts of Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.

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At this time, I would like to introduce our CEO-Sylvia Hussey, Chief of Staff-Colin Kippen, Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu, and Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua. Ka Pouhana, could you please introduce our staff that is present at this meeting.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Thank you Chair, good eveing to our Trustees and beneficiaries and our communitites online, we have with us our COO-Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hink, Senior Legal Counsel-Raina Gushiken, and our Assistant Legal Counsel-Everett Ohta online, as well as our IT support staff.

Introductions

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like to ask each trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha kākou, I am Lei Ahu-Isa, Trustee At-large. I've been here for eight years now. I've always loved Maui. Maui is so beautiful. Too bad we could not fly over because of COVID. Please know our hearts are with you. We are here to listen to you. My Trustee Aide is Nathan. Mahalo.

Trustee Ahuna Aloha mai kākou, I want to say aloha to the island of Maui. I am honored to be attending this meeting and to listen to any concerns from our beneficiaries of Maui. Tonight with me I have my two aides, Claudine Calpito and Anuheia Diamond. Thank you.

Trustee Akaka Aloha mai kākou, aloha Maui, it is an honor to be here with all of you virtually this evening. Hopefully next year we can be together in person. We look forward to hearing what your mana'o is and your concerns. Mahalo Board Chair for hosting us this evening and tomorrow. Thank you for all the plans made, it is truly appreciated. Joining me this evening, my staff Brandon Mitsuda and Mark Watanabe. Mahalo again and I look forward to hearing your mana'o.

Trustee Akina Aloha mai kākou everyone, thank you so much for joining us online. I can't tell you how much I regret that we can not be there in person on your island tonight. It is always a great thing to be on the island of Maui. I am looking forward to hearing from you and your mana'o. We need to hear your mana'o and how we can best serve you. I am also accompanied by Trustee Aide Maria Calderon. Aloha.

Trustee Alapa Aloha everyone, I am Luana Alapa, Trustee for Moloka'i/ Lana'i. I was looking forward to being on your island for the site visits, but you already know, we were not able to do so because of COVID. At this time, it is important that we all come together to share our thoughts and concerns and that's exactly what we are here for. I would like to introduce my Trustee Aide, Pohai Ryan. Mahalo Chair.

Trustee Lee Aloha Chair and aloha mai kākou to all our beneficiaries on Maui, thank you for joining us this evening. Like my other Trustees have expressed, it is with our regret that we can not be with you folks in person. We always look forward to coming to Maui. Thank you for joining us this evening and I look forward to learning more about the presentations we are having. We are also looking forward to listening to you, our beneficiaries. Joining with me online tonight is Lei-Ann Durant and Dayna Pa. Mahalo Chair.

Trustee K. Lindsey Aloha mai kākou, I'm just blown away by the beauty of Nā Hono a Pi'ilani. I am Trustee Keola Lindsey for Hawai'i Island. On my drive up to Kohala today to drop my kids off at school, the Alenuihāhā was flat and calm, and Maui was especially vibrant and clear. I thought that was very fitting for today since we were going to be connecting. I look forward to hearing from all of you. Mahalo to our Board Chair and everyone for arranging our meeting tonight. Two important people in my life, my staff, Kama Hopkins and Kau'i Wailehua, who are tuning in online tonight. Mahalo.

Trustee Waihe'e Thank you. I want to thank you, not only as Chairman but also as the Trustee representing Maui, for all the work done and the staff too, to prepare for this meeting. I also want to thank the beneficiaries joining us tonight, especially the beneficiaries joining in from Maui. We really wish we could've been there in person. Joining me is my staff, Crayn Akina and Melissa Wennihan. Once again, thank you Madame Chair.

Chair Hulu Lindsey A humble thank you to my colleagues for being present at this Maui community meeting. I thank you so much. With me tonight are my staff, Board Secretary is Lehua Itokazu and my Aides Amber Kalua and Kanani Iaea. Mahalo nui. For those who tuned in a little later, we want to apologize for not being here in person. We were certainly looking forward to our site visits and listening to you live, but we are here virtually to hear you. Without further a due, we will now move to our presentations.

Community Presentations

Ma ka Hana ka 'Ike – Lipoa Kahaleuahi

Lipoa Kahaleuahi Aloha mai kākou, so lovely to see all of you. Mahalo nui for making the important but difficult decision to have the meeting on Zoom for the safety of our community, mahalo nui. I am born and raised in Hāna, and I am privileged and honored to be the Executive Director of Ma ka Hana ka 'Ike. Ma ka Hana ka 'Ike was founded in 2000 by Rick Rutiz., at it's core, it was a building and construction program. They built 88 ramps, railings, and all the things that ensured our kupuna had safe living spaces to age and to live at home; Mālama I Nā Hulu Kūpuna, the project we were able to spearhead with the help of OHA, allowed us to focus in on that foundation, especially during COVID. I was going to share a short video but the clip will not work. The main story was about a husband and wife that were impacted in 2016 by an accident that caused the husband to lose both legs. The accident took place at work. Since the accident, he and his wife decided to change his diet. Even though they had fish and poi on the table, so was the can goods and rice. They became a bit more focus on their health. They have been a part of our lives and we have been a part of their lives for awhile now. They enrolled in Mālama I Nā Hulu Kūpuna and with the chance of receiving fresh produce from us, poi and cooked kalo has been what they eat. This has allowed them to improve their diet and get better results on his blood work every week; other kūpuna have shared similar results with their health. Through Mālama I Nā Hulu Kūpuna, our aim was to serve 135 unduplicated kūpuna in East Maui. Honestly, this was one of the challenges going into this project. We recognize the unduplication just as the project was beginning, we thought do we have that many Native Hawaiian kūpuna? We've been serving roughly between 60-80, both Native Hawaiian and non-Native Hawaiian, kūpuna yearly. This was looking to be a bit of a push for us. With a more focused approach and a more inclusive service plan and more individual outreach, we have enrolled and served 133 kūpuna. In the last quarter, we need only two more kūpuna and we will surpass that goal. In our efforts, what made it more unique from years past was the addition of focusing on caregivers, honoring the hard work and compassion of taking care of our kūpuna and the weight that is put on their 'ohana members. In total, we surpassed our goal of 60 caregivers to enroll and enroll 90 caregivers in the last two years. Caregivers also received produce, pai'ai and kalo from our programs. Some of the concrete measures that we've been able to achieve are home improvements for Native Hawaiian kūpuna and their caregivers. We've done 15 home improvement projects including ramps and railings; we've also done full kūpuna hale, roughly 10x12 units for ohana to live in, one of them has allowed a kūpuna to reclaim his family 'āina, hopefully for many generations to come.

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Ma ka Hana ka 'Ike had a very illustrious building program, are you still doing that?

Lipoa Kahaleuahi Yes, that it is still a core part of our work.

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey So who is leading that for your agency?

Lipoa Kahaleuahi James Frudenberg Pu, who has come through our learning continuum from a student to now our building program manager. We have students that have gone through our programs and now serve as

leaders and managers for our programs, definitely a testament of building the capacity that our organization has experienced.

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Your organization does farming and building?

Lipoa Kahaleuahi Correct, farming, building, and we also have a Mālama Hāloa program. This program focuses on lo‘i revitalization and restoration, and the ku‘i practice.

Trustee K. Lindsey Mahalo nui for the presentation. In your presentation, you used the word unduplicated kūpuna, what does that mean?

Lipoa Kahaleuahi It means they are only counted once is the easiest way to explain. In year one, our goal was to enroll 65 kūpuna; and then in year two, to enroll an unduplicated amount of kūpuna; that number increased to 75, those 75 kūpuna could not be the same from the first year which was a little intimidating.

Trustee K. Lindsey Thank you.

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey We want to thank you for the good work that you are doing. You folks are so far removed from the central part of Maui where most of the services are, it is important that you keep you community healthy, your work is important. We want to mahalo you and all of you.

Lipoa Kahaleuahi Mahalo nui and I want to say the work here can’t be done by itself. I want to recognize the many partnerships, not only Mālama I Nā Hulu Kūpuna, but also our ‘ohana chapter of the Hawai‘i Farmer’s Union United as well as Hale Hulu Mamo, Holani Hana, and many others.

Trustee Alapa First I want to commend you with all the work that you are doing for all the kūpuna, are your programs just for Hāna, Maui or are you expanding your programs to neighbor islands? I think it would be a great model for others to follow.

Lipoa Kahaleuahi We aren’t, we have engaged with other hui that do similar things or want to start possibly the building program. It is a model we would love others to emulate. It does take a strong relationship with your neighborhood and school, we have been blessed with that relationship. Currently, we are not but always open to conversations.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo Lipoa for your work. When I look at your mission statement and your goals, it looks so much more far reaching than just the youth. Where can the people in the community purchase your products?

Lipoa Kahaleuahi It is just available at the Hana farmer’s market. We usually don’t sell. We haven’t reached capacity quite yet to both provide our services for free to our beneficiaries and participants, as well as to have a booth and sell. Definitely great goals.

Trustee Akaka What are the products that you have? I thought I saw tomatoes and kalo.

Lipoa Kahaleuahi All kinds - fresh fruits, lettuce, eggplant, and it depends on the season. All kinds of wing beans, bok choy and just knowing our seasons.

Trustee Akaka Wonderful, how is it we can best collaborate going forward?

Lipoa Kahaleuahi We are awaiting announcement for community grants and to hopefully ramp up or continue a version of Mālama I Nā Hulu Kūpuna. We have some ideas of services and the need of caregivers who are quite young or are kūpuna themselves, so that's an area that we are looking into and possibly like to propose; not giving up our work with kūpuna or our services, but highlighting the healings that caregivers also need to do their good work. In addition, we were a part of efforts with an East Maui kūpuna network to provide and train eleven community nurse aides that previously was not a service here but definitely a need. Out of the eleven, seven completed their exam and are now qualified. Unfortunately, due to insurance and unforeseen gaps that came up, many of them have not had enough kūpuna clients to serve so many have gone back to other forms of work or they're doing some other CNA activity for free. We see this as a potential area to kōkua. If there are some activities that we can support these caregivers and providing their services, we are looking at how we can do that.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo again for all your work, we look forward to hearing more about your work in times to come.

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Thank you Lipoa for your presentation and time.

Mālama Loans – Kapono'ai Molitau

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Aloha Kumu.

Kapono'ai Molitau Aloha kākou, good evening, so nice to see all of you folks. As a kumu hula, many of us have had to adjust this whole Zoom kind of teaching. I gotta tell you, I don't like the format but that's what we got so tonight I come to you as a business owner, but we wear many hats on Maui. I am also a Kumu Hula, a kahuna nui, and a practitioner of 'oli, as well as a practitioner of Hawaiian language. Some thirteen years ago, I started a company called Native Intelligence and many folks may have known of our company. We started a little space back in 2009. We didn't think we were going to be successful in our very first go around but the day we opened our doors, there was about 500 people on Market St. waiting to come into our little 600sq. ft. shop. Out of that, we grew and three years later, we pivoted our business and adjusted and expanded to another shop here on the corner of Market and Main. We have been here for the last nine years. This was with the help of OHA's Mālama loans, we've been able to expand and do pretty well.

The other part of our business is the Kumu Hula side of me as well as the mea pule or the prayer side of me.

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So 30 years ago on the island of Hawai'i, there was a program that was started by Kumu John Keola Lake, Uncle Sam Ka'ai, and Uncle Parley Kanaka'ole; that program was out at the area known as Kawaihae on the shores of Pelekane at Pu'ukoholā heiau, it celebrated the 230th anniversary of the building of the Pu'ukoholā heiau. So thirty years ago, this program known as Ho'oku'ikahi unified and was something that OHA was a part of; here we are 230 years later, celebrating Ho'oku'ikahi again with a small group of folks that continue to pule out at Kawaihae by the shore of Pelekane at Pu'ukoholā. What you see here is a continued effort at this heiau out at Waihe'e, what we know as the old Waihe'e Dairy. Its land that is owned by Hawai'i Island Land Trust (HILT) and one of the last remnants of heiau left on that coastline. When we look at continuum and building capacity for learners, that is my foundation and that is how we built this company Native Intelligence. We are proud to say that we are one of the cornerstones here in Wailuku, to be able to provide great resource to our practitioners, Kumu Hula alike, as well as those that in every facet of design and great cultural work. To share a little bit of who I am, my papa hānai is Kumu John Keola Lake, a foundational pillar of wisdom for many throughout Hawai'i and all of Polynesia. His love and unwaivering was to make

sure practitioners could learn and tap into ‘āina, these are some of the ceremonial things. We are very fortunate that this man gave of his talents, his aloha, and his wisdom over the course of his life. Mahalo nui iā ‘oe Kumu Keola. Kealaka‘i honua, it was one of the last heiau consecrated by Kamehameha III at the age of four. When we think of legacy, we think about Kamehameha I having one of his own keiki here on the ‘āina and consecrating this space. These areas are very important for those kinds of practitioners that do that work today. This ‘oli was created Kealaka‘ihonua, as we know when chants are created for space or even mele, there is a certain life that comes to that. We look forward to returning to this space to learn more about Kealaka‘ihonua and its surroundings. When we think of heiau, not many people are comfortable talking about the heiau. Today, we are building practitioners that will be comfortable talking about heiau and walking in and around heiau, it is apart of our legacy. According to Pukui, a heiau is described as pre-christian place of worship, constructed stone, platform, simple earth terraces, however the meaning and space are far more than mere translation. We look at the word *Hei*, it means to entangle or to stand; and when we think about *au*, its a current or energy or a period of time; so heiau or a living embodiment of spiritual mana enhanced by pure supplication of prayer, focus, intentions and the uplifting of mana for the collective community in the maui ola, the well-being of a society, so simply put today, heiau is the equivalent of our hale pule or church. When we look at heiau or these types of temples, they’re not just monuments that we can not utilize. One of the special heiau at Kealaka‘ihonu, we are working at restoring and retooling for prayer. Currently, some of the things occurring over at Kealaka‘ihonu out at Waihe‘e, there are ceremonies happening this weekend and workshops; many of these practitioners continue to engage in these kind of practices. This past year during COVID, our non-profit, Hanona, was able to apply for a grant through the Cares Act Funding through Maui County. During that time, we were able to get thirty of our families back to work, many of the ‘ohana either lost their job or were put on furlough; we thought, how can we bring them back to work on the ‘āina? We were very thankful to partner up with ‘Āina Archaeology, with that partnership, we were able to gain a better perspective about how large this beautiful heiau is. In that thought process, we want to make sure we build practitioners for a lifetime. Very important that we acknowledge all of these wahi kūpuna on a daily, if we recognize place and we recognize these kind of spaces and we teach them to our keiki now, they’ll understand the importance of walking these grounds and acknowledging these kūpuna. One of the things we teach all of our practitioners within these kinds of spaces is a question of how should you act or conduct yourself? Many may see this question as one we should know or understand, but you would be surprised; many layers but in time, you will understand. We build practitioners for a lifetime, for spaces to conduct ourselves, to be able to pule, to be able to offer ho‘okupu, and to be able to understand who we are as kānaka for the next seven generations. Some of the reminders that we teach our keiki, our mākua, and our kūpuna:

1. Always ask permission before entering.
2. State your intentions for your kūpuna, for your kūpuna are all listening, those that are just beyond the veil as well as those who are physically present.
3. Be clear minded and ready to receive hō‘ailona – this means to listen and observe, talking is not always necessary.
4. Remember who you represent – your kumu, your ‘ohana, your hanauna.
5. Observations and understanding when it’s time for you to leave.
6. Saying mahalo to those kūpuna who are just beyond the veil for this time and space. Always acknowledge them.
7. Leaving no trace of you being there. In other words, keep the place cleaner than when you found it.
8. Watch your step, heiau are places of reverence and deserve respect. Disrespecting and clear disregard for heiau will not be tolerated. I think this is something we need to teach, this especially should be taught to those that come and visit.

Ceremonial reminders:

1. Be mindful of kapu that might have been placed.

2. Learn to address your request to enter like a an ‘oli kāhea.
3. Mana Wāhine, women should be able to dress their Wailehua appropriately to conduct themselves in ceremony. It is important that we understand the mana that all our wāhine have.
4. Once ceremony has begun – entrance and exit does not exist anymore, you’re in space. If you leave the ceremony to use the lua or get a drink of water or some other reason, then we understand that you don’t return when ceremony is being conducted. These are just gentle reminders that we try to teach our kaiāulu or our haumāna, and all those willing to learn.

Mahalo to OHA and Aunty Thelma for allowing us to have this conversation. Mahalo to HILT for participating in this journey and to rebuild kealakai‘honua. In the months to come, you’ll be hearing more about this amazing space and the work that’s about happen. Again, mahalo for the opportunity to sit and share.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I just want to add Kumu, I think that’s where one of our site visits was scheduled today. Scott Fischer was going to take us out there, so we really missed out.

Kapono‘ai Molitau I’m happy I got to share a little bit about it. The next time you guys are all on Maui, you folks can come help in the restoration efforts.

Trustee Alapa I’d like to know if you plan on expanding Native Intelligence to the neighbor islands?

Kapono‘ai Molitau Great question, I have the conversation with my wife all the time. She really is the CEO and I’m just the janitor. I think this is one area of work that we would like to do over the next three to five years, but just having this space here and being a cornerstone here in Maui and making sure it would work not only for our people here in Maui but we can do that correctly here, than I’m sure we can do that correctly on every moku; short answer is yes, but I don’t know when.

Trustee Akina Aloha, I just want to say mahalo for a wonderful presentation and thank you so much for preserving our culture. I like your oli, your mo‘olelo, your mele, and just wonderful you sharing with us. Please keep up the good work, it is so very important.

Trustee Akaka Thank you Kapono‘ai for all of the work that you do and for sharing the cultural values and traditions of our people. Mahalo for sharing that and continuing that work. In terms of your products, I see what you have online, do you plan on expanding some of that product line?

Kapono‘ai Molitau When we first opened Native Intelligence, we wanted to make sure that it was resource driven and when we think about resource throughout Hawai‘i, we are not mass production kind of folks. When we look at hulu practioners, ipu heke or pahu drum makers, they don’t make thousands of them at a time. It is one of the reasons why we didn’t expand particularly in the products area. Sometimes things are one-offs and the amount to put one product online and then in twenty seconds it sells, aiya; that is the area we are trying to work on right now. We never want to force them to hurry and make their mea makamae, thats definitely something we don’t want to do as a practitioner ourself.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui for sharing with us and enlightening us on our special places here on Maui.

KUPU – John Leong, CEO

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha John

John Leong, KUPU CEO Aloha mai kākou Chair Lindsey and Trustees, thank you so much for having me here tonight. Thank you to all our friends and ‘ohana on Maui. I apologize that we can't be there in person as well, and I just wanted to be here tonight to share with you all. I am John Leong, the co-founder and CEO at KUPU, I am really honored to be here and share a little bit of our story and what we're looking to do. We're so grateful for the support from OHA and we're really excited about what we're partnering to do for not only Maui, but also the broader Hawaiian Islands and through our programs. It's been nice watching the presentations because I've seen friends in the work that's happening. Mana ka Hana ka ‘Ike is a site partner of ours like many other Maui organizations, we have about 21 different partner sites that we support. Kapono‘ai shared a picture of Rapa Nui and it was a really nice thing for me because my wife AMCO-founder is Rapa Nui and so it was neat to see that. I'd love to share with you all. We have a little presentation.

[KUPU Presentation](#)

We first started the work about two decades ago. You can read our mission statement but really, we engage young adults in service in ‘āina-based work to support young people throughout the islands, and support a lot of our partner sites. We have about 150 different organizations that we place our young people into across the State. All of the education we provide is through work outside. We try to encourage the kids to work outside, giving it back from themselves, and encourage them to grow. Job skill sets help them to go towards higher education, to develop in character, get close to the land to their community, to kōkua; those are all things that are important to us. One of the driving factors that kind of started us on this path is, I was a participant in a former version of this program that the state put on in the 90s. It really turned me on to doing this type of work and working in conservation, and realizing how special our home is. When I first started the thought process in conservation was, Hawai‘i kids are not interested in this type of work, that's why we're getting so many people from the mainland that are working in internships and entry level jobs. What we found in our programs back in the early 2000's was that, that wasn't the case; you have to just give people opportunities to get involved, to get their hands in the dirt, and to learn. What we were seeing in the early years was a lot of young people now getting into conservation and getting interested into internships and jobs; the mainland had a lot of developed pathways into these fields and us along with many other great people paved the way in conservation; we're providing those pathways and we saw a shift started to happen, so we really were intentional and created KUPU in 2006, 2007. Since then, we've had over 5000 participants in our programs. We've provided college funding through our AmeriCorps or Education award, so we've provided over \$6 million in college funding to Hawai‘i Youth. About 80% of the participants are actively pursuing or pursued jobs in the green work force, that's really exciting. We have programs like Kipuhulu ‘Ohana on Maui that got four participants last year during COVID from us, and two of them were able to get long-term employment during COVID. This is powerful to get young people experienced and then getting them hired.

We have about 150 partner sites, about half of them hire our participant at the end of the year and alumni, so it's really awesome to see it create a succession planning for many Native Hawaiian serving organizations. We have government partners and other nonprofit organizations. There's also a lot, a huge environmental impact and it's so empowering to our young people to see that they are making a difference. They don't have to wait to grow up into the careers to be professionals before they can make an impact and I think this is the type of heart that we want the next generation to foster; it's not about ourselves or what can I get out of it, but really about what can be given back to make a difference. Since we've started, these are some numbers that our young people have been able to support within the community to give you a sense, I was like how do you envision 150,000 acres? Someone shared that Disneyland and California Adventure Park are 80 acres so to put that in perspective, think about how many acres are young people have touched and impacted over the years is remarkable, then there's economic benefits too; so each year we've, it's grown steadily but now we're up to about \$20 million in a socio-economic impact. We were fortunate enough to be a partner with Columbia University and a research project to look at the impacts of programs like ours. We're able to look at different factors of the service: how much they give back, benefits to the community, and cost

avoidance; some of our programs work with young people who have dropped out of school and need to put back on the right path. We were able to look at all those factors and it's been all about \$153 million in socio economic benefits over the last 14 plus years; then in total, we have organizations that come, have come in and laughed and others that have come in; but overall, we've had about 400 different conservation organizations who've hired our young people through the years. So, the program that we were able to partner with OHA on is a year-round internship program. We work with young people who are 17 years and older who are looking for entry level opportunities; we equipped them with different skills, we have trainings with amazing staff that will teach them everything from protocol, CPR certification, and transferable job skills that they can take with them to any career. The awesome thing is the skills they can take with them are showing up on time, wearing their uniform, and addressing their supervisor appropriately. All these different areas and just learning to have the grit it takes cause when you're clearing out invasive species or planting areas, sometimes it can be difficult. Most positions are paid; in this program that we're partnering with OHA on, is paid. Young people get a living allowance every two weeks; they also get an AmeriCorp Education Award which is about \$6,000-\$7,000 at the end of their term of service; they get healthcare; and if they have children, they get childcare; so, a lot of really nice benefits that come with the program. About half of our participants are Native Hawaiian and about 60% are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Approximately, 33% of our participants in this program have Native Hawaiian, this is probably one of our largest populations is Native Hawaiian participants. What I want to share and what I get excited about are stories, nothing beats real life stories. I'm one myself but I'm older now, so I'm not as exciting as seeing the next generation getting up and doing the great work. I'd love to introduce one of our alumni, Jon Brito, Moloka'i boy who did his studies at Kamehameha on Maui and has been in about three of our programs. In 2014, out of 40,000 youth Core members across the nation, he was picked as a Core member of the year representing Kaua'i/Maui district and Moloka'i. It was exciting to see him share that on a National level, on how important that work he's doing and the type of character he has. If that wasn't enough, about a year later, he was picked as the White House Champion of Change. He's really made us proud. He is working on Maui at the Natural Areas Reserves for the program for the Department of Natural Resources. I will call on Jon to share his story.

Jon Brito, KUPU Alumni Aloha kākou, my name is Jon Brito and I was born and raised on Moloka'i, I guess my story begins back in 2008 right out of high school being a summer intern. A summer intern is when you go to a variety of sites and get your beak wet; so to speak on the different conservation efforts going around, that was my first experience with conservation before that, it was just kind of a word and not really an action. Later on, I decided to go to college and halfway through, decided college wasn't for me and that's when I decided to do the year around internship that John Leong was talking about. I did my long internship with Ka Honua Momona, which manages two fishponds on Moloka'i. I have many happy memories. Uncle Mervin Dudoit taught us how to make net. We did a lot of fishpond restoration work and I got the conservation bug from that. I later used my education award to go back to college and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Geographic Information Systems and from there, I was able to move on and apply for different jobs. Currently, I'm a Natural Resource Management Specialist for Maui Nui within the DLNR ecosystem. I specialize in geographic information systems, so that's a lot of mapping. I know Kapono'ai talked about drone usage, that's kind of my specialty. I really enjoy going out and finding native snails that no one has seen for a very long time like the pinao snail or the damselflies. The endangered species has been a part of my work here at Maui Nui and this something I am hoping to continue to do. Coming to a full circle, I will be having my own, two KUPU interns for the first-time next month. I am excited to be able to continue this cycle going. I have literally done every program KUPU has to offer. I would have to say to be able to reconnect with the land in very fundamental level, I think that perpetuated me and motivated me to move forward and be able to enable myself to stay in this field and really mālama 'āina. That's kinds of my story, back to you John.

John Leong, KUPU CEO Thanks for joining us tonight. As you can tell, Jon has done a remarkable job in his life and is now paying it forward being a mentor himself. I think the ultimate is when the individual realizes their empowerment and encourages others too. We are just very proud of our Alumnis and that we have a small part in their lives. I am just very excited and we are going to have seven young adults that will benefit from the support of OHA on Maui. We will be able to leverage the support that you provide with some of the federal funds that we received, and it's really going to help to be transformative and make a difference. We are ready to move forward with many generations to come. Thank you again so much for your time tonight. Thank you for all that you do for our community, OHA, and our Hawai'i.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you, I appreciate your presentation. Trustees, any questions?

Trustee Akina Thank you Madam Chair. John, good to see you again and just such great work. The conservation leadership development program, how many of the young people that have gone through that, are now in careers or professions that are related to conservation? And my second question, what accounts are you having Native Hawaiians participating in?

John Leong, KUPU CEO Thank you Trustee. For the first question, about 79-80% of our alumni. We do have a year out survey that we conduct when they are finished with our program, and then we have a five year out survey to see where people are at. Our surveys have shown about 79% of our participants have either gone on to higher education or pursued a career in conservation or related areas. A really good success in that area. In terms of the number of Native Hawaiian young people in our programs, I think there's a lot. I think our programming makes sense for a lot of young people, it's empowering and it gives them a chance to learn in different settings. We have a variety of different programs and what we found is that 'āina is the teacher and 'āina allows people to learn in different ways and have experiences that are transformative. I don't know if that only resonates with folks that are Native Hawaiian, but I feel that is something with Hawaiian youth. I do feel another area that has been powerful is when people finish the program, they tell their friends about it and family members. They are our best advocates. We've had programs where we've had multi-siblings and cousins that come through the program because they had one family member that had a transformed experience.

Trustee Akina Mahalo John.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo John for sharing all that you do. It's nice to hear of the nice reach that you have with our keiki here. I wanted to know how you get the word out to Native Hawaiian students specifically. I did hear you mention referrals of siblings and family members, or do you have representatives go to the schools? Or is mostly by word of mouth?

John Leong, KUPU CEO Great questions, just to clarify, all of OHA's funded positions will be Native Hawaiian individuals as well as our goals to support Native Hawaiian organizations with the support of our members. We have great relationships with different counselors at different schools and different programs. We are trying to get the word out, we've had long-term recruiting on each of the islands. Alumni of friends and family is another strong way to get our opportunities out. We also use social media.

Jon Brito, KUPU Alumni My experience on Moloka'i has been by word of mouth and it's been the greatest way of recruitment. In rural communities, I think it's the best thing to do is to offer them something, a chance and KUPU serves that purpose.

Trustee Ahu Isa I remember back in 2014, you invited us to your little shed at Ala Moana. That was seven years ago and look how much you've grown, I'm so proud of you.

Trustee K. Lindsey Thank you both for presenting tonight. I am aware of your work starting up in Pololū on Hawai'i island. I look forward to learning more about that at the appropriate time. I also know that you folks have done work out at Pihemanu Atoll National Wildlife refuge, so KUPU is an organization that is point to point in our archipelago from Hawai'i Island to the very end. I look forward to learning more and continue to see the work and our kids in the next generation as they assume positions to take care of our land like Jon Brito. Congratulations to all of you and thank you again.

John Leong, KUPU CEO Thank you. I am in Hilo now and was in the Hilo Sack 'n' Save, I was wearing a KUPU shirt and a girl came up to me and said thank you, she just finished a term at Volcano National Park and she got a job with them. I just want to say that you are right, we want to support all the islands and thank you for the opportunity.

Chair hulu Lindsey Thank you for all your work and thank you to Jon Brito too. Thank you for taking the time to talk to us this evening.

Kīpahulu 'Ohana – Scott Crawford, Executive Director

Scott Crawford, Kīpahulu Exec. Dir. Aloha ahiahi Chair Hulu and trustees, thank you so much for the invitation to share with you all this evening about Kīpahulu 'Ohana and our work in east Maui. I also would like to just share a few slides in a presentation and give you an overview of our projects, give you an overview of the background about the organization, Kīpahulu 'Ohana, and some of our projects that we're working on in programs Kīpahulu moku. Kīpahulu 'Ohana was founded in 1995 by Uncle Mike Minn, Uncle John Lind and Auntie Tweetie Lind.

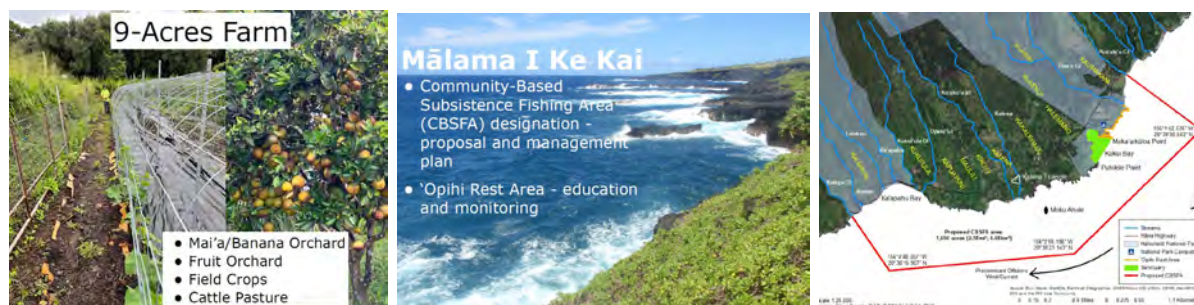


The mission of the organization includes, as dedicated to the cultural sustainability of the Kīpahulu moku through educational programs incorporating partnerships then projects, we envisioned families working in harmony together to preserve and enhance traditional cultural practices of the Hawaiian people. We conduct culturally-based agricultural and resource management projects for mauka to makai. I will share several projects related to our traditional agriculture, resource management, food security, and cultural practice. This illustration sort of represents some of our different project areas from all the way from the forest and the source of divide to the lo'i and to the kahakai, the limu, opihi, and the fish. Kapahu Living Farm is an ancient taro farm restored after production. We manage the farm through a partnership with Haleakalā National Park since 1995 and we just renewed our agreement for another five years with the Superintendent, Natalie Gates. At the farm, we have families and community planting, harvesting, weaving, and harvest. We host a lot of school groups, educational groups, and community work days. We provide poi and other products for lū'au and community events. We also offer interpretive hikes to visitors to learn about the place, the history, and the culture.

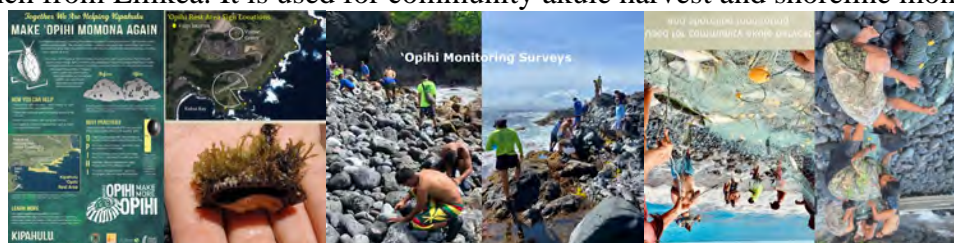


The second place we manage is called “the Triangle” or Kalena Triangle. The Kalena Center was built with the funds by the County of Maui and the OHA. It is all solar powered and off the grid. It is an Ag processing center and a shared use commercial kitchen. It is also a gathering place, meeting place, and baseyard for our operations. We have a poi grinder, a commercial meat saw, and a walk in chiller; again, these are all solar powered. The Kalena Triangle also has gardens, fruit orchards, small livestock and fowl, and a roadside fruit stand. The equipment garage stores a flatbed dump truck, chipper, John Deere tractor, and backhoe.

Another area that we manage is called a 9-acres farm – you can find banana, fruit orchard, field crops, and cattle pasture. Last year, we received an OHA Strong grant through the Hawai‘i Community Foundation for supporting food security in the remote east Maui community. Money used from this program was used for the trellis fencing. There is a lot of squash, bittermelon, and cucumbers and things that grow as trellis crops for distribution into the community.



Next program is the Mālama I Ke Kai. I want to say thank you for the opportunity to have an article in this month's Ka Wai Ola paper about our program and the CBSFA proposal. I won't go into it too much here, if anyone is interested, you can check it out on our website. This all started in 2012 when we did a community action plan. This is to propose the Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) boundaries, a pu'uhonua or a fish replenishment zone, and the orange area is the 'opihi rest area which has been in place for a number of years now. The idea of, if opihi had a sanctuary where they can be protected from being over harvested then they will populate that area and spill over into the surrounding areas. We also do 'opihi monitoring surveys. Right now, we are doing a NOAA two-year grant called the Maui Hikina Stewardship Development Project, working in partnership with Hāna school and other East Maui community organizations. Another thing we are thankful for, that we were able to acquire with the OHA Strong grant back in August, as part of the food security during COVID, was this fourteen-foot aluminum boat that we were able to launch from Lilikea. It is used for community akule harvest and shoreline monitoring.



We are thankful to have that as a tool to support this traditional practice that brings the community together and feeds the community. We are members of the Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) – Hāna Chapter, we are a vendor at the Hāna Farmer's market, and we have contributed to many food box distributions. We are thankful to so many partnerships, but in particular I want to mention are the Maui Nui Makai Network and E Ala Pu – Statewide network of community that are doing similar work. These networks each working in their own areas and then joining together to learn from one another and to share their knowledge and experiences and their successes and failures is really powerful. You can always get more information at Kīpahulu 'Ohana or kipahulu.org. Thank you again for allowing me to share with you.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Scott. Any questions?

Trustee Akaka I just want to thank Scott for all that you are doing down there. It looks like you have a lot of 'ono offerings at the farmer's market. I hope one day I can go and grab some.

Trustee Akina Scott, thank you so much for all that you're doing. It's too bad we couldn't make it over to Maui. Keep up the good work.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Scoot, we really appreciate all the work that you folks are doing out there. We hope to communicate closely with you and find out how we can continue to support you folks. Thank you for sharing your evening with us.

Mālama Na Makua a Keiki, Inc. – Lisa Ponichtera

Lisa Ponichtera Aloha mai kākou, they call me Dr. P, its easier. We are very grateful to be a part of the grantees this year. Thank you again Madam Chair and all the trustees for having us. I just wanted to share a little bit about who we are. I was born in California and moved to Moloka'i when I was two. I went through a dark time in my life. My Father is a dentist there and he actually was on an Advisory board and helped stomped out meth when I was young. He really fought and went up against something that was really hurting our island. I went off to college, UH, and I got caught up into things that I wasn't suppose to and did what my Father tried to get rid of on our island. It took me down a very dark path. I was able to pull myself out of this dark place. I went through the Maui Drug Court Program and I was able to, at my graduation, tell the judge that I wanted to make a difference. I went back to school and got my degrees, and lucky enough to become a part of Aloha House. I worked with their drug-core program and then I was offered a job as a clinical director at Mālama Nā Mākua a Keiki. I am a Mother, a grand-mother, and I am very passionate about helping the people of Moloka'i and all the islands. Our program has about 60% Native Hawaiians in our program. We are dedicated to women and children. We are one of two programs in the State of Hawai'i that allow mothers to bring their keiki with them to treatment. We eliminate barriers and connect with as many members in the community to provide a foundation so when they leave, they're not leaving us and the foundation but they are moving with everyone in the community. The grant given to us by you over the last two years has developed a very robust and very meaningful cultural-based program, 'āina-based therapy. I would like to share a video of who we are; I will have Serlinda, our new program director, share the video.

One of the beautiful things that we do is we bring women in and teach them that they can be whatever they want to be. Half of our staff are actually graduates from our program. They're in recovery themselves, we help them get their degrees so that they can move forward and become whatever they want. I'm going to call on Kupono who can share some of the programs we have thanks to your funding.

Kupono Lucero Thank you Chair and Trustees for sharing this space with us. I get emotional when I talk about what I do because I truly love what I do. In my own journey in life, the big question was who am I? Why was I created? As I went through this journey, the biggest thing was my culture. I never had the opportunity when I was young, never had permission to dance hula or attend Kamehameha, and as I grew older I found out I needed to get back to that. So now that I have been successful in learning my culture, know who I am, and to know what my purpose is in this life, that is what drives me and want to work with the women I work with. I am so grateful to the OHA for supporting what we do in our cultural program. It is so beneficial because it bridges family healing and the recovery together; that allows success and creates a greater lāhui for us. When I moved over to Mālama Nā Mākua a Keiki, I was able to be more creative with the cultural piece and I was able to explore the lo‘i. Over the years, I have been able to connect with different relationships and with cultural practitioners. I am not a cultural practitioner, but what I do is I bring them together to teach our ladies and I learn as well. They bring in culture, ‘ike, and the activities to create this sense of place and belonging for our women. A recent evaluation, 96% overall of the participants, reported effective and satisfied with the experience they’ve had. One of our goals is to strengthen the program.

Lisa Ponichtera Thank you Kupono. So with what Kupono has learned, we can expand that with other programs and to the gender-mix programs because the number of Native Hawaiians in that program is just as high; we need to help them connect. The other thing I wanted to share about, one of the pieces we were able to do is this cultural piece and the early learning center program. The keiki are there in the center learning to roll over, crawl, learn to use the potty, whatever it is, or learn to write their name. With COVID, we had all ages of children in the center. We had to learn to be teachers in there. I'm very grateful for that part of the grant. We used to have one person in there, and thank goodness we were able to have two. The children have been able to very much benefit from this, and the mothers can then feel secure while they're in their classes knowing that their kids are taken care of.

Serlinda Soukon The one thing I can share is our sincere gratitude and thankfulness to everyone in here. I am always inspired by Auntie Donna and Dr. Lisa. I am from a small island in Micronesia and from the presentations that I am listening to, I can totally relate and see how beautiful it is when we are connected like this. I really believe it takes a community and help or support and grow community. This is what I see with the generous support from you. It is already hard to come in and commit to your recovery, can you imagine doing it with a child? Having a childcare person and expanding in this area is so very important. When getting help in childcare, the mother can really focus on herself and focus on her treatments. I just want to say thank you for all the generous support and this brings so much healing for the women we support.

Lisa Ponichtera Thank you Serlinda. I know it's getting late so I'm going to ask, Madam Chair, if you folks have any questions?

Trustee Akaka I just want to say mahalo nui for your courage and your grace to share all your experiences and accomplishments. Mahalo for making the cultural connections that you do in your work. Possibly one of the most moving videos that I have seen with the young babies with their mom and hearing your personal experiences, it was truly moving. I encourage you to continue the amazing work that you are doing.

Trustee Ahuna I just want to say thank you Doc. P. for doing an amazing job with Maui Behavioral Services and also Mālama Nā Mākua a Keiki. Thank you for everything you do. I know you're doing an amazing job and you spoke about your Dad, I know that he is so happy knowing that you have that doc right in front of you. Thank you so much and I know Mana‘e misses you very much.

Trustee Alapa I wanted to know, with the program on Maui, are there any women or families from Moloka‘i that you’re servicing?

Lisa Ponichtera Yes, I think its okay to share we have one that just gave birth to a baby, a healthy baby boy. We were very lucky to get her in. We have an amazing team that will drive down to parks, go to the street, we have ladies that come in and out. We take women from anywhere. We are only one of two at the level of care that will allow for moms to come with their babies. Our numbers are down due to COVID. We had to use one of our cottages for quarantine. I would like you to consider that when looking at our numbers, using the cottage means we are down 5-7 beds or people.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you so much. We certainly enjoyed your presentation and thank you for all that you do.

Boys and Girls Club Maui – Stephen Bennet and Kelly Pearson

Kelly Pearson Aloha Everyone, I want to say thank you to my staff for being here with me this evening; mahalo Trustees for having us tonight; mahalo for this opportunity to share with you the impact that your support has had on Maui’s young people. I get emotional too every time I talk about this organization, kala mai. My name is Kelly Maluo Pearson, I am honored to serve as the as the CEO for the Boys and Girls Club of Maui. In fact, yesterday I celebrated my 24th year with this wonderful organization, started when I was 20; just kidding. Last year September, Ipolani and I spoke to you virtually and we explained how grateful we are to have the support of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. We will take the next few minutes to once again share the great things that we are doing at our clubs. On a daily basis and even during these very challenging times, amazing things happen at the clubs. We are especially thankful for your patience and understanding as our clubhouses and staff have navigated through these very interesting, more like crazy past 17 months. Team members from all eight sites were able to continue to provide in-person services. We did this by following strict safety protocols, daily wellness checks for members and staff, mandatory mask use, safe distancing, frequent handwashing, and constant wiping and cleaning of high-touch surfaces. If you know our keiki, safe distance is not the easiest thing to do; so this past summer, we were able to offer support to a couple of community partners. Our county pals program came and asked if we could help to support in some of the areas, different areas, as well as a pilot program at the Wailuku gym. It was a different type of operation because we're used to our clubhouses, but we did what we needed to do because the community needed us. I want to ensure you all that your investment supports youth from all over Maui. We're proud to say that this past school year, 96% of our club members were on track to pass English, Reading, and Math classes, and all members were promoted to the next grade. At our Paukūkalo club, pre-pandemic 88% of the total membership are Native Hawaiian youth. Organizationally, the eight clubs on Maui, almost 50% of members identify as Native Hawaiians. Staff provided structured homework help and tutoring every day school was in session. Homework help during pre-pandemic times was important, and it became even more significant during the last school year because of the lack of face-to-face time with teachers in schools. People might mention this too, but we're so proud that our Paukūkalo Club is our only club that helps our members who attend our Hawaiian immersion program, so staff help kids to do their homework in our Native Hawaiian language. During the past year too, it's not on the slide, but we were able to distribute enrichment bags to youth on Lāna‘i and Harbor Lights when they had clusters in their areas. One of the services that we were most proud of the last year was our ability to provide distance learning support. Youth were able to come to the club in the morning and connect to school while parents went to work. It was nerve wrecking when we opened our doors last July, we were confident that we had the proper protocols in place. Because of your funding, Maui children and teens get the academic support they so need. We do our best to ensure that they have what they need to be physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally healthy.

Ipolani Pu With the continuation of our virtual clubhouse time, we've opened a small in-person group within the central clubhouse facility back in February for keiki ages 6 and above. Times have definitely changed, we have adapted to longer in-person hours so we can better support our members with their distance learning. Both groups, Central and Paukūkalo, opened their doors daily from 7:30 am till 5:00 pm. Members were accepted based on a reservation only policy so that we could accommodate everyone in a safe manner. This allowed us to better support our community and Paukūkalo families who needed a safe place to do their work with adequate help. They were expected to bring their own devices, school schedule, reusable water bottles, snacks and lunch; and in turn we have provided free Wi-Fi for them, and again a safe place for them to do their distance learning. While in distance learning, we assist them with their in school work and communicate daily with their teachers to make sure that our members stayed on track with their daily assignments when needed. Homework help is done in both Hawaiian and English as we have kaiapuni members who attend Pā'ia School's Hawaiian language immersion program. When not class or school, members are to continue their schoolwork before starting another program or activity. Daily programs included a variety of art, STEM, and Hawaiian cultural activities. Our members really enjoyed art and DIY activities such as stem, the most favorable art activities would be the follow along art through tutorials found online with step by steps to doing free art and exploring the use of crayons, markers, and acrylics. These members went from feeling embarrassed of not knowing how to paint or draw to having the confidence in wanting to continue such programs and showcase their artwork on the wall. In STEM, they learned how to build volcanoes with kits, different ways to make slime with a variety of ingredients, to learning how to make their own solar oven. In Hawaiian Club, we continued with the hakalama, we used words of the day with examples of how it can be used daily such as hō'ihi, respectfully. Members also learned about Native plants that surround us and how some can be used for medical use as well as dye for art. We've taught them about their island of Maui, Hawaiian mythology, and the language. During breaks, we would listen to a lot of mele Hawai'i and would hear our members sing freely. As we continued with their distance learning and daily programs, members got into their routine of what is expected of them for school and parent communication of members missing assignments or missing online school have decreased. Parents are appreciative of our services and are able to count on us to provide a safe environment for them knowing that they are doing their homework, getting better grades on tests in school work, or simply hearing a good job to a certain member while in class is rewarding. It's evident that the work that we do with each member, the progress that is shown, goes in line with our mission. As school came to an end, we not only had our regular summer program, but partnered up with Kukuna O Ka Lā, which is a summer pilot program that ran from June 21 to July 16th, a program that includes a mixture of Hawaiian, cultural-based learning and practices, music games, arts, plants, etc. This allowed members to connect with nature and appreciate their surroundings, it's the best of both worlds for these kids who hasn't had these opportunities before and are now able to experience the type of programs that is offered. Mahalo for your time and your continuous support, aloha.

Kelly Pearson Mahalo Ipo. So as youth serving professionals, we see the need for continuing funding for educational purposes, especially this year due to COVID-19 impacts on youth education. This last year, our clubhouses and academic programming are needed more than ever; our impact this year is to be sure our members do not fall through the cracks. They have graduated on time and all are promoted to the next grade level. We're also focusing on our facilities. COVID-19 has demonstrated to us why Paukūkalo community needs its own dedicated clubhouse with their own clubhouse at Paukūkalo, team will be better able to serve more members by removing the limitations of working within a shared space. So our organization is committed to achieving our mission to enable all the young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. We recognize, however, that we can't do this alone, it's through strong partnerships with dedicated organizations like you all that share our

beliefs in the power of young people. I will close with this, that the support of OHA will continue to create safe, inclusive, and positive environments for all youth, families, and staff, and where everyone can thrive. Mahalo for your time and mahalo nui for your support.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Any questions at all?

Trustee Akaka I am so impressed to learn that you folks even incorporate the Native Hawaiian language with education and academic support. I just want to know how long you folks have been doing that kind of work?

Kelly Pearson As far as the Paukūkalo club, we have been there for about fifteen years. Thank you for recognizing that Trustee, I am very fortunate to have Ipolani and we also have Kapono Nae'ole, and they are graduates of Hawaiian Immersion and they work with us. Without staff that can 'ōlelo Hawai'i, we wouldn't be able to do that. We are very proud of that.

Trustee Ahu Isa Kelly, I just want to say that back in the day my grandson was a beneficiary of this program. He came from a broken family and the program really helped him. If it wasn't for your program, I don't know if he would be where he is today; good job and on the straight and narrow path. Mahalo for Boys and Girls Club.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Kelly and Ipo, we want to say thank you for the presentation this evening and to express how thankful we are for what you're doing for our keiki in our community.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Marie Fitzsimmons No concerns at all, just here to listen and learn from all of you. Thank you.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey There is a Board meeting at 9:30 am, it is the Maui Island Board of Trustees meeting virtually.

Adjournment

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Akaka Moves to adjourn.

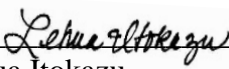
Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
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KELI'I	AKINA		X	X			

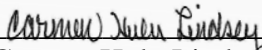
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BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Lehua Itokazu
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on October 7, 2021.


 Carmen Hulu Lindsey
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Mālama Loans – Kaponō'ai Molitau (video link)
2. KUPU-PowerPoint (file is too large please use link)
3. Kīpahulu 'Ohana-PowerPoint (attachment)
4. Mālama Na Makua a Keiki – Video link not available at this time
5. Boys and Girls Club Maui – PowerPoint (attachment)

Kīpahulu ‘Ōhana, Inc

Presentation to
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Community Meeting
‘Aukake 11, 2021



Photo: Alana
Yurkanin

Founded in 1995 by
Uncle Mike Minn,
Uncle John Lind
and
Aunty Tweetie Lind



Kīpahulu ‘Ōhana

The Kipahulu ‘Ōhana is a grassroots Hawaiian 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1995 dedicated to the cultural sustainability of the Kipahulu moku in East Maui, Hawai‘i through educational programs which incorporate local, national and international partnerships and projects. We envision families working in harmony together to preserve and enhance the traditional cultural practices of the Hawaiian people. To this end, we conduct culturally-based agricultural and resource management projects from mauka to makai.



John Lind, Project Director & Traditional Konohiki

The background of the slide is a close-up, high-angle shot of numerous cut sugarcane stalks. The stalks are cut into short, cylindrical pieces, showing the white interior and the reddish-brown outer skin. They are piled together, creating a dense, textured pattern of light and dark colors.

Kipahulu 'Ohana Programs

- Kapahu Living Farm
- Kalena Triangle and Kīpahulu Kitchen
- 9-Acres Farm
- Mālama I Ke Kai

Kapahu Living Farm

Ancient lo'i restored







Partnership with **Haleakala National Park**

Cooperative Agreement since 1995



Kapahu Living Farm

NPS Partnership through the Years



Superintendent Don Reeser, ~1996 and 2004



Superintendent Marilyn Parris, 2006



Superintendent Natalie Gates, 2014



Superintendents Marilyn Parris and Sarah Creachbaum with Dep. Regional Director Patricia Neubacher, 2009

Kapahu Living Farm

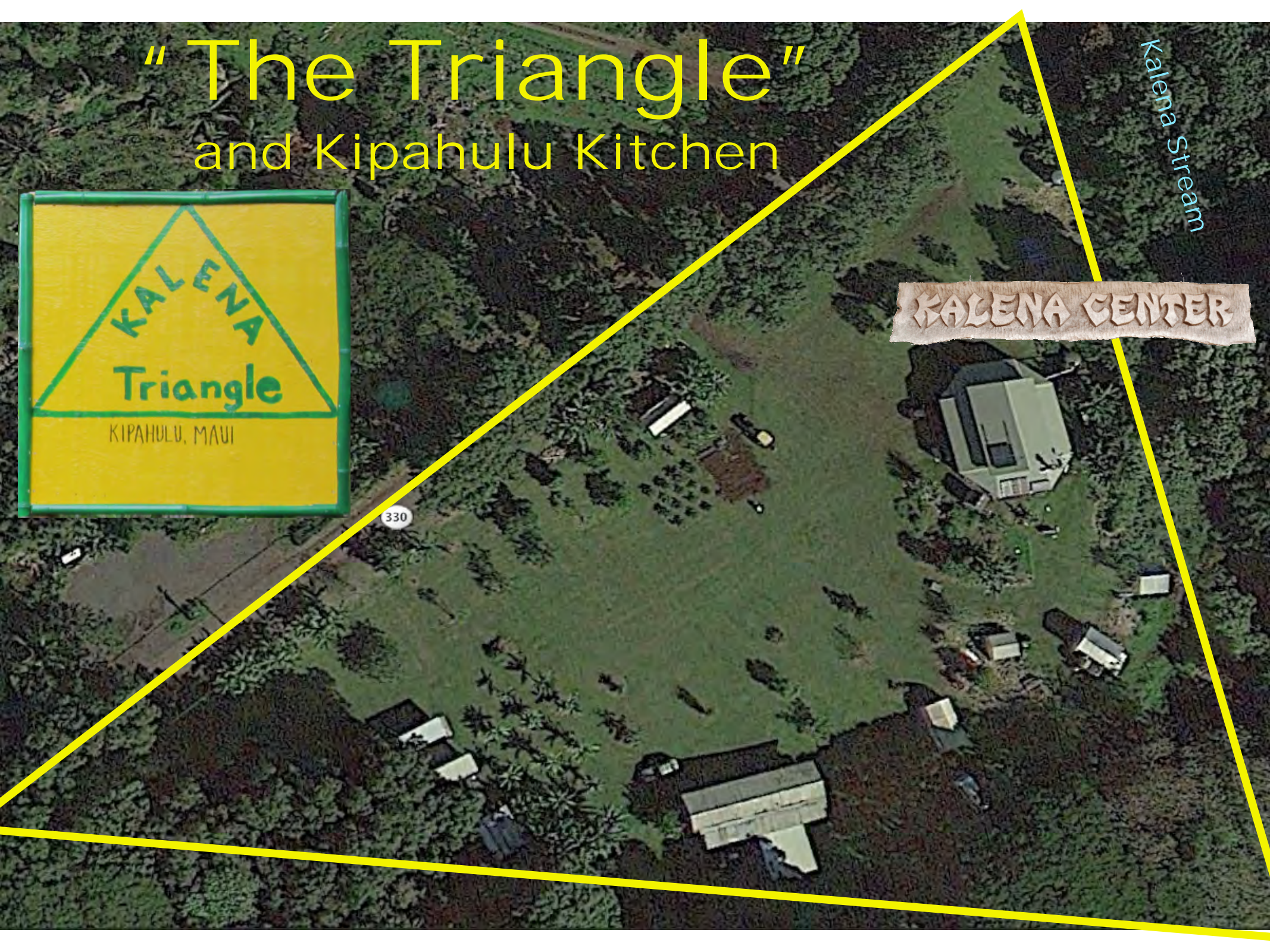
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- families and community plant, weed and harvest
 - host school group and community educational days
 - poi + provided for lū'au and community events
 - interpretive hikes for visitors

"The Triangle" and Kipahulu Kitchen



Kalena Stream

KALENA CENTER



KALENA CENTER

Built with County and OHA funds and hundreds of hours of volunteer labor through Kipahulu Community Association

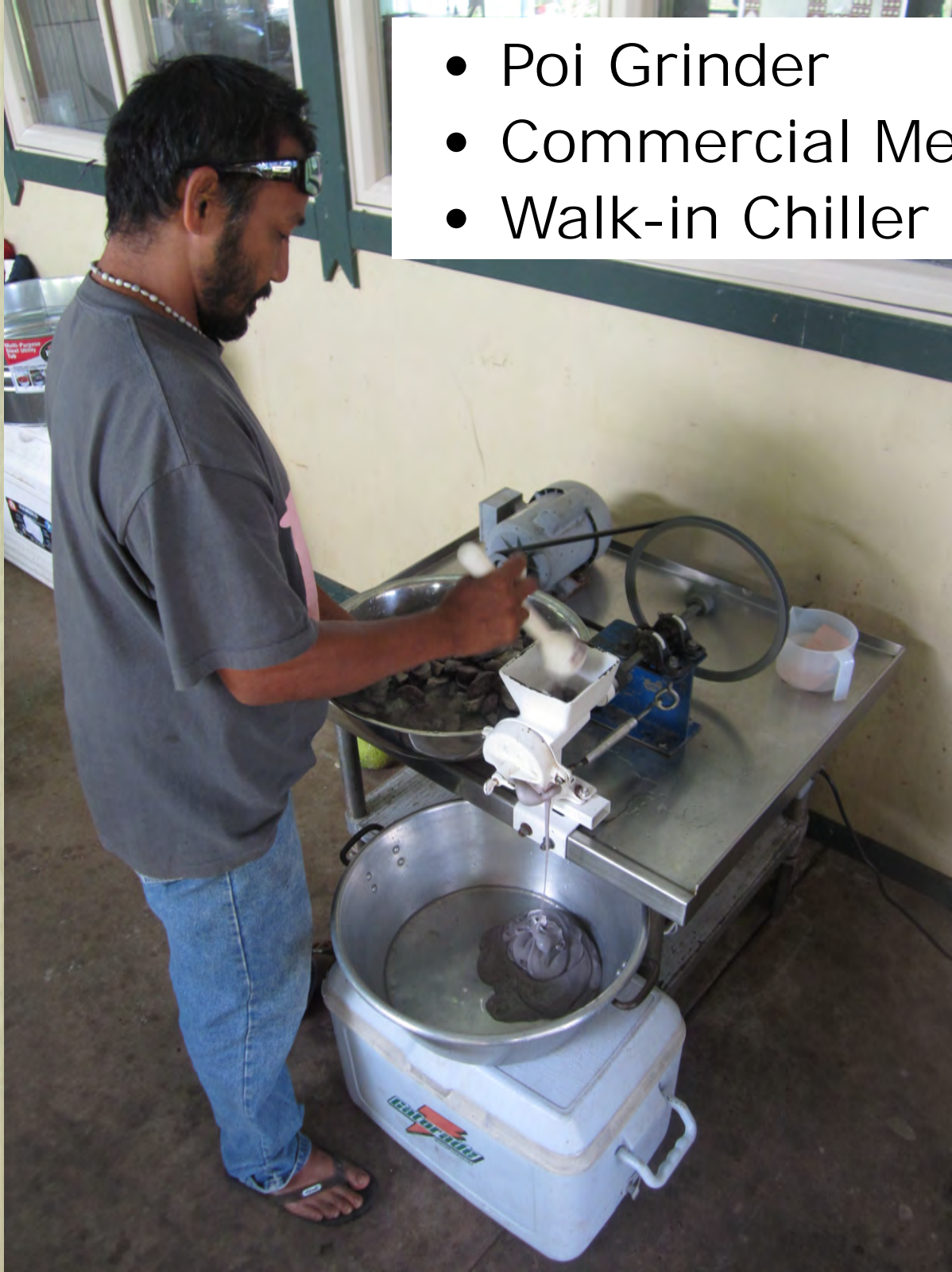
Solar powered
off the grid

- Ag Processing Center
- Shared-Use Certified Commercial Kitchen

- Gathering Place
- Base Yard



- Poi Grinder
- Commercial Meat Saw
- Walk-in Chiller



Kalena Triangle



- Gardens
- Fruit Orchard
- Small Livestock and Fowl
- Sheds & Equipment
- Roadside Fruit Stand

Equipment Garage



- F-450 Flatbed Dump Truck
- Morbark Beever M15R Chipper
- John Deere 110TLB Tractor Loader Backhoe

9-Acres Farm



- Mai'a/Banana Orchard
- Fruit Orchard
- Field Crops
- Cattle Pasture

Mālama I Ke Kai

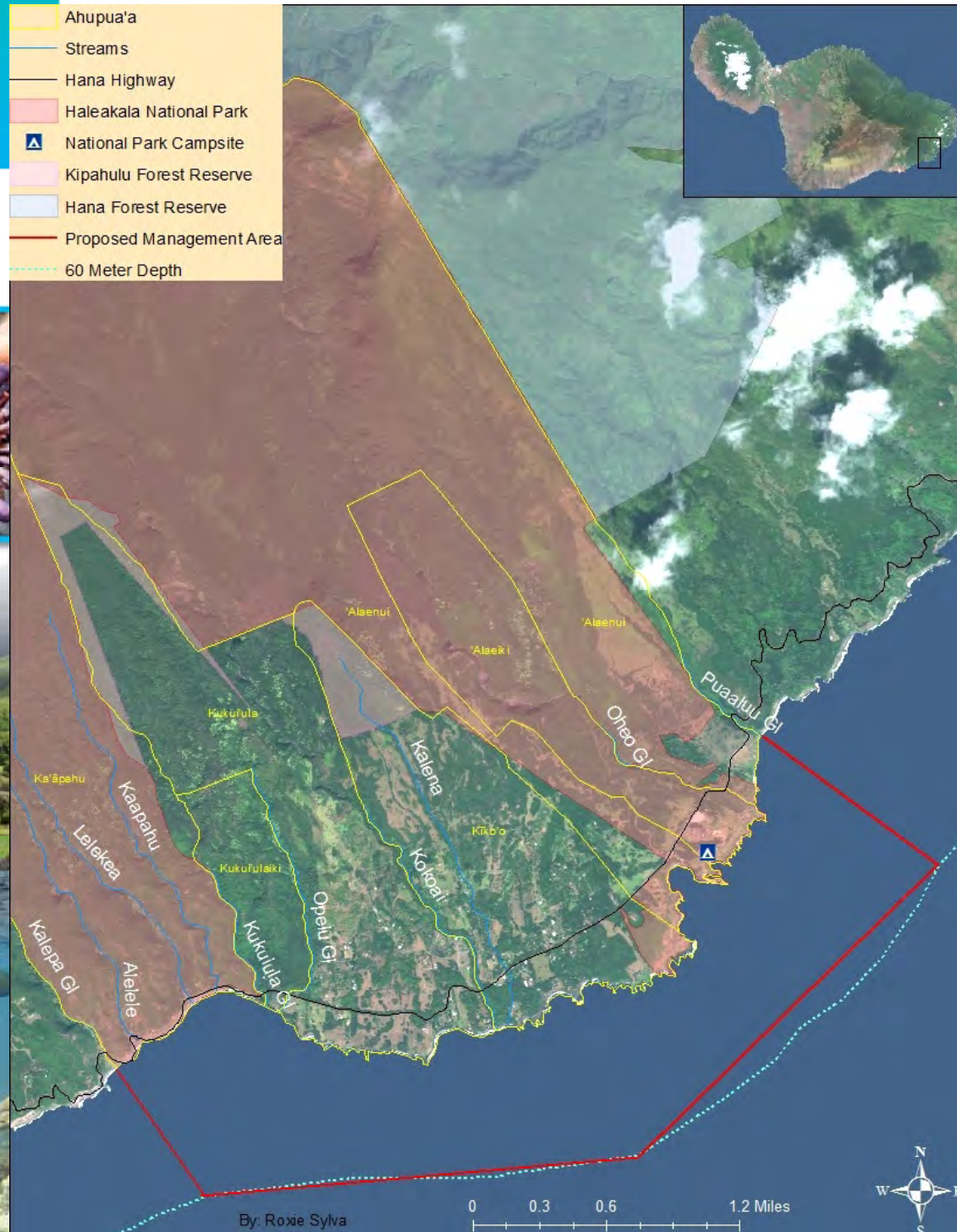
- Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) designation - proposal and management plan
- 'Opihi Rest Area - education and monitoring

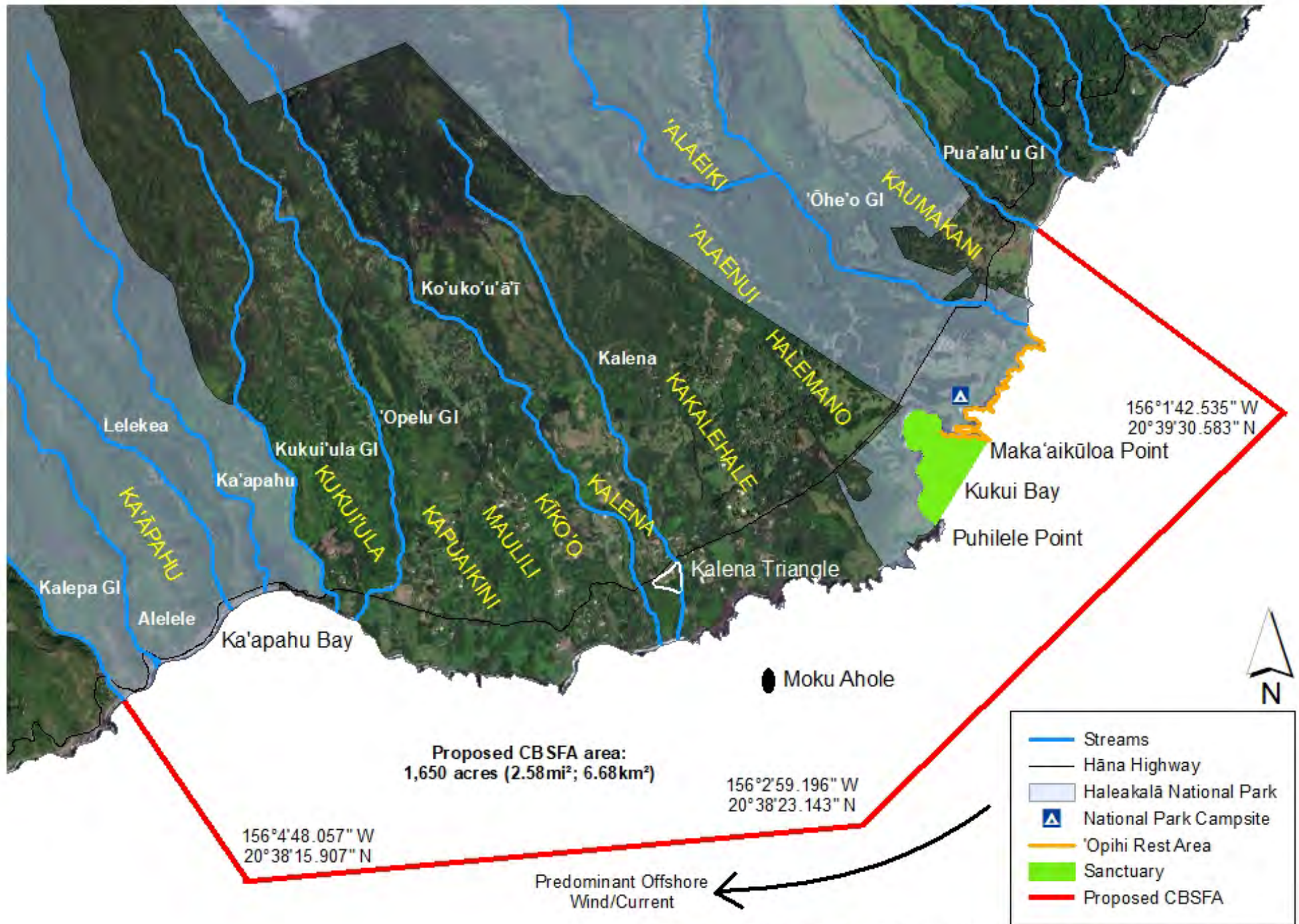


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Mālama Ke Kai

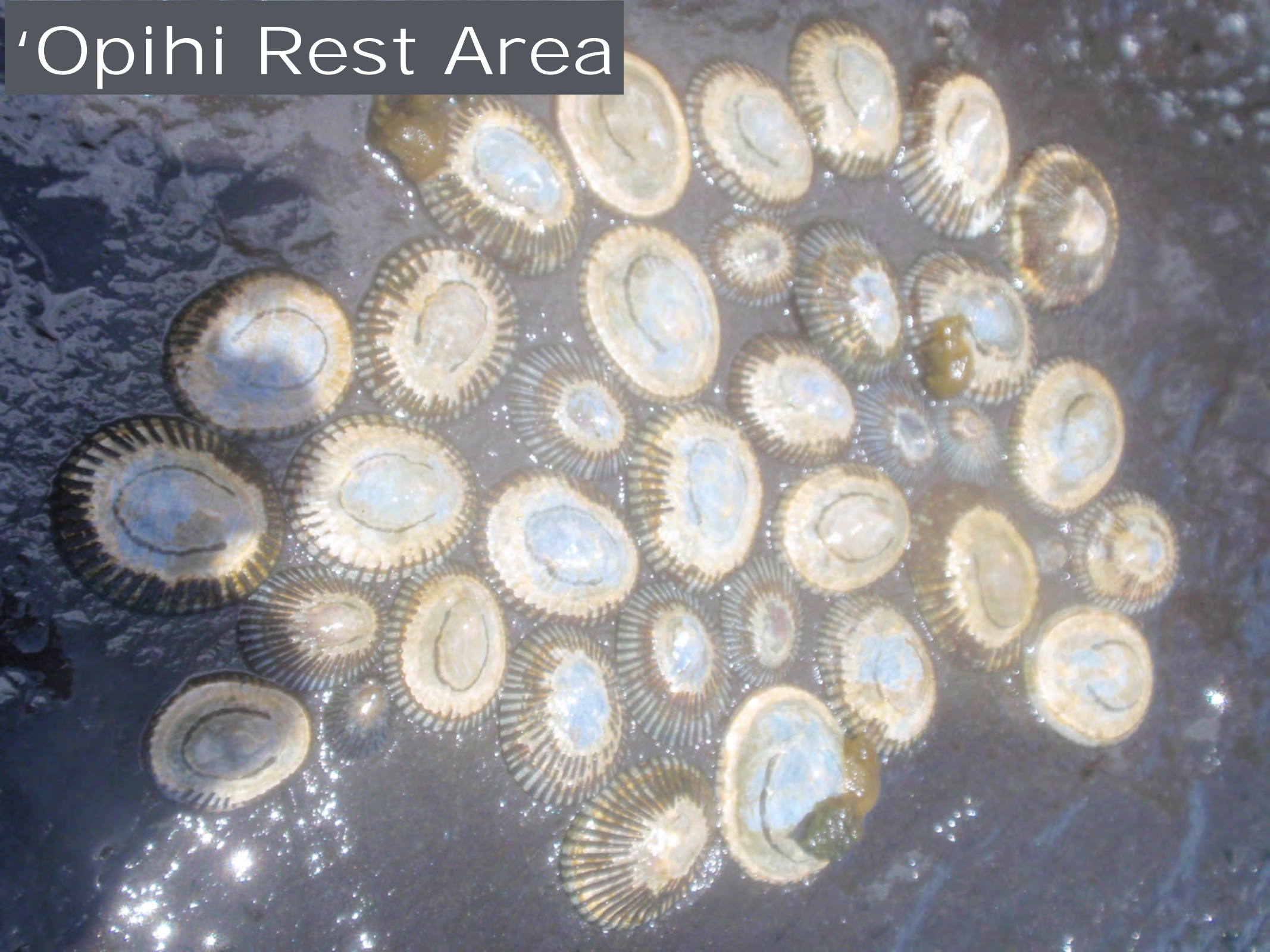
Community Action Plan December 2012





Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

'Opihi Rest Area



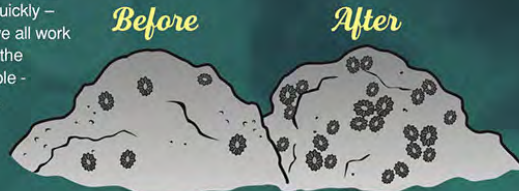
Together We Are Helping Kīpahulu

MAKE 'OPIHI MOMONA AGAIN



Our Kīpahulu community is reviving the traditional practice of resting an area from 'opihi harvest so that it will be momona again. The concept is simple – allowing one area to rest means those 'opihi have the chance to grow larger and produce more keiki that can spill over into neighboring areas, providing more 'opihi for all of us!

Our study, which began, in 2014 is already showing more 'opihi in some areas. But more 'opihi doesn't mean enough 'opihi. In order for the population to recover to a sustainable level, it needs a few generations to re-establish. Even now, occasional harvest in the rest area has noticeably decreased the population. The good news is 'opihi reproduce quickly – every six months, so if we all work together, we can bring the 'opihi back to sustainable – and harvestable levels.



When there are a lot of 'opihi close together, they produce many more keiki than if they are far apart. Our community hopes to see many 'opihi side-by-side in the near future.

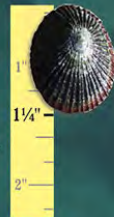
HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Respect the 'opihi rest area – which means no 'opihi harvest while this area replenishes
- Follow best practices when harvesting outside of the rest area
- Share this information with family and friends
- Join Kīpahulu 'Ohana to help monitor 'opihi to inform management decisions

BEST PRACTICES

Please pick 'opihi only outside of the rest area and follow best practices where ever you pick 'opihi.

- O** 'Ōlelo: Communicate with other families so you don't pick the same area at the same time.
- P** Pick just a few for today; 'opihi don't grow or reproduce in the freezer.
- I** Inch & a quarter is too small: pick bigger than 1 1/4 in., but leave the really big ones.*
- H** Huli Hele "Search everywhere": keep moving, pick from different areas.
- I** 'Ihi Kō'eke "Respect Kō'eke": leave the Kō'eke alone, they live under the water line.



*The current Hawai'i State Regulation for the take of 'opihi is a minimum shell size of 1 1/4 inches.



Located inside Hāleakalā National Park, between 'Ohe'o Gulch and Kukui Bay. Look for the "'Opihi Rest Area" signs.

LEARN MORE

Visit www.kipahulu.org/opihi or contact opih@kipahulu.org for more information on monitoring efforts both inside and outside of the rest area that will help us better understand 'opihi and our efforts to perpetuate them.

KIPAHULU.
OUR MOKU. OUR KULEANA.



'Opihi Rest Area Sign Locations

● = sign location



'Opihi Monitoring Surveys





- NOAA B-WET 2-year grant for Maui Hikina Opio Stewardship Development Project, in partnership with other East Maui community organizations to provide meaningful watershed educational experiences that integrate with high school science curriculum

OHA-Strong Grant
August 2020
Klamath Deluxe 14' boat





Used for community akule harvest
and shoreline monitoring



- Member of Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) - Hāna Chapter
- Vendor at the Hāna Farmers Market
- Contributed to many food box distributions, Kaukau 4 Keiki...

Founding member of Maui Nui Makai Network



Member of E Alu Pu





OUR MOKU. OUR KULEANA.

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Mahalo



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

OF MAUI

CENTRAL CLUBHOUSE
HAIKU CLUBHOUSE
KAHEKILI CLUBHOUSE
LOKELANI CLUBHOUSE

LAHAINA CLUBHOUSE
MAKAWAO CLUBHOUSE
PAUKUKALO CLUBHOUSE
KIHEI EL. CLUBHOUSE





BGCMaui - Paukukalo Clubhouse

Kelly Maluo-Pearson, CEO

Thank you & Welcome

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings,
turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary
opportunities into blessings."

- William Arthur Ward

We Adapt



Distance Learning Support

We provided a safe, fun, & engaging environment to fill the gap for the social-emotional and physical limitations of virtual schools. Schedule aligned with school and became all-day programming, a first for BGCM.

Community Partnership

Met the needs of Maui families with in-person Summer programming.

Partnership with Kukuna o ka lā to better serve our Maui community.

Our Impact



On Track to Pass

96 percent of club members on-track to pass English/Reading & Math classes this past school year. ALL members promoted to next grade level.



Native Hawaiian

49 percent of BGCM members served, identify as Native Hawaiian.



Power Hour Everyday

BGCM Staff provided structured homework help and offered tutoring everyday school was in session.

BGCMaui -Safe Fun



Serving Those Who Need Us Most

Virtual Clubhouse

Serving members at home while the Clubhouse remains closed.

Homework Help

Virtually & In-Person
Staff helping members to complete homework during afterschool hours.

STEM, Art, Culture

Participation in high yield learning programs involving Hawaiian & STEAM activities.



BGCMaui - Paukukalo Clubhouse







BGCMaui & Kukuna o ka lā





BGCMaui - Paukukalo Clubhouse

Kelly Maluo-Pearson, CEO

Looking Ahead

Funding

To continue making a significant impact on education for our members as we move out of a difficult year.

Impact

Prioritizing that no child fall's thru the cracks and ensure we are adapting to serve our members where they are.

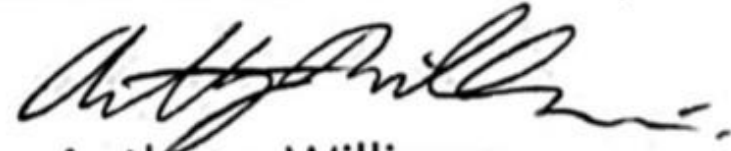
Capital Campaign

Permanent Clubhouse facility for the Paukukalo community

Parent Testimonials

I highly recommend the Central Boys and Girls Club on Maui as a great distance learning option during this pandemic.

'O au iho nō me ka ha'aha'a,



Anthony Williams

Paukukalo Clubhouse Parent

The Boys & Girls Club of Maui has been a tremendous help for my family, especially during the transition to online school. They have taken the time to help with my children's education which I believe is the only reason why they weren't behind. During these times of Covid, the only stability they have had is club, with the safety procedures that were put in place, I feel 100% comfortable with them being there. I thank everyone for having a positive impact on my children.

Central Clubhouse Parent

As a single working mom to three, the boys and girls club is essential to supporting me by providing the opportunity for him to continue his education in a safe and welcoming environment, as well as friends and mentors to ensure his happiness and well-being throughout this time of distance learning.

Joan S.

I am so thankful for the Boys and Girls Club for accepting students to do their Distance Learning. As a working parent it would have been so difficult for us. They helped my son making sure he is on track with his class schedule. My son is doing well with his lessons.



Mahalo!