



Coastal and Upland Wetland Restoration of Kahoolawe, HI (NAWCA U.S. Small Grants)

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to enhance the temporary wetland sites at Keanakeiki and Lua ‘O Kealialalo through the removal of invasive plants and out planting of natives. Activities are to be completed in partnership with the Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project, the Protect Kaho’olawe ‘Ohana Education Committee and KIRC community volunteers. Period of Performance runs from 2021- October 2024.

DELIVERABLES

- Remove invasive species
- Out plant native species
- Monitor through photo points

AWARD AMOUNT: \$100,000

FUNDER: North American Wetland Conservation Act - USFWS

HIGHLIGHTS

Through removal of invasive species, native habitat regeneration is improving. Grant funding is spent on materials and supplies, travel costs, and a portion of PKO access fees.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

<i>SPENT</i>	<i>BILLED</i>	<i>RECEIVED</i>
\$39,000	\$0	\$0

PROJECT UPDATE: June 2023 – October 31, 2023.

Volunteers in June and October cut back alien grasses at Kealialalo. Cut areas were covered with weed mat cloth to smother alien grasses.

Purchasing of needed material is in process. Final purchasing for additional UTV (Utility Vehicles) should be completed in March 2024.

Planting in Kealialalo and Keanakeiki should start in February 2024.