

## **Culture Program Status Update May to September 2015**

### **Hui Kāpehe Program**

Recruitment opportunities have expanded to Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, O‘ahu, and Hawai‘i Island. Interns accessed the island in June and August of this year and most of them have completed their requirements to exit the program. We have had 68 active participants for our year two portion and only 18 still have yet to complete their hours. This is largely due to scheduling conflicts with the colleges.

The internship program provides its participants with a well rounded set of skills and work experience. Kaho‘olawe provides the opportunity for the participants to slow down and focus on important tasks without various distractions.

### **Site 110BU Stabilization Plan**

Building materials continue to be staged in the work area and erosion control plantings continue as well. Coordination efforts with Ka Pā Hula o Ka Lei Lehua continue as they have a large number of cultural practitioners who specialize in dry-stack masonry. The group plans to access the island to help finish this project.

### **Kihei Property**

Work days are scheduled for every fourth Saturday. Community participant numbers are increasing and an interactive trail with displays is nearly completed. Mahina‘ai events are showing great promise as community members as well as off-island and out-of-state visitors attend each month.

The nursery is underway as staff allocates time to keep the area maintained and in order. Nursery tables are being installed and a different irrigation and propagating techniques will begin in order to develop an SOP for the area.

### **Ala Loa and Kahualele Honokanai‘a**

Trail maintenance and use is key to keeping trails alive which is why Culture program volunteers routinely use the trail from Honokanai‘a to Honoko‘a to help maintain and line the trail.

The Kahualele is nearly complete. Access support is needed to complete the structure.