



February 2017

Grants/Projects

Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) Marine Debris Removal Project:

● With the completion of the CIP marine debris project, the KIRC received and accepted the final report from contractor T & M Environmental LLC. The accomplishment of the contract allowed for over six tons of marine debris to be removed from three different locations on Kaho'olawe. This also marked the first time that CIP funding has been used to conduct marine debris removal from the island.

Honokanai'a Beach Marine Debris Update

● Due to strong and sustained southerly (Kona) winds, Honokanai'a Bay and beach have seen a large influx of marine debris recently. This highly unusual occurrence is being monitored. Thanks to the work and support of on island Zapata staff a majority of the large and bulky debris has been removed from the beach. A clean up has been scheduled for the next access that staff and volunteers will be on Kaho'olawe.



Outreach and Education:

● Program staff was provided the opportunity to speak to a UHMC class on February 17th. In the Hawaiian Studies 207: Malama Ahupua'a Resource Management class, staff spoke of the cultural, physical and political connections Kaho'olawe has with the moku of Honua'ula on Maui as well as the unique mauka to makai relationship each 'ili on Kaho'olawe possesses.

● On Feb. 3rd staff conducted two training courses and orientation for Hui Kāpehe interns at the Honolulu Community College. The first training focused upon 'opihi identification, classification, biology and monitoring techniques used for 'opihi. The second training focused toward building knowledge for marine resource management projects.



A portion of the UHMC Hawaiian Studies class