



Ka Palupalu o Kanaloa Partnership Project - *Kanaloa kahoowawensis*

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to implement Ka Palupalu o Kanaloa Management Plan through a working group to restore *Kanaloa kahoowawensis* to the wild. This will result in delisting the species from the USFWS endangered species act.

PROJECT GOALS

- Cultivate Kanaloa plants in propagation facilities
- Create hurricane shelters within the propagation facilities
- Propagate 100 or more plants in nurseries
- Outplant Kanaloa plants into the wild

PARTNERS: USFWS, Maui Nui Botanical Garden, National Tropical Botanical Garden (Kahanu Garden and Preserve), Olinda Rare Plant Facility, Ho‘olawa Farms, RCUH Plant Extinction Prevention Program, Lyon Arboretum Micropropagation Lab, Makena Golf & Beach Club, Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Twenty-one plants are in propagation and distributed at Ho‘olawa Farms (Haiku), Olinda Rare Plant Facility (Olinda), Maui Nui Botanical Gardens (Kahului) and Kahanu Gardens (Hana). Only the plants at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens are available to the public for viewing.
- Signage will be placed on and near the three redwood boxes on tracks at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens instructing the public not to touch the plants.
- A new version 7 (May 1, 2023) of the *Kanaloa kahoowawensis* Management Plan was submitted to the Partnership group for review. This version is intended to change the draft status of the Plan to a final status for eventual submission to the Commission for approval.
- Three plants at Kahanu Gardens are showing signs of new growth.



Three new seedlings at Kahanu Gardens in Hana



Maui Nui Botanical Gardens Staff transplanting Kanaloa into redwood box and Hurricane House