

Culture Program Status Update October to November 2015

Hui Kāpehe Program

This project is designed to offer work-related experience, community service learning, and job shadowing that are related to career and technical education programs. The project goals are 1) to expand Native Hawaiian students' career opportunities in career and technical education programs; 2) to produce graduates who value the importance of being productive, contributing citizens in their communities and society at large; 3) to provide students with industry-standard experience that will boost the students' marketability and employability in training-related areas.

Participants will improve their quality of life through increased confidence in their abilities to excel and become productive, contributing individuals to their families and communities through further education and employment—changes that inevitably, positively impacts us all.

Recruitment opportunities have expanded to Moloka'i, Lāna'i, O'ahu, and Hawai'i Island. Through our MOU with the University of Hawaii Maui College, they have hired a new Internship Coordinator and will be accessing the island with the group of interns in December.

Site 110BU Stabilization Plan

Feature BU of SITE 50-20-97-110 Feature BU is a previously recorded (Lee and Stasack 1993) petroglyph site located on the top surface of a large flat boulder and a smaller boulder. This petroglyph feature is located at the edge of a gully, approximately 40 meters northeast of the center of Feature AP of SITE 50-20-97-110 Feature BU.

In general, the environmental conditions of the immediate area surrounding the site are in an advanced state of erosion. SITE 50-20-97-110 Feature BU is especially vulnerable to an earthquake and has already been eroded to an unknown extent. In addition to this large stone (Feature BU), features and deposits currently around the area are at risk. Because SITE 50-20-97-110 Feature BU is nestled at the top of an eroded gulch which collects water from three different sources. Another source of impact is rock fall. Boulders tumbling down from Moa'ula Nui might cause substantial damage to sites on and near the Kāneloa Gulch. To satisfy the interim preservation recommendation put forward in the cultural plan, a stabilization plan was created by staff and approved by both the commission and SHPD.

With limited access to the island and grant projects with objectives on-island being prioritized, staff has focused on staging building materials necessary to complete the project.

Kihei Property

Our monthly **Hō'ola iā Kaho'olawe Event Series** (CPEP grant) strengthen the KIRC's connection with Maui communities by promoting Hawaiian culture and history through mele and mo'olelo with focus on sustainability and conservation. Maui's visitors are encouraged to attend the monthly events as we host a truly unique cultural and educational experience in a highly rural area that lacks the very cultural connection which the KIRC strives to provide.

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 irrigation and propagating techniques are being practiced in order to develop an SOP for the area.

Ala Loa and Kahualele Honokanai'a

A partnership project with the PKO to build a coastal circum-island trail that will provide access to remote areas of the island and allow for a greater cultural use is ongoing. 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. Unfortunately, the culture program has not had an access since August and will plan to have the next access at the end of December to provide trail maintenance

The Kahualele is nearly complete. Access support is **imperative** to complete the structure. One access focused solely on the completion of the structure is all that is needed.