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## Ongoing Projects

### **Aerial Surveys**

□ The October aerial survey was conducted on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a noticeably significant increase in the presence of malolo and associated predators (kākū & mahimahi) along the north coast of the Reserve. This occurrence was recorded and will be monitored over time. No aerial survey was conducted in November.

### **Kanapou Cleanup**

□ A total of 25 volunteers and staff members provided support in sorting and stockpiling marine debris in Kanapou during the cleanups on October 26-28 and November 7-9. Approximately 10 to 12 tons of debris will be removed from the beach of Keoneuli in December via helicopter. The December access will be the last conducted in conjunction with the NOAA grant which has provided funding for 18 months.



Above: Approximately 2,000 pounds of debris was collected and staged into this helicopter sling net ready for removal via huey in December. Right: Volunteers carry some of the types of debris collected from Keoneuli. Volunteer and staff collaboration continue to be vital to this debris removal project.

### **Conservation Action Planning (CAP) Workshops**

□ The second in a series of three workshops was held from November 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>st</sup> at the King Kamehameha Golf Club in Waikapu. The CAP process guides project teams to identify effective conservation strategies. With priorities for “targets” and “key ecological attributes” (KEA) set in the first workshop, the focus for the Kaho'olawe team in this workshop was to identify critical threats, conduct situation analysis and develop strategies that will help accomplish objectives in coastal, marine and cultural areas of importance. Peer review sessions were conducted throughout the workshop by other team members representing Kahikili and Molokini. The next three day workshop will be on Kaho'olawe, January 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>.



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#### **On Island Field Surveys**

□ Program staff conducted field surveys from October 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> and participated in the legislative access that occurred from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Due to high surf conditions 'opihi surveys were postponed and only coastal monitoring was conducted, which included shell cataloging, monk seal identification and assistance in feral cat surveys. No on island field surveys were held in November because of a scheduling conflict with the CAP workshop.



**High surf conditions were a major deterrent in conducting 'opihi surveys in October**



**Monk seal monitoring near Kealaikahiki**

#### **Invasive Fish Removal Grant**

□ Staff was informed in November that the invasive fish removal proposal has made it into the second round of the selection process and that a final decision should be made by late November or early December. It is a request for \$79,600 over a 24 month period. This grant is funded by NOAA and The Hawaii Community Foundation.

#### **Permitted Trolling Vessel Registration**

□ Please find attached a copy of the 2012 Permitted Trolling schedule which received the Executive Director's approval on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The schedule has been sent out to DoCARE, DAR, DoBAR and Coast Guard officials. Notices have been sent to more than 140 fishermen via mail or e-mail reminding them to register their vessels for the upcoming year.