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KIRC Year in Review 2010 online

WAILUKU— The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) today announced the online availability of the agency's *Year in Review* for FY 2010. The KIRC's annual report on its accomplishments for the past year and plans for the future is a snap shot view of its work to restore Kaho'olawe for a future sovereign Native Hawaiian entity.

Part of the vision for Kaho'olawe is "The piko of Kanaloa is the crossroads of past and future generations from which the Native Hawaiian lifestyle spreads throughout the island." "Today, we at the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) are at that crossroads and now stand at the precipice of our future" said KIRC Executive Director Mike Nāho'opi'i. "We have learned, over the years, how to care for Kaho'olawe in a manner that protects its natural resources while maintaining respect to its inherent cultural identity. We are working hard to find sustainable funding that will ensure the future protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. We seek solutions that will continue our mission for future generations. But if we are unable to secure our financial future, an opportunity will be lost and we may be the last generation to experience an island immersed in the natural elements in the way our Hawaiian ancestors did."

The KIRC's *Year in Review* for FY 2010 may be downloaded from the KIRC website at: <http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/plans.shtml>.

Hard copies are available for \$10.00. Checks be made payable to the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. Mail to or pick up at the office of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, 811 Kolu St., Suite 201, Wailuku, HI 96793.

For more information or special assistance, contact the Maui KIRC Office at (808) 243-5020.

The **Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission** (KIRC) was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1993 to manage the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve while it is held in trust for a future Native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The KIRC establishes policies and usage of the island and its surrounding waters through comprehensive restoration and monitoring programs. The KIRC Cultural Program integrates a Native Hawaiian cultural perspective into all programs and activities. The organization is managed by a seven-member Commission and a committed staff. For more information, call 808.243.5020 or visit www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov.