



**Coastal and Upland Wetland Restoration of Kaho‘olawe, HI
(NAWCA U.S. Small Grants)**

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to enhance the temporary wetland sites at Keanakeiki and Lua ‘O Keāliialalo through the removal of invasive plants and out planting of natives. Activities are to be completed in partnership with the Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project, the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana Education Committee and KIRC community volunteers. The period of performance runs from December 2021- November 2024.

DELIVERABLES

- Remove invasive species
- Out plant native species
- Monitor through photo points

AWARD AMOUNT: \$100,000

FUNDER: North American Wetland Conservation Act –USFWS / Ducks Unlimited

HIGHLIGHTS

Through removal of invasive species, native habitat regeneration is improving. Grant funding is spent on materials and supplies, travel costs, and a portion of PKO access fees.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

SPENT
\$34,056

BILLED
\$0

RECEIVED
\$0



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PROJECT UPDATE: June 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024

- Alien plant removal was the focus at the Keanakeiki worksite. Volunteers removed buffel grasss (*Cenchrus ciliaris*) and herbaceous weeds. The last kiawe tree (*Prosopis pallida*) was cut and herbicide applied to the trunk.
- 10 pounds of mao (*Gossipyum tomentosum*) was picked. Seeds will be used to re-establish the once thriving mao shrubland that dominated the Kaukauptapa and Kealaikahiki area.



Native Makihiki (*Cressa truxillenses*) has expanded into the area where kiawe was removed at Keanakeiki.