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Welcome to *Ko Hema Lamalama*, the newsletter of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve. Uncle Harry Mitchell interpreted this name as the southern beacon, which served as a source of light to weary travelers who voyaged beyond the pillars of Kahiki. Let *Ko Hema Lamalama* aid us in sharing a source of light about the island of Kaho‘olawe and the restoration of Hawaiian culture across Hawai‘i nei. *Photo: Douglas Peebles*



Executive Director
Michael K. Nāho'opi'i

Making effective and lasting change while managing a natural and cultural area the size of Kaho'olawe and the two-mile radius included in its reserve waters takes considerable manpower, infrastructure, community support and investment.

Since the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission first began with a finite trust fund, we have always needed the support of strong partners to help us restore and protect Kaho'olawe. One of our most important partners to date has been the Hawai'i State Legislature, with members that have supported the island both on Kaho'olawe and at the Capitol.

After many years of building these relationships, working through a very thorough State audit, developing a new community-based strategic plan and instituting a financial sustainability plan, the 2017 session established permanent funding in the Hawai'i State Administration's Budget for KIRC manpower and operating funds; a significant moment in our state history. Additionally, the state supported pivotal infrastructure improvements that have caused significant progress in our ability to continue Kaho'olawe's restoration.

This summer, we are beginning to see the results of this partnership. Three critical, state funded Capital Improvement Projects are coming to fruition that will change the way we work to restore Kaho'olawe. The first, just completed this summer, was our *Alternative Energy and Sustainability Project* funded by a 2016 state appropriation. This project reduced energy consumption in the Honokanai'a Base Camp by re-engineering our public spaces to increase natural cooling and to significantly reduce our dependency on fossil fuels by building a photovoltaic battery system. Two additional projects were funded by 2018 state appropriations to complete the initial designs for our future Kīhei base of operations and to began a multi-year project to establish a native dryland forest on Kaho'olawe. As a community, a state and a planet, we are making a difference.



Kūkulu Ke Ea A Kanaloa
The life & spirit of Kanaloa builds and takes form

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) logo represents the curled tentacle of the he'e (octopus), one of the kino lau (body forms) of the god Kanaloa, and the curled shoot of the hapu'u fern, symbolizing kūkulu, or the beginning of a life force.

The KIRC was established by the State of Hawai'i in 1993. With a commitment to restore, protect and preserve Kaho'olawe, we partner with community groups to foster a culture of stewardship and conservation for Kaho'olawe and for all of Hawai'i's cultural and natural resources.

Together, we are restoring a Native Hawaiian dryland forest across 28,780 acres, working to protect 51,200 acres of Reserve waters, preserving 3,000 historic sites and features and training the next generation to be the physical and spiritual healers of Kaho'olawe.

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2018 LEGISLATIVE RESULTS

WHAT DO FUNDS SUPPORT?



Safety, transport and on-island operations



Research, monitoring and ocean study



Planting, removal and erosion control



Cultural study, practice and exchange



Community access, education

BACKGROUND

From its inception by the State of Hawai'i in 1993, the KIRC was funded through the Kaho'olawe Island Rehabilitation Trust Fund – originating from a portion of the federal funding allocated to the Navy's unexploded ordnance clearance project (ending in 2003). In 2014, the KIRC partnered with PKO (Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana) and OHA (Office of Hawaiian Affairs) to publish a collaborative plan for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve through 2026 (entitled *I Ola Kanaloa!*). With refined goals and objectives adopted by each organization, the KIRC presented its self-sustainability financial plan to the Hawai'i State Legislator in 2016. Supported by an *Aloha Kaho'olawe* campaign, which called for memberships, shared information and public testimony to affirm the KIRC's restoration and access programs, the State authorized permanent funding for KIRC staff and additional CIP funding for KIRC operations in 2018. Programs that bring community volunteers to the Reserve continue to rely on funds raised through donations, grants and memberships.

2018 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Three bills were introduced in 2018 designed to secure funding for Kaho'olawe preservation, restoration, protection and access, now and for future generations:

HB2594 introduced by Rep. Ryan Yamane and SB3027 introduced by Sen. Maile Shimabukuro requested \$600,000 in general funds and reinstatement of the KIRC's Cultural Resources Project Coordinator position. HB2098 introduced by Rep. Yamane proposed the transfer of the Kihei Small Boat Harbor from BLNR to KIRC management as a potential source of income to fund Kaho'olawe operations. HB2594 passed on July 10, 2018.



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— Kamehameha Schools Kumu Course Volunteer Group, July 2018

KAHO'OLAWE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECT COMPLETED

This June marked the completion of the *Honokanai'a Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation* project at our Kaho'olawe base camp; a project five years in the making.

Originally built in the mid-1980's by the U.S. Navy to support military live fire weapons training, (which ended in 1990), the base camp was later modified to support the Navy's unexploded ordnance (UXO) cleanup project, sustaining a workforce of 400 and designed to be resupplied via heavy lift helicopters and large ocean barges. When Kaho'olawe was conveyed to the State and delegated to the KIRC, the design required modifications that would enable a right-sized operation to be sustained.

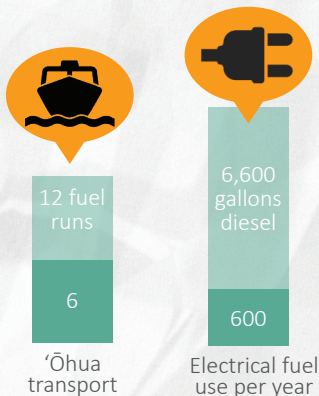
This alternative energy project was financed through State of Hawai'i CIP funds, with the support of Senator J. Kalani English.

"The completion by the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission of the PV and Alternative Energy Project that the legislature funded in 2013 is monumental," remarks Senator English, "At that time, the late State Representative Mele Carroll and I worked diligently to ensure that our colleagues understood the significance of the project and fully supported it. By harnessing the energy from the sun and being able to store that power to use for operations on Kaho'olawe, this project exemplifies the Senate's commitment to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals."

Establishing the building blocks for energy independence and sustainability with reduced reliance on fossil fuels for the future of Kaho'olawe, project features include 88 kilowatts of photovoltaic panels, 60 kilowatts of battery backup, a redesign of the pre-existing reverse osmosis desalinization plant and renovations to the dining hall and kitchen to increase natural ventilation. These improvements are expected to decrease the base camp's carbon footprint by 53.3 tons, while continuing to sustain facilities to house and feed our volunteer work crews.

Senator English goes on to say, "Hawai'i is recognized as a global leader in addressing sustainability and climate change challenges that builds on a history of traditional knowledge. The effort by KIRC and the many volunteers who have tirelessly worked to restore Kaho'olawe gives life to the phrase *malama 'āina*. The people of old, our ancestors, understood the values of self-sufficiency and sustainability as only island people inherently know. More importantly, I commend KIRC for managing Kaho'olawe for our future Native Hawaiian sovereign entity in a manner that promotes self-sufficiency and sustainability given the limited resources we have in these islands."

BEFORE & AFTER:



Ship to shore supply delivery to Kaho'olawe



Rep. DeCoite, Sen. J. Kalani English, E.D. Michael Nāho'opi'i



Photovoltaic panels at Honokanai'a base camp



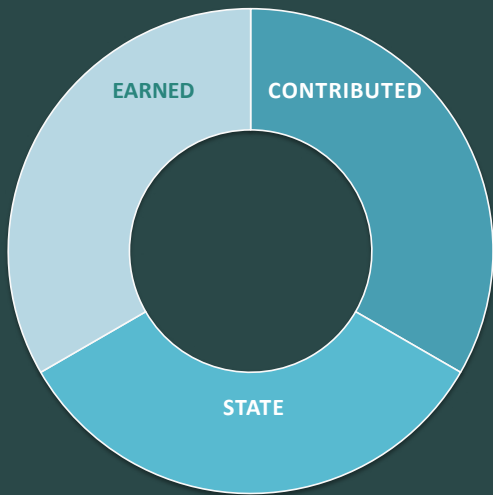
Final PV powered hut



New view of Honokanai'a base camp

FIRST STEPS TO BUILDING OUR KĪHEI HOME

Part of the financial sustainability plan (p.2) that led to the State's commitment to Kaho'olawe called for the development of earned income opportunities in order to diversify and expand the KIRC's base of support and to better sustain operations in the long term. Because commercial activity is not allowed on the island itself, the State budgeted \$500,000 in CIP funds to begin the design process for the KIRC Education & Operations Center at Kīhei at its 8-acre property designated by executive order in 2002. This facility will be an important, key factor in the KIRC's future ability to manage the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, establish a Maui-based gateway to the collections and history of Kaho'olawe and create a means of financial self-sufficiency and sustainability. We have completed our initial facility and site designs and are currently working on completing the permitting process. Our next major step will be to secure the funding to begin construction.



Developing these earned income possibilities provides a stepping stone to financial self-sufficiency, but also takes resources away from the KIRC's primary mission and requires a significant investment for the long-term. Therefore, our goal is to achieve a balanced financial model comprised of 1/3 earned income (Kīhei Center + access permits), 1/3 contributed income (grants + memberships) and 1/3 state funding (personnel, safety + infrastructure).



Visuals: RIM Concept Development



“Like the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage, this is a journey to educate and to provide resources. The Center will show the people coming to visit Maui who we are as a people and all of our community the story of Kaho'olawe. As our state's Native Hawaiian education center, it will exhibit the struggle for Hawaiian identity and make sure that the next generation knows our story well. As a mental and physical portal to Kaho'olawe within the moku of Honua'ula, it is already the access

point for all of our volunteers accessing the Reserve to assist with its restoration, protection and preservation. Now, access will be extended through school visits, historical and interactive Kaho'olawe exhibits, an auditorium and workshop/classroom for use by community groups and more.” — Michael Nāho'opi'i

LEGISLATIVE PARTNERSHIP BUILDS NEW NATIVE FOREST

Pictured: Exploring potential restoration areas



With this year's release of CIP funds for the *Kaho'olawe Native Dryland Forest Project*, we will significantly expand our current irrigation system to reach new hardpan areas on Kaho'olawe and to establish new dryland forest planting areas. This will be a large step forward in re-greening Kaho'olawe through dedicated funding, manpower and supplies — KIRC's main priority in the collaborative *I Ola Kanaloa* plan through 2026.

PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- Conduct native dryland forest replanting in 100 acres in FY18 and 100 acres in FY19 (200 acres total) of the Lua Makika, Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Nui and Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Iki areas of Kaho'olawe, with additional plantings at the Honokanai'a and Kealaikahiki coastal regions.
- Dedicated work crews will clear and remove invasive weeds, bore holes and amend soil in hardpan areas, plant native dryland species and install irrigation.
- Unexploded ordnance safety monitoring and procedures will be effected due to Kaho'olawe's historical use as a military bombing range.
- Planning to include documentation and monitoring to comply with historic preservation and environmental requirements.
- Ongoing access trips will be directed at irrigating newly planted areas, monitoring and documenting forest growth, projecting progress and continuous eradication of invasive weeds.
- Solar powered pumps will move water from upland water catchments to upland planting areas. Solar desalination system and corresponding photovoltaic system with pumping capabilities and storage will provide irrigation water along coastal planting areas.

I have been advocating for Kaho'olawe since I became Chairman of the Water and Land Committee in 2014. It is a very special place and I am committed to assisting in its restoration and advocating for KIRC in the Legislature.

I see Kaho'olawe as a symbol for the World for healing, restoration, 'ohana and sustainability. This island was used for several negative reasons — a prison island and for target practice — yet its traditions and importance remains.

This island is more than just an uninhabited piece of land that will be returned to the Hawaiian people, it's a symbol of the destruction of war and its rehabilitation will be an example of healing and collaboration. We as a community and hopefully future generations can view this sacred place as one that withstood time and, with the help of many, returned to a thriving and healthy ecosystem.

—Representative Ryan I. Yamane



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana photo by Dannee Hazama

Mahalo to our most recent volunteer groups:

NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training program in collaboration with Pōmaika'i Elementary School teachers

Dawson | A Native Hawaiian Company

Hui Kāpehe, a KIRC internship program offered in collaboration with: University of Hawai'i Maui College, Honolulu Community College, Leeward Community College, UH West O'ahu, UH Hilo and Kapi'olani Community College

Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Manduca Research Team

Kamehameha Schools Kumu B Credit Course

Punahou School

"This group may not return to Kaho'olawe, but the kuleana is to pass on the knowledge and experiences."

"My hope is to take home a deep feeling of Aloha 'Aina here at Kaho'olawe and the amazing resilience and healing that have taken place. Kanaloa is an amazingly powerful symbol for our keiki and generations to come."

—Kamehameha Schools volunteers

"My intent was to help the island flourish into what I know it can be and into what it should be."

— Hui Kapehe intern

Mahalo to our on-island support and 'Ōhūa volunteers:

Jonathan Butler, Hal Ferris, Kevin Gavagan, Kukui Gavagan, Kawelu Higashino, Ross Kamimoto, Miqe Klemme, Mel Montilliano, Weston Sumner, Eddie Wine, Stephanie Wood and Milton Yamashita.



Access our FREE **Kaho'olawe Island Guide** mobile app (iPhone and Android), plus online **Living Library, Malama Kaho'olawe** curriculum, teaching materials, chants, historic documents & more at kahoolawe.hawaii.gov.



Schedule an appointment in our library (at the Wailuku, Maui office) or visit our e-news, blog, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram outlets, (links on back cover).



Make a tax-deductible donation to join or support Kaho'olawe or make a contribution of new or used equipment. Wish list at kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/donations.shtml.



Apply for a **Hui Kāpehe** paid internship or schedule a group work day at our Kīhei site, where Kaho'olawe experts are developing a community learning space.



Request a KIRC speaker for your club or classroom (all islands), and/ or testify! The Legislative Session lasts from Jan - May; register at capitol.hawaii.gov for hearing notices.

WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS



The 2017-2018 Pōmaika'i Elementary School year culminated with an incredible Kaho'olawe-inspired performance and exhibit. Funded by the Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the school and KIRC are half-way through their collaborative *Learning 'Āina Through Kaho'olawe and Arts Integration* project. Under the guidance of Ocean Program manager Dean Tokishi, 4th grade teachers will develop a mauka to makai curriculum that combines classroom and outdoor learning in order to increase student watershed understanding and stewardship. When complete, the curriculum and sample materials will be available on our website at kahoolawe.hawaii.gov.

"The first 12 months of this grant project focused on exposing Pōmaika'i teachers to the resources of the Reserve, the importance of managing an islands' complete ecology from summit to two miles off of shore, the challenges and success in managing the watersheds of Kaho'olawe and the staff that is taking on this monumental challenge. This second half of the grant project will focus on the creation and implementation of the curriculum. NOAA helped us to create an ambitious project that will equip educators to understand the role this knowledge plays in developing culturally relevant community resilience and stewardship." — Dean Tokishi



Name: *Leila*
 I am the wonderful wiliwili tree
 on Kaho'olawe I'm lovingly living
 People protecting me is like parents
 taking care of their children I've
 lived there my whole life so I saw
 the beginning to the end watching my
 friends and family die was petrifying it
 hurt me but that's OK because now people
 are restoring the island this is how my life
 is going on Kaho'olawe.

I am Kiawe
 I took over my native friends
 I choked them to their very death
 It made me feel like a wilted plant
 All alone
 To the friends that I destroyed
 I have took my time
 I will step back and let you shine

Above: Student work samples. Poem on left reads "I am the wonderful wiliwili tree on Kaho'olawe. I'm lovingly living. People protecting me is like parents taking care of their children. I've lived there my whole life so I saw the beginning to the end. Watching my friends and family die was petrifying. It hurt me. But that's OK because now people are restoring the land. This is how my life is going on Kaho'olawe."



The KIRC recently completed its 4th consecutive Community Restoration Partnership grant project with Hawai'i Community Foundation. 1,286 volunteer hours contributed to the outplanting of 5,073 native plants and removal of 314 lbs of non-native/invasive fish.

Engaging community members in our restoration efforts is both an economic necessity and a community responsibility. By sharing this work with the people of Hawai'i, we each contribute to an important aspect of the vision for Kaho'olawe.

Mahalo to the following volunteer groups for participating in this year's Community Restoration Partnership project: Ho'oulu, Hui Kāpehe (a KIRC college internship program), Kamehameha Schools, Loko Ea, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i, Pōmaika'i teachers and University Laboratory School: A Hawai'i Public Charter School.

HAKIOAWA WATERSHED RESTORATION



The KIRC's Restoration Program team works to restore and conserve the natural environment of Kaho'olawe. Its objectives are to reduce surface water run-off, (which will reduce sedimentation entering the near-shore coastal habitats), increase ground water recharge rates and raise the water table to usable levels. Over the past 15 years, approximately 100,000 native plants have been established in our 100-acre Hakioawa watershed project site by thousands of volunteers, with 'a'ali'i (*Dodonaea viscosa*) shrubs now observed naturally reproducing from seed.

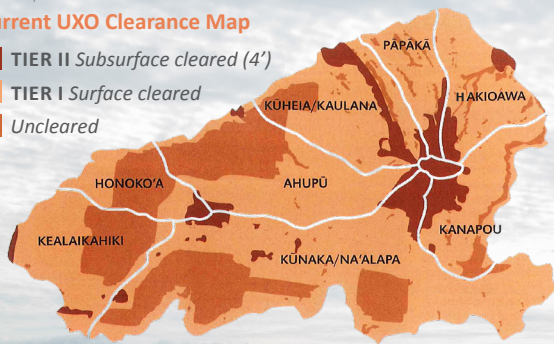
Through the support of two current grant project partners, DLNR's Water Security Advisory Group and the State of Hawai'i Department of Health, Clean Water Branch, current efforts are focused on transforming this uprange area to a secondary successional dryland native forest, allowing native organisms to flourish on habitat-specific plant species that are contributing to groundwater recharge. Concurrently, activities will prevent erosion, permanent loss of archaeological sites, fatal impacts to near-shore coral reef communities and pollution of our global waters.

This year, the KIRC 's Clean Water Branch project will focus on a 38-acre, Tier-1 area of the Hakioawa Watershed to outplant 10,000 additional native grasses and shrubs on new irrigation. 1,000 additional feet of soil erosion control wattles and gabions will be installed, two vegetation plots for plant cover and presence will be established, 10 new soil erosion pin transects will be installed to determine erosion rates, a HOBO water level logger will be installed in Hakioawa Stream to measure stream stage (height) and baseline photographs will be taken by drone before and after restoration work. Progress to date on our Water Security project has included:

- 206 volunteers outplanting 7,330 native plants of 19 species including 'aiea, 'ohai, wiliwili, ma'o and naio on irrigation
- 7.5 acres of weeds removed, including koa haole, lantana and sour bush
- Soil erosion control wattles built with 'a'ali'i seed
- Two 10m x 10m vegetation plots established, with native species presence significantly higher between 2017 and 2018
- Hakioawa Stream measurements indicate an average rise of 0.5' of water with a mean of 1.83" of rainfall per event
- A solar booster pump with PV panels has been installed to pump 30 gal/min from catchment tanks.

Current UXO Clearance Map

- TIER II Subsurface cleared (4')
- TIER I Surface cleared
- Uncleared



WORK AREA

Decimated of its natural environment through years of over foraging and military bombing, an estimated 1.9 million tons of soil is lost annually on Kaho'olawe to erosion. Severely eroded landscapes cover one-third of the island (9,600 acres), with runoff choking the Reserve's pristine reefs and significantly impacting the ocean ecosystem. The Reserve's inventory of 3,000 historic sites and features - all part of the National Register of Historic Places - are in constant need of protection from these damaging circumstances. Despite a 10-year cleanup by the Navy, unexploded ordnance litter much of the island plus all surrounding waters, leaving areas off-limits and life-threatening.



MAHALO: CURRENT MEMBERS (9/1/17-9/1/18)

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JOIN OUR TEAM:

Public Information Specialist

The KIRC is seeking a creative, tech-capable, self-starter to join our team and to help restore Kaho'olawe through their strong communications skills. A keen eye for design and technical ability to lay out publications, provide and coordinate content update on social media platforms and engage in multi-media outreach are necessary capabilities. The position is located at the KIRC office on Maui, but occasionally may require trips to Kaho'olawe to help assist the team. An undergraduate degree in communications, anthropology, Hawaiian studies, political science or related field, at least five years of experience in communications and two years supervisory experience is desired.

Cultural Resource Project Coordinator

The KIRC is seeking a candidate who is passionate and knowledgeable about Hawaiian culture and heritage to help manage projects that include Native Hawaiian internships, cultural site protection and the coordination of Hawaiian cultural activities. Strong oral and written communication skills and analytical thinking are necessary, as well as the ability to organize, plan, coordinate and execute projects. Must be able to direct and work with volunteers in the field to accomplish project goals. The position is located at the KIRC office on Maui and involves regular multi-day trips to Kaho'olawe to supervise fieldwork. An undergraduate degree and five years of experience in Hawaiian history, cultural practices or ethnography, two years supervisory experience; extensive knowledge of Hawaiian history, language, cultural traditions; working understanding of Section 106 NHPA and HRS-6E is desired.

Qualified candidates may submit a resume with a cover letter stating goal, interest and salary history via e-mail to recruitment@kirc.hawaii.gov or mail to: Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Attn: Ka'onohi Lee – CONFIDENTIAL | 811 Kolu Street, Suite 201 | Wailuku, Hawaii 96793. KIRC is an agency of the State of Hawai'i with employment benefits consistent with state employment. Visit kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/opportunities.shtml for full position descriptions. Submittals will be accepted until vacancies are filled.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ALOHA KAHO'OLAWE

Aloha Kaho'olawe is a membership campaign to support Kaho'olawe restoration and access. By building consensus that there is value in the historical, cultural, ecological and community building resources shared through Kaho'olawe, we aim to share this special place now and for generations to come.

Individual donations are critical to our efforts to protect, restore and preserve the ocean and land of this important cultural reserve.

If you have been impacted by Kaho'olawe — as a volunteer, friend, teacher, student, researcher or other community or family member, we invite you to join today.

GIVING LEVELS & BENEFITS:

Benefits Include	Patron	Benefactor	Sustainer
Kaho'olawe Card Set	✓		
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Seabird Restoration Project Sticker	✓	✓	✓
Subscription to Ko Hema Lamalama	✓	✓	✓
e-News Enrollment	✓	✓	✓
Mahalo!	✓	✓	✓

MEMBER GIFT CARD SETS:

Featuring the work of esteemed Hawai'i artists Jan Becket (photographer) and Carl Pao (printmaker), greeting card sets are mixed & matched with artwork inspired by historic sites and features of Kaho'olawe, (inside left blank).



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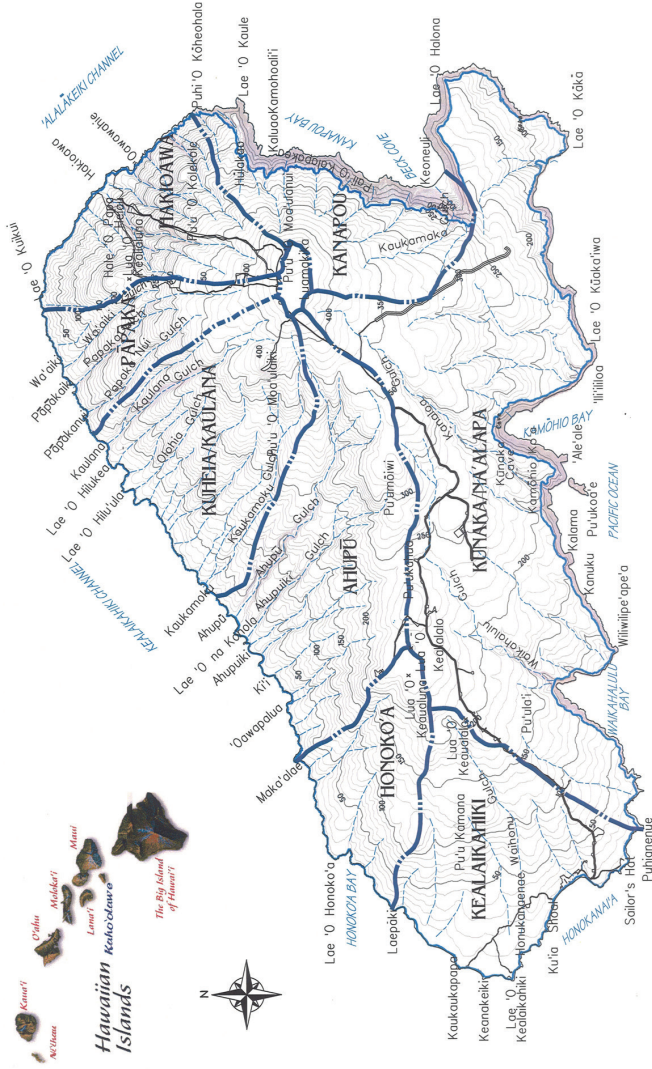
ABOUT THE KIRC

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COMMISSIONERS

County of Maui: **Michele Chouteau McLean**, Chairperson (Deputy Director of Planning, County of Maui)
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Department of Land & Natural Resources: **Suzanne Case** (Chairperson, Department of Land & Natural Resources)
Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana: **Jonathan Ching** (Land and Property Manager, Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
Native Hawaiian Organization: **Hōkūlani Holt** (Director, Ka Hikina O Ka La & Coordinator, Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao, UHMC)
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