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The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) works to prevent new invasive species infestations and to eradicate incipient, high-threat species before they become widespread. OISC is a voluntary partnership of private, governmental and non-profit organizations, and individuals.



Helemano stream at Poamoho

OISC Monthly Report:

June 2015

Plant Crew:

- Crewmembers surveyed 287 acres for miconia by ground in Kaʻalaēa, Nuʻuanu, Kalihi, Makiki and Mānoa; 987 immature trees were removed or treated. (The majority of these were very tiny seedlings in Kaʻalaēa around an old mature).
- Surveyed 97 acres for devil weed in ʻAiea; 252 plants removed or treated, but many more found, not all could be treated. Boundaries of this population have not yet been delimited.
- Surveyed 2 acres for Himalayan blackberry; removed 5 plants.
- Surveyed 121 acres for cane ti; removed 1 mature and 123 immature plants.
- Surveyed 97 acres for Cape ivy; removed 489 plants. The population appears to be declining. Previously, crew was unable to count number of plants and they estimated the acres covered by the plant, now they can count individual plants.

Pest Response:

- 14 surveys for Little Fire Ant conducted; none found.
- 84 acres of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle surveys conducted in outlier areas, no beetles detected. HDOA continues its work clearing breeding sites and monitoring with traps at the main infestation. More information can be found at <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/crb/>
- Early detection surveys for Naio thrips conducted; none detected. Pest response specialist working on final draft on a Naio thrip response plan in cooperation with DLNR/DOFAW.
- Nine coqui frogs detected and one captured in Waimānalo; HDOA and OISC are working together with property owner and will spray in July.

Outreach:

- OISC's outreach specialist was interviewed on HPR's "The

Conservation” about little fire ant.

- Invasive species updates presented to ‘Aiea and Mānoa neighborhood boards.
- Showed “Invasion Little Fire Ants in Hawai‘i” at Wahiawā Botanical Garden
- OISC led volunteer group to remove *Ardisia virens* and *Stromanthe tonckat* from Lyon Arboretum.
- Visited two high schools; worked with students to practice job interview skills and discussed invasive species with students from the GEAR-UP Waipahu program.
- Worked with Waihe‘e Ahupua‘a Initiative to conduct visitor use surveys.

Staffing:

New manager Rachel Neville started June 4th. If the name seems familiar it is because Rachel managed OISC from 2007 to 2012. She’s very happy to be back! New field crew member Kepano Cravalho started June 1st. E komo mai Kepano!





Top: OISC Field Crew Supervisor hanging an immature miconia tree with the roots exposed. If miconia trees can be pulled from the ground and their roots exposed to air, they will die without any herbicide application. Bottom Left: Every field crewmember gets their own personal fan club of mosquitoes that follows them around the survey. Sometimes it is a bit much. Bottom Right: Cane ti being bagged for removal from Poamoho.

Below: Cape ivy photo points. The same locations covered with Cape ivy in 2014 and clear during the last survey trip in June.





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