## RAPID 'ŌHI'A DEATH (ROD) QUICK SAMPLING FIELD GUIDE

#### ROD: Two species of the Ceratocystis fungi are known to cause ROD:

- *C. lukuohia*: Causes tree mortality in approx. 4 weeks from infection, causes total crown dieback and flagging or browning of leaves.
- *C. huliohia*: less virulent than *C. lukuohia*. Mortality in trees takes longer. Causes cankers and localized dieback/flagging.

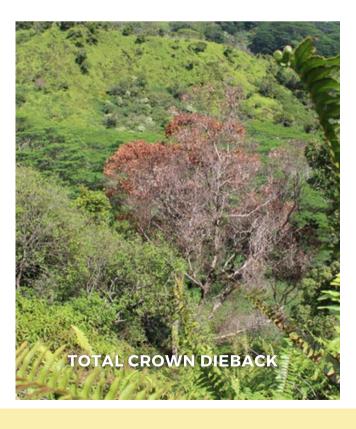
**Both species of ROD cause leaf browning AKA "flagging"**. Leaf browning ranges from colors of light pink to rust brown. Leaves eventually fall off and remaining symptom is fine branching in the canopy.

## SYMPTOMS OF ROD

- FLAGGING BRANCHES
- EXPOSED FINE BRANCHING
- TOTAL CROWN DIEBACK







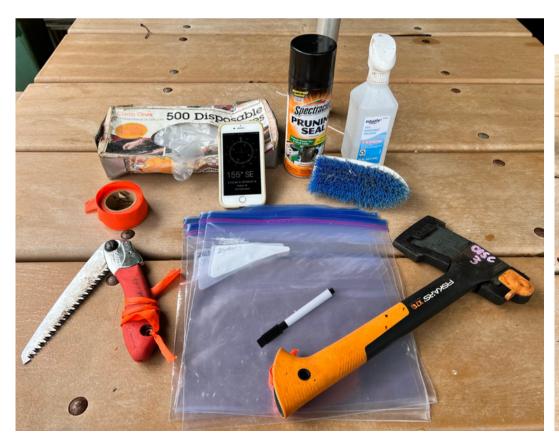


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## **SAMPLING TOOLS**

#### **MINIMUM TOOLS:**

- GALLON ZIPLOC BAGS
- DISPOSABLE GLOVES
- SHARPIE
- ORANGE FLAGGING
- HATCHET
- HAND SAW
- ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL (70% MINIMUM)
- PRUNING SEAL
- BRUSH (FOR ROD ONLY)
- PHONE OR GPS UNIT FOR COORDINATES



- PLASTIC VIALS (FOR FRASS)
- DRAW KNIFE

**EXTRAS:** 

- PORTABLE ELECTRIC DRILL
  - + 3/8 IN DRILL BITS



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## **COLLECTING SAMPLES**

You are collecting samples of the sapwood, the outermost portion of the tree under the bark. Sanitize tools with isopropyl alcohol between trees to prevent false positive results. Samples do not touch the ground for cleaner result. Note the GPS coordinates of tree and mark with flagging. Cover sample site (wound) with pruning seal.



#### **PRIMARY SAMPLE TYPES:**

\*DO NOT INCLUDE ANY BARK IN SAMPLES

Either or both cookie or wood chips samples are needed.

#### COOKIE

CUT CROSS SECTIONAL DISCS ½ -1" THICKNES.: SUBMIT 2-4 COOKIES TO LAB.



#### WOOD CHIPS

SUBMIT AT LEAST ¼ FULL QUART BAG OR 5-6 LARGE, WET CHIPS (DRY CHIPS ARE NOT USABLE IN LAB TEST).



### **SECONDARY SAMPLE TYPES:**

\*DO NOT INCLUDE ANY BARK IN SAMPLES

not required but if you are able to collect & submit with primary (cookies and/or wood chips).

## DRILL SHAVINGS

CHANGE BIT AFTER EACH DRILL HOLE.





#### **FRASS**

FINE SAWDUST FROM BEETLE ACTIVITY. SCRAPE LOOSE FRASS INTO ZIPLOC BAG OR VIAL.



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## **SANITIZE & SUBMIT SAMPLES**

Note the coordinates and flag tree. Cover sample sites (wounds) with prune sealer. Remove dirt and spray tools and shoes with 70% isopropyl alcohol.







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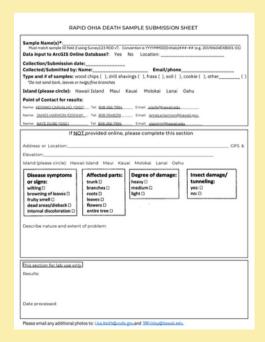
Label the bag with sample name. Sample name is the date (YYYY,MM, DD), your initials and sample number.

Example: Two samples taken of one tree on 4/18/2022 by John Smith:

Bag with sample 1 labelled as: 20220418JS-01 Bag with sample 2 labelled as: 20220418JS-02



**Oahu Island:** Fill out the Sample Submission Sheet & drop off samples to HDOA: 1849 Auiki St, Honolulu, HI 96819



Download Sample Submission Sheet:

bit.ly/oahuRODform