



Sharing the Stories of Kaho‘olawe’s Past, Present and Future (HTA)

BACKGROUND

This project’s goal is to repair and improve the existing Kaho‘olawe exhibit at the Maui Ocean Center (MOC). It will also include an increase in the number of KIRC staff and volunteer docents in the exhibit, specifically those who have had their own experiences on Kaho‘olawe and are willing to share their stories with MOC guests. The period of performance is 07/01/23-08/31/24.

DELIVERABLES:

- Repair/replacement of topographic map
- Create new signage with QR codes that allow participants to donate
- Installation of new videos and photos

AWARD AMOUNT: \$35,500.00

FUNDER: Hawai‘i Tourism Authority (through Hawai‘i Community Foundation [HCF])

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Repair interactive topographic map of Kaho‘olawe at the MOC exhibit
- QR codes offering virtual tours of Wahi Pana areas documented in the MOC exhibit
- Installation of new photos and videos depicting past and current environmental KIRC restoration and marine debris removal projects, volunteer efforts and experiences on Kaho‘olawe

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

SPENT \$35,500

BILLED \$0

RECEIVED \$35,500

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

-Installed TV playing a video of the Kīhei Educational and Operations Center

-Updated place names on topographic map that were peeling away

-Finalizing the order with HI Powered Designs to print six graphic boards showcasing restoration photos and three signs explaining restoration projects with correlated QR codes for donations. All measurements were taken and the MOC Director approved the signs.



TV Display of the Kīhei Education and Operations Center

Mock up of the DONATION wall – showcasing the KIRC’s Native Planting and Marine Debris Removal projects.

DONATE TODAY

RESTORATION PROJECTS

Native Planting

200 years of uncontrolled grazing by goats, sheep and cattle had ended in 1951 eliminated the pressure beyond leading to soil run-off impacting the ocean ecosystem and pristine reefs.

30% of Kāhoolawe Island National Monument is now protected and a large proportion of its vegetation is now invasive species.

Reefside bombing from over 50 years of misadventure as a live fire bombing and bombing target of U.S. Navy military training exercises makes restoration efforts more difficult and dangerous.

Before the Kāhoolawe Island Reserve Commission's (KIRC) restoration efforts, 13 million tons of soil was lost annually on Kāhoolawe to the ocean.

The KIRC's objectives are to revegetate Kāhoolawe, reduce surface water runoff, eliminate nonpoint-source sedimentation, restore native coastal habitats, increase ground water recharge and address the island's water needs.

Despite the challenges and difficult task of revegetating Kāhoolawe, the KIRC to date has reintroduced over 300,000 native plants to Kāhoolawe.

The KIRC needs your help to continue the goal of reintroducing 10000 native plants on Kāhoolawe each year.

Scan QR to Donate



RESTORATION PROJECTS

Marine Debris Removal

Due to its unique shape, the ocean currents and prevailing winds, there is a constant influx of marine debris collected at Kāhoolawe Beach in Kāhoolawe Bay on Kāhoolawe.

The Kāhoolawe Island Reserve Commission's (KIRC) goal is to remove this marine debris every 3 years. All debris is wrapped in inner sacks and airlifted to Maui to be incinerated and recycled.

Due to the remoteness and lack of infrastructure at Kāhoolawe Bay, these marine debris removals are difficult.

Despite the logistical challenges, the KIRC has removed over 60 tons of marine debris at Kāhoolawe Bay since 2003.

The KIRC relies on grant funding and donations from the public to complete these difficult removals.

Please consider donating today to fund future marine debris removals and keep the marine life safe!

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