



KAHO'OLAWE

ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Kūkulu Ke Ea A Kanaloa | *The life and spirit of Kanaloa*



Established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1993 to manage the Kahō'olawe Island Reserve while held in trust for a future Native Hawaiian sovereign entity, the mission of the Kahō'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) is to implement the vision for Kahō'olawe Island in which *the kino (body) of Kahō'olawe is restored and na poe o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land*. The organization is managed by a seven-member Commission and a committed staff specializing in 5 core programs: Ocean, Restoration, Culture, Operations and Administration.



HISTORY:

1150-1400

First Settlement

1600+

Traditional Hawaiian Communities

1778-1800

Early Contact Period

1826-1852

Missionary Period

1858-1918

Ranching Period

1941-1993

Military Period

1993-Present

Restoration, Preservation, Education, Access

SNAPSHOT:

State of HI, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Tasked with holding the Reserve in trust until a sovereign Hawaiian entity is established that is recognized by both the Federal and State Government.

The entire island is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a cultural treasure, possessing unique cultural sites.

The Reserve includes the island and surrounding ocean waters in a 2 mile radius from shore. The island is approximately 11 miles long, 7 miles wide, and comprised of 28,800 acres.

In recent history, the island was used as a penal colony, a ranch, and for military training, including live fire training.

The presence of ungulates and repeated bombing and burning resulted in extensive environmental degradation, and much of the topsoil has been lost, eroding down to hardpan. Today approximately 30% of the island is barren due to severe erosion.

VISION:

The *kino* (physical manifestation) of Kanaloa is restored. Forests and shrublands of native plants and other biota clothe its slopes and valleys. Pristine ocean waters and healthy reef ecosystems are the foundation that supports and surrounds the island.

Nā poʻe o Hawaiʻi (the people of Hawaiʻi) care for the land in a manner, which recognizes the island and ocean of Kanaloa as a living spiritual entity. Kanaloa is a *puʻuhonua* and *wahi pana* (a place of refuge, a sacred place) where native Hawaiian cultural practices flourish.

The *piko* of Kanaloa (the navel, the center) is the crossroads of past and future generations from which the native Hawaiian lifestyle is spread throughout the islands.

KIRC VIRTUAL MUSEUM PILOT:

To many Hawaiians and to the people of Hawai'i, Kaho'olawe is a symbol of resilience, hope for the future of the Hawaiian Nation, and an opportunity to rebuild a cultural heritage. As the only major island in the Pacific that has been archaeologically surveyed from coast to coast, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve's current inventory contains 3,000+ historic sites and features. From the adze maker's workshop at Pu'umoiwi, the fisherman's camp at Kealaikahiki and the heiau at Hakioawa to the paniolo bunkhouse at Kuheia, Kaho'olawe encompasses an intact and unique record of Hawaiian history and culture.

The resources of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve also extend beyond its waters; including a vast collection of archival materials, (reports, documents, photographs, negatives, slides, archaeological artifacts, and more). With items both from and about the Reserve, this collection currently includes over 8,500 photographs, 2,500 texts and 10,000 artifacts. All of these items are unique.

Through this grant support, we have developed a KIRC Virtual Museum pilot program, a community-informed project presenting a collection of publicly searchable images and documents for academic, professional and personal development.

Deliverables

1. A searchable, publicly accessible database
2. Samples of properly preserved and logged photos
3. A community gathering place and educational focal point off-island which will extend access to Kaho'olawe
4. An ever growing intellectual collection
5. An educational guide outlining the virtual space and how to access/ utilize it.



By educating and preparing future generations to preserve, protect and restore the island, Kaho'olawe will maintain its standing as a symbol of resilience, hope for the future of the Hawaiian Nation, and an opportunity to contribute to its cultural heritage.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Phase I: Assess Community Need

Surveys, Consultants, Analysis

Phase II: Organization of Sample

Apply results of *Phase I* with team to make determinations

Phase III: Processing of Sample Resources

Scan, Photoshop, Museum Archive Software

Phase IV: Establish Database

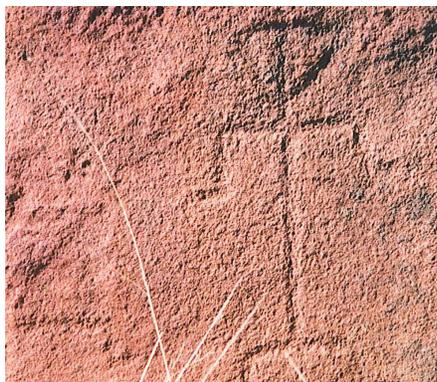
GIS/ LAN Specialist, Hui Kāpehe (Native Hawaiian interns), metadata collection

Phase V: Engage Users + Evaluation

Package, Present, Engage, Listen

“Ua lehulehu a manomano ka ‘ikena a ka Hawai‘i, great and numerous is the knowledge of the Hawaiians. All knowledge was once passed down through oral traditions and much was lost due to the destruction of religious structures and forbiddance [sic] of certain practices. Missionaries soon developed a written language for the Hawaiian people which quickly documented much of the history. Education through available resources will ensure the survival of not only Kaho‘olawe but also Hawaiian culture, language, and history.”

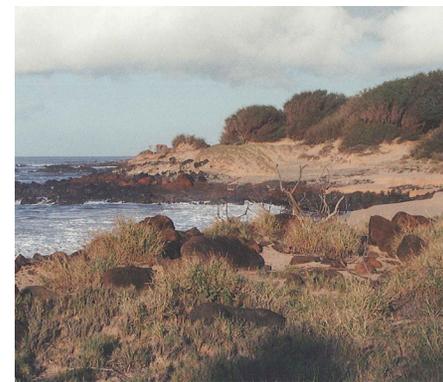
— KIRC Virtual Museum survey respondent



Archaeology



Culture



Environment



Ocean



People



Flora



Ranching



Restoration



Military/ UXO

SAMPLES:

Detailed Object Report

Object Name	Petroglyphs - close up photo		
Description Abstract	Color closeup photo of a few petroglyphs at unidentified archaeological site.		
Collection	General Collection 2		
Accession Number	2010.001	Accession Date	9/20/2010
Category	Photographs	Archaeology	PA96.1/130.c
Source	KIRC Administration	Source	KIRC Administration
Credit Acknowledgement	KIRC Archives Room		
Object Date	November 1998	Start Year Range	End Year Range
Added To Archive	8/12/2015	Coston, Veronica	
Status	In Collection	8/12/2015	Coston, Veronica
Copyright Details			
Stipulations Use Limitations			
Include In Website	Y	Include In Export	Y

Description	Color closeup photo of a few petroglyphs at unidentified archaeological site.		
Photographer	Unknown		
Studio	Unidentified archaeological site, Kahoolawe		
Site / Location			
Print Size	4" x 6"		
Film Size			
Print Number			
Slide Number			
Negative Number	Color photo		

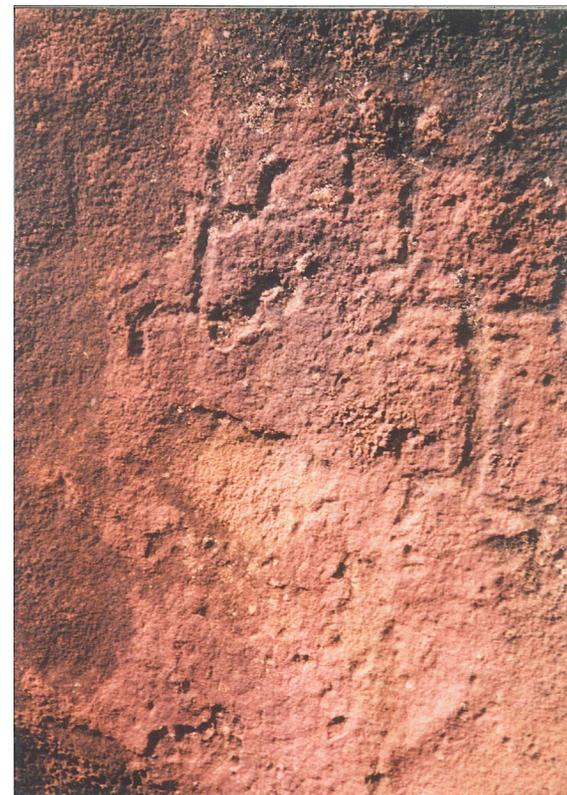
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Caption	Petrpglyphs - close up photo	Sequence	001
Image Detail	Color closeup photo of a few petroglyphs at unidentified archaeological site.		



Condition	8/12/2015	Excellent	Veronica Coston
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Detailed Object Report

Event	8/12/2015	Status change
	Status changed to In Collection from In Collection - automatic entry by admin	
Event	8/12/2015	Location change
	Location changed to KIRC Archives Room from KIRC Archives Room - automatic entry by admin	
Provenance	November 1998	
	Estimated date of photo based on the processing date stamped on back of photo.	
Notes	8/12/2015	
	[\\KIRC-LIB-01\Library Database\Archived Images\Master\Culture\PA96.1_130.c_mstr.tif] Contains digital master image of original photo.	
Notes	8/12/2015	
	Original photo located in KIRC Archive Room, File Cabinet 1, Drawer 3.	



EXPECTED OUTCOMES:



Preserve historic documents and photos for access by future generations, thereby perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture.



Provide opportunities to sustain Hawaiian heritage, culture and knowledge through collections stewardship and educational outreach.



Position the host culture of Kaho'olawe as a model for community building.



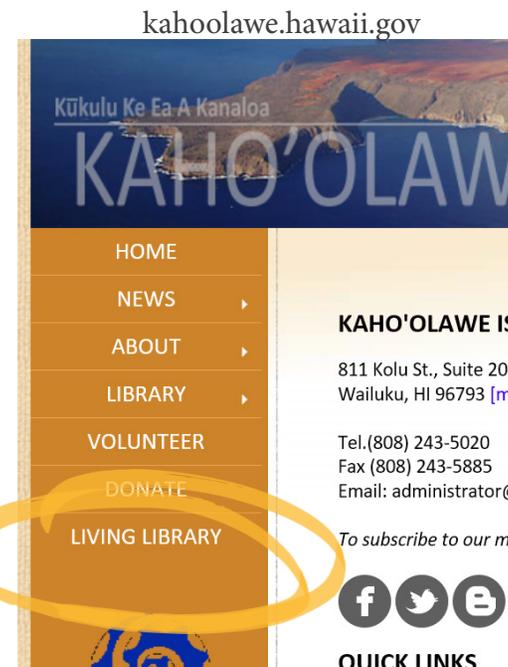
WHAT'S NEXT?

- 1** Access the Kaho'olawe Living Library today at <http://livinglibrary.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/index.htm> or by clicking on “Living Library” at kahoolawe.hawaii.gov.
- 2** Download our FREE library app, a work in progress, which expands the library database to an accessible multimedia user experience! Features include oral history film segments, a virtual tour of the Reserve, timeline and a growing collection of points of interest.

[Search for the “Kahoolawe Island Guide” in the “App Store” or visit our “Quick Links” at kahoolawe.hawaii.gov.]
- 3** Stay tuned as we further enhance the collection to include 3D objects, e.g. ulumaika, hammer stones, fishing lures, and work to meet our community's demands by providing access to additional images & documents.



Kahoolawe Island Guide app



Cowrie shell lure found near Kamohio Bay, Kaho'olawe



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