



Coastal and Upland Wetland Restoration of Kaho‘olawe, HI (NAWCA U.S. Small Grants)

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to enhance the temporary wetland sites at Keanakeiki and Lua ‘O Kealialalo through the removal of invasive plants and out planting of natives. Activities are to be completed in partnership with the Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project, the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana Education Committee and KIRC community volunteers. The period of performance runs from July 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025.

DELIVERABLES

- Remove invasive species
- Out plant native species
- Monitor through photo points

AWARD AMOUNT: \$100,000

FUNDER: North American Wetland Conservation Act –USFWS / Ducks Unlimited.

HIGHLIGHTS

Through removal of invasive species, native habitat regeneration is improving. Grant funding is spent on materials and supplies, travel costs, and a portion of PKO access fees.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

SPENT
\$100,000.00

BILLED
\$ 100,000.00

RECEIVED
\$100,000.00



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PROJECT UPDATE: July 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025

- Invasive species removal continued at Keanakeiki and Lua ‘O Kealialalo. Remaining clumps of *Cenchrus ciliaris* were dug up. *Xanthium strumarium* (kikania) was removed at Kealialalo.
- To date 6,500 plants have been planted at Keanakeiki and Lua ‘O Kealialalo. 2,000 at Keanakeiki and 4,500 at Lua ‘O Kealialalo.
- This is the final report for this grant project.



Native Makihiki (*Cressa truxillenses*) has expanded into the area where Kiawe was removed at Keanakeiki.