



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 Keāliialalo 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 December 2021- November 2024.

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
\$34,056

BILLED
\$0

RECEIVED
\$0

PROJECT UPDATE: April 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024.

- A ten meter long monitoring transect at Keanakeiki was re-read in April. A transect monitors the abundance of native versus alien plant species. Makihi



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(*Cressa truxvillensis*) percentages remained the same. There was an increase in invasive buffel grass *Cenchrus ciliaris*). Future accesses will focus on the removal of the buffel grass.

- May access focused on the removal of buffel grass in the Makihi herb land.
- Several kiawe (*Prosopis pallida*) stumps re-sprouted and will be recut and treated with herbicide during the June access.



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