



Ka Palupalu o Kanaloa Partnership Project

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to implement Ka Palupalu o Kanaloa Management Plan through a working group to restore *Kanaloa kahoowawensis* to the wild. This will result in delisting the species from the USFWS endangered species act.

PROJECT GOALS

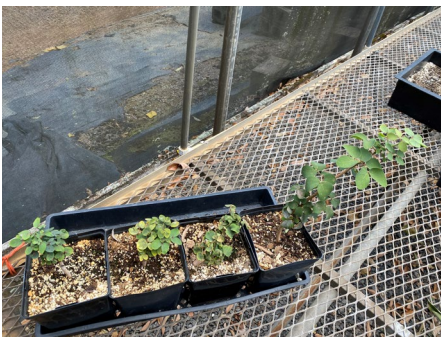
- Cultivate Kanaloa plants in propagation facilities
- Create hurricane shelters within the propagation facilities
- Propagate 100 or more plants in nurseries
- Outplant Kanaloa plants into the wild

PARTNERS: USFWS, Maui Nui Botanical Garden, National Tropical Botanical Garden, Olinda Rare Plant Facility, Ho‘olawa Farms, Plant Extinction Prevention Program, Lyon Arboretum Micropropagation Lab.

HIGHLIGHTS: Seeds from the parent plant germinated and created two new plants. With the parent plant and the two clones (original cuttings) that equals 20 plants total. Currently all the plants are under care of the Olinda Rare Plant Facility and Ho‘olawa Farms. The partnership met in May to discuss future locations for cultivation.

PROJECT UPDATE: February 1st, 2022 – May 31st, 2022

The Management Plan was updated by the KIRC and sent to the partnership for comments and input. Construction began on planter boxes. Two new seedlings germinated from the parent plant.



Kanaloa kahoowawensis plants in cultivation.