

# KAHO'OLAWE

## Ko Hema Lamalama

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Welcome to *Ko Hema Lamalama*, the newsletter of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. Uncle Harry Mitchell interpreted this name as the southern beacon, which served as a source of light to weary travelers who voyaged beyond the pillars of Kahiki. Let *Ko Hema Lamalama* aid us in sharing a source of light about the island of Kaho'olawe and the restoration of Hawaiian culture across Hawai'i nei. *Photo: Cassie Pali*



## TALK STORY WITH THE DIRECTOR



The 2015 Legislative Session provided just one-third of the amount requested to sustain Kaho'olawe efforts. As a result, the KIRC found itself (again) reassessing critical functions and restructuring staff, operations and programs to adapt to a razor's edge budget. Here, **Executive Director Michael K. Nāho'opi'i** offers a brief overview of how the KIRC is surviving and how *you can help* Kaho'olawe persevere.

### What have been the most impactful adjustments as the KIRC conforms to one-third of its former budget?

In order to function within the financial parameters appropriated, we had to implement two major cuts: Reserve access and manpower. In my 20-plus years working on Kaho'olawe, this is the first time we have had to temporarily close the Honokanai'a Base Camp in order to save money. Doing this greatly hampers our access to Kaho'olawe, as it limits our ability to work on-island and to bring volunteers to accomplish our restoration projects. Further, we are at one of the lowest manpower levels that the KIRC has seen since taking over daily management of the Reserve on behalf of the State.

### Are these adjustments sustainable?

No. Today we are making it happen through sheer determination and will power, but we cannot sustain this for very long. We do not have the funds to replace or perform major repairs to A) our fleet of on-island vehicles that carry volunteers, water and supplies to our project sites — the majority of which are military surplus vehicles that are now more than 20 years old, B) our heavy construction equipment that allow us to repair and open critical access routes and roadways across Kaho'olawe, or C) the 'Ōhua landing craft — the KIRC's primary means of transport to & from Kaho'olawe for our volunteer force, staff, Base Camp support, cargo, fuel and more. Any major failure of this equipment would be critical. In terms of manpower, our already limited staff is facing new challenges to maintain the multifaceted construct of the KIRC; my people are burning out. Rather than continuing to develop on-island programs, we are only able to maintain conditional grant projects, e.g. our Ocean Program is only able to focus on our JTMD (Japan Tsunami Marine Debris, see page 5) and HCF (Hawai'i Community Foundation) restoration projects, rather than continuing statewide research collaborations. By localizing in this way, we inadvertently remove ourselves from a bigger picture with greater potential to develop new partnerships and to become a world class leader in island sustainability and restoration. With adequate manpower and funding, this would be possible.

### How can the people of Hawai'i (and beyond) help?

Start a conversation with anyone you encounter about why restoring Kaho'olawe is important: senators, representatives, journalists, students, teachers and potential members and donors. If there is one thing we learned through our *Aloha Kaho'olawe* campaign, it was that *you never know who is listening*. By directly engaging as many people as we could in our financial plight, we indirectly solicited assistance from several grantmaking sources. Every story you can share about your personal connection to Kaho'olawe has the power to make an important impact. If your organization is interested in becoming a stewardship partner (like our partnership with the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana), or if you have other ideas, call me at (808) 243-5020 or email me at [executivedirector@kirc.hawaii.gov](mailto:executivedirector@kirc.hawaii.gov). We are always looking for innovative ways to move forward together.



*Our logo represents the curled tentacle of the he'e (octopus), one of the kino lau (body forms) of the god Kanaloa, and the curled shoot of the hapu'u fern, symbolizing kūkulu, or the beginning of a life force.*

### Kūkulu Ke Ea A Kanaloa

*The life & spirit of Kanaloa builds and takes form*

*Kūkulu Ke Ea A Kanaloa*, the KIRC motto, makes use of two *kaona* (hidden meanings). Kanaloa is the Hawaiian god of the ocean, foundation of the earth and an ancient name for Kaho'olawe; *Ea* means "breath" and also "sovereignty." The translation, "The life and spirit of Kanaloa builds and takes form," reminds us of our mission.

**The mission of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe, in which the *kino* (body) of Kanaloa is restored, and *nā po'e o Hawai'i* (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land.**

*At the close of FY15, the KIRC had outplanted 91,000 native plants in this 250-acre, Tier I (surface-cleared of unexploded ordnance by the Navy, as opposed to Tier II which was cleared to a depth of four feet) area of Kaho'olawe's Hakioawa Watershed. Funded by the Hawai'i Department of Health Clean Water Branch, grant activities engaged volunteers to restore the land, thereby protecting reef systems and preserving historic cultural sites. Due to financial constraints projected for FY16, watering new plants, constructing soil erosion control features and monitoring the subsequent terrestrial & ocean effects will be difficult. [Photo by volunteer Cassie Pali].*





# 2015 LEGISLATIVE RESULTS + OUTCOMES



## WHAT WE PROPOSED

**HB1235:** *Sponsored by (late) Representative Mele Carroll*

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**SB867:** *Sponsored by Senator J. Kalani English*

Assign a portion of conveyance tax revenues to fund Kaho'olawe rehabilitation and maintenance.

**HB438:** *Sponsored by Representative Ryan Yamane*

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**SB897:** *Sponsored by Senator J. Kalani English*

Directly appropriate funds for the management, restoration, and preservation of Kaho'olawe.

**HB1480:** *Sponsored by Representative Kaniela Ing*

Appropriate capital improvement project (CIP) funds for the KIRC's Education & Operations Center in Kihei.

**SB470:** *Sponsored by Senator Gil Keith-Agaran*

Subject property or natural resources used or taken in violation of laws applicable to the Reserve to forfeiture.

## WHAT HAPPENED

These Bills were referred to Committee, but never received a hearing.

The House Bill made it to Conference, but did not receive a release of funds in the final minutes. The Senate version passed through the Senate, but was never heard in the House.

\$500,000 in CIP funds have been pledged to complete planning & design for the Center.

This asset forfeiture bill passed its Senate hearing, but was amended to place a monetary limit on the forfeitures. The bill crossed to the House but did not receive a hearing.

## STATE SUPPORT

In addition to the Legislative proposal package above, two bills were introduced by *other* sources to support Kaho'olawe: State budget bill HB500 and DLNR budget bill SB1299. The latter was passed at the level of \$1M per year. At Session's close, one-third of the KIRC's annual operating budget (approx. \$3M) was funded.

While this first-ever allocation marks a groundbreaking moment for Kaho'olawe, it was not enough to fully maintain existent operations, restoration work or the critical volunteer program that enables access to the Reserve.

## MEMBERSHIP & GRANTS

With a goal to raise \$100,000 by the end of the fiscal year, we launched our first-ever membership campaign (join on page 10!) within one week of the final hearings. Aloha Kaho'olawe — a 30-day challenge to demonstrate to our decision-makers that there is publicly recognized value in the historical, cultural, ecological and community building resources shared through the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve — raised \$40,000 by 402 donors via the online crowd-funding tool GoFundMe ([gofundme.com/alohakahoolawe2015](http://gofundme.com/alohakahoolawe2015)). A combination of social media and expansive print, television and radio coverage prompted new and extended-term grants that led the total to more than \$130,000.

While these funds provided critical support to close the previous fiscal year, there remains much to do in order to obtain the financial stability required to *continue* programs and operations. This upcoming Session, we will rely on your support to spread the message of Aloha Kaho'olawe; building upon the membership campaign so that we may enter the 2016 Session with a strong constituency of Kaho'olawe advocates. Only together will we see the continuation of the Reserve's restoration, preservation and access for generations to come.



# 2016 LEGISLATIVE PLAN

Since its 1993 inception by the State of Hawai'i the KIRC has been funded through the Kaho'olawe Island Rehabilitation Trust Fund – originating from a portion of the federal funding allocated to the Navy's unexploded ordnance clearance project. This session, we will count on you to relay the importance of restoring Kaho'olawe to our State's decision makers, helping to secure support of this critical Reserve.

## WHAT IS THE KIRC SUPPORTING THIS YEAR?

### ① DLNR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY17:

During the 2015 legislative session the Governor signed ACT 084 (SB1299) into law, appropriating \$1M in General Funds for fiscal years 2016 + 2017. For this session, the KIRC will submit a General Fund proposal through the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) supplemental budget request in the amount of \$2,831,279 for fiscal year 2017, (an increase of \$1,831,279 from the \$1M already authorized). If granted, funds will enable the KIRC to support 16 full-time staff and restore full time operation of the Honokanai'a Base Camp, effective July 1, 2016.

### ② DIRECT APPROPRIATION OF \$2.8M TO THE KIRC:

During the 2015 legislative session, SB897 and HB438 were introduced to directly fund KIRC operations. Both bills garnered much public support and passed through their respective chambers. HB438 successfully passed both the House and Senate committee meetings and made it to a conference committee hearing, but funding was not appropriated and the bill did not make a floor vote. For the 2016 session, the KIRC will support this bill to be brought back into committee and funded for the upcoming year.

## WHAT WILL FUNDS SUPPORT?



Safety, transport and on-island operations



Research, monitoring and ocean programs



Planting, erosion control & restoration efforts



Preserve & protect cultural resources



Access, education & community involvement

## HOW CAN I HELP?



**HOST** a talk story session to learn more about the KIRC and its programs. Contact us to arrange for a member of our staff to get all of your questions answered, either at our Kihei Boat House site or in your own space.



**ENCOURAGE** others to support Kaho'olawe. Write letters to your newspaper, call in to radio programs, or become a social media activist. *Many elected officials have pages where they regularly post & respond to constituents.*



**MEET** your legislators and their assistants in person; you can have a much greater impact when you build relationships with your legislators and their staff. Remember: legislators represent you. They should know what you care about.



**SUBMIT** testimony online in support of our bills: Register with the Hawai'i Legislature at [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov) for hearing notices and look for our announcements at [facebook.com/kircmaui](https://facebook.com/kircmaui).



**ATTEND** hearings. Testifying at the Legislature is an empowering way to influence legislation. The Legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov)) will have information about the status of specific bills and related hearings throughout the session.

Look for more at  
[kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/leg-updates](http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/leg-updates)



# COMMUNITY NEWS



This year, the KIRC has produced 11 Kāko'o iā Kaho'olawe Work Days and 7 Mahina'ai Nights at its Kīhei property, generously sponsored by the Maui County Product Enrichment Program (CPEP). Through this program, we have met hundreds of individuals that may not be able to commit to the physical, time or financial commitments incurred by an on-island volunteer work trip, but are eager to be involved. We see this as an important step in ensuring that the people of Hawai'i have access to Kaho'olawe, and in involving the broader community in developing the Kaho'olawe Education and Operations Center.

*Photo: Bryan Berkowitz*



This summer, the KIRC honored Maintenance and Vessel Specialist Charlie Lindsey as he retired from his many years of dedicated service to Kanaloa. We love and miss you Cap!

In honor of their *Make A Difference Day*, Mālama Maui Nui staff participated in the October Kāko'o iā Kaho'olawe Work Day.

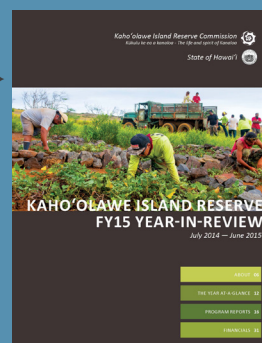


The KIRC recently welcomed new commissioner Joshua Kaakua, succeeding Emmett Aluli in his role as PKO representative. Pictured: Chairperson Michele McLean, Commissioner Kaakua and E.D. Mike Nāho'opi'i.



## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- ▶▶ Visit [kahoolawe.hawaii.gov](http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov) for FREE teaching resources & information, including our **FY15 Year-in-Review** →
- ▶▶ Contact us at (808) 243-5020 to make an appointment in our public-access library.
- ▶▶ Sign up & share our e-news communications or join us on social media (see back cover for links).
- ▶▶ Apply for a paid internship through Hui Kāpehe at [kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/opportunities](http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/opportunities).
- ▶▶ Request a field trip at our Kīhei Boat House site or a guest speaker for *your* space.
- ▶▶ Make a contribution of new or used equipment (wish list at [kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/donations](http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/donations)).





# OCEAN PROGRAM NEWS



In June 2015, the KIRC was awarded a portion of a new DLNR grant through the Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris (JTMD) Program via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Marine Debris Program. An adjunct to the two-year partnership that contributed to the removal of 43 tons of marine debris from Kaho'olawe (2013-2015), the JTMD initiative supports exemplary partners in tackling marine debris challenges and finding proactive solutions that help eliminate debris through research, removal, prevention, emergency response and coordination. For the KIRC's part, a volunteer work trip to Kanapou Bay has been scheduled for this December to remove an additional 1-2 tons of marine debris from the Reserve. Here, we learn more about the importance of this program from **Dean Tokishi**, manager of the KIRC's Ocean Program (pictured).

## How is the KIRC's marine debris removal program unique?

On Kaho'olawe, you are experiencing first-hand exposure to the impact that marine debris has on an isolated environment. Our largely volunteer work force packs everything they need for the week, gets on a boat, crosses the channel, (literally sometimes swimming through shark infested waters to get to land) and then camps in an area with zero amenities until the boat returns four days later. You earn the privilege of being there. Then, you're collecting trash that has just entered the environment (maybe you *just* drank out of that Starbucks cup or you *just* threw that slipper in the garbage...and it's here!) and you are clearly seeing the beneficiaries of your work (the *mano*, or sharks). Kanapou is a special, storied place. For us to be there with Kamohoali'i and to see Kanapou in this context gives fact that the mo'olelo and the cultural knowledge handed down through oral histories are true and exposes roots to the place names and stories. There is just a strong, cultural connection in being there, and the feeling that you are perpetuating this place as a *pu'uhonua* and *wahi pana* (a place of refuge, a storied place) touches you.

## If we were not afforded these funding opportunities, how would the Reserve be impacted?

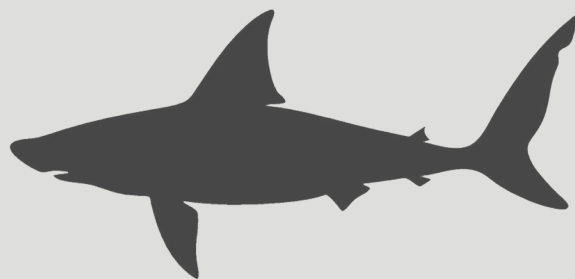
The work wouldn't happen, rather aggregation, environmental impacts, entanglement, ingestion and undisputed littering of a sacred, cultural site. Kanapou's connection with its deity Kamohoali'i would be broken. If we could not work to prevent the environmental impact on the presence of sharks in the area, the very mo'olelo that justifies its connection would no longer be true. Once the truth to these stories breaks, so does a continuation of that culture.

## Based on your 12 years of experience with this initiative on Kaho'olawe, what is the message to be shared with our community?

*Aloha 'āina*; that connections to the land and sea are critical to understanding and respect. Nowhere else have I seen the connection of mauka to makai so apparent than on Kaho'olawe. The more an individual is connected to a place, the more they will value, honor and care (*mālama*) for it.

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve is recognized by federal, state, and county governments as a *wahi pana* (special place) and a *pu'uhonua* (place of refuge). As a *wahi pana*, the island is dedicated to Kanaloa, the honored and respected ancestor/deity who cares for the foundation of the Earth and the atmospheric conditions of the ocean and the heavens. As a *pu'uhonua*, Kaho'olawe is a refuge, or "safe" place for people to practice and live *aloha 'āina* that, in turn, guides the care and management of the island and its surrounding waters.

*As a federally protected reserve, the rules governing use of the submerged lands and waters within 2 nautical miles of the shoreline of Kaho'olawe are enforced by the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), the KIRC and the U.S. Coast Guard.*



## KAMOHOALI'I

In Hawaiian mythology, Kamohoali'i is the shark god of the ocean. Eldest member of the Pele clan, he is a brother of Kāne, Milohai, Pele, Kapo, Nāmaka and Hi'iaka.

Kamohoali'i swims in the area around Maui and Kaho'olawe. His home, Kalua o Kamohoali'i, lies along the cliffs of Kanapou on Kaho'olawe. As the master navigator, he guides his family from Kahiki to Hawai'i.

*Pua ka wiliwili nanahu ka manō; pua ka wahine u'i nanahu ke kāmāwāi.* It is said that when the wiliwili trees are in bloom the sharks bite, because it is their mating season.

*'Ōlelo No'eau, Mary Kawena Pukui*



Marine debris aggregation at Kanapou Bay + volunteer Brian Sato finds an object marked Fukushima, displaying just how far marine debris travels to Kaho'olawe.

## HOW TO HELP

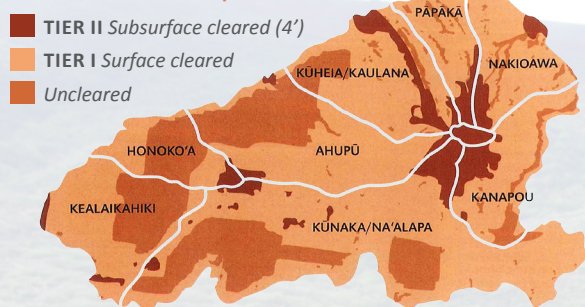
- Participate in local cleanups
- Remember that the land & sea, no matter where you are, are connected
- Reduce the amount of waste you produce
- Reuse items whenever possible. Choose reusable items over disposable ones.
- Recycle as much as possible. Bottles, cans, cell phones, ink cartridges, and many other items can be recycled.

Download NOAA's FY15 Marine Debris Program Accomplishments Report, highlighting the KIRC's work, at [marinedebris.noaa.gov/our-work/fiscal-year-2015-accomplishments-report](http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/our-work/fiscal-year-2015-accomplishments-report).



# WATERSHED RESTORATION NEWS

## Current Clearance Map



## WORK AREA

Decimated of its natural environment through years of over foraging and military bombing, an estimated 1.9 million tons of soil is lost annually on Kaho'olawe to erosion. Severely eroded landscapes cover one-third of the island (9,600 acres), with runoff choking the Reserve's pristine reefs and significantly impacting the ocean ecosystem. The Reserve's inventory of 3,000 historic sites and features - all part of the National Register of Historic Places - are in constant need of protection from these damaging circumstances. Despite a 10-year cleanup by the Navy, unexploded ordnance litter much of the island plus all surrounding waters, leaving areas off-limits and life-threatening.

## MANAGEMENT



Since joining the KIRC in 2003, Natural Resources Specialist **Lyman Abbott** has managed a grant partnership with the State of Hawai'i Department of Health, Clean Water Branch — a decade-long project that has

aggressively addressed a 500 acre, Tier I & II area of the Reserve's hardpan. The ultimate goal of the initiative is to prevent erosion, permanent loss of archaeological sites, fatal impacts to near-shore coral reef communities and pollution of our global waters. Safely escorting and training 3,159 volunteers, 91,000 native plants have been established in the Hakioawa Watershed project site to date. In the current phase of this initiative ("DOH III," launched in April 2013), 23 native plant species totaling 19,241 plants have been established.

Plant	Count	%
Kawelu	7,878	40.9%
Aki Aki	4,036	21%
A'ali'i	3,072	16%
Aweoweo	1,216	6.3%
Pili	546	2.8%
Ewa hinahina	462	2.4%
'Ohai	384	2%
Naio	354	1.8%
Ilima	281	1.5%
Kamanomano	222	1.2%
Maia Pilo	132	.7%
Pohinahina	132	.7%

Plant	Count	%
Ma'o	110	.6%
Iliahi	120	.6%
Kolomona	96	.5%
Kulu'i	30	.2%
Ilie'e	30	.2%
Ko'o loa 'ula	44	.2%
Grass	48	.2%
Ulei	12	.1%
Pohuehue	24	.1%
Koali awa	6	.0%
Mamane	6	.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,241</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Q & A

### What core methods are being applied?

The current grant phase is focused on monitoring results. The 4 main areas being monitored are native plant cover, soil erosion, ocean sediment and baseline photographs.

### How can our findings impact the field?

We have created a baseline dataset for multi-generational comparison of improvement in native plant cover and species diversity.

### What are the biggest accomplishments (so far) in the DOH partnership?

1) The number of plants that we have been able to put in the ground with a successful rate of survival; 2) a proven, successful approach to planting and controlling erosion on surface cleared areas of Kaho'olawe.

### What are some other examples of success in the current grant?

- A 95.6% native plant survival rate using irrigation and soil amendments.
- 2,000 rock mulch mounds and 200 meters of rock corridors of native vegetation.
- Rates of soil erosion are 5.5 times less in the project area.
- 3,159 volunteer reach, primarily reporting on the positive impacts of hard work, new information and a feeling that they are "actually making a difference and doing something meaningful for Hawai'i."

### Where do we go from here?

We have restored 700 acres in the 12 years that the KIRC has had control of access to Kaho'olawe. The hardpan is 9,600 acres. At this economic rate, it will take many generations to address 100% of the hardpan. The more help we can get from the State and other partners and donors, the better we can do!



# KIRC VIRTUAL MUSEUM PILOT PROJECT

## BACKGROUND

To the people of Hawai'i, especially Native Hawaiians, Kaho'olawe is a symbol of resilience 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 — with the entire island listed on the National Register of Historic Places — the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve's current inventory contains 3,000+ historic sites and features. From the adze maker's workshop at Pu'umoiwi and fisherman's camp at Kealaikahiki, to the heiau at Hakioawa and paniolo bunkhouse at Kuheia, Kaho'olawe encompasses an intact and unique record of Hawaiian history & culture.

Kaho'olawe's resources extend far beyond its waters; including a vast collection of distinct archival materials such as photographs, slides, papers, archaeological artifacts and more. Currently, this collection includes more than 8,500 photographs, 2,500 texts and 10,000 artifacts — all in need of proper preservation in order to be shared with the public.

Through generous grant support from the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program, the KIRC **Virtual Museum** pilot project will present a collection of publicly searchable items for academic, professional and personal development. By creating access to these resources, we further our mission of providing access to Kaho'olawe.

## APPROACH

I	Assess Community Need
II	Collaborate with Museum Studies Consultant to Determine Sample Collection
III	Process Sample Resources for Museum Archive Software
IV	Establish Database Content Management System + User Interface
V	Engage, Educate and Evaluate

## CATEGORIES Based on I & II Above



## DELIVERABLES

300 properly archived items will be searchable at [kahoolawe.hawaii.gov](http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov) in 2016. Don't have access to the internet? Call (808) 243-5020 to reserve time at one of our grant-funded workstations.

*"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 these resources will ensure the survival of not only Kaho'olawe but also Hawaiian culture, language, and history."*

— Excerpt from KIRC Virtual Museum pilot project survey respondent



### FIRST SETTLEMENT

**1150-1400 AD**  
Chants tell of Kaho'olawe serving as a place of arrival & departure for voyaging canoes traveling between Hawai'i and the islands of Southern Polynesia

### TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN COMMUNITIES

**1600**  
A thriving Hawaiian community exists on Kaho'olawe

### EARLY CONTACT PERIOD

**1778**  
British ships under command of Captain James Cook arrive in the islands. In 1793, Captain George Vancouver gives Chief Kahekili of Maui a gift of goats which are then placed on Kaho'olawe

### MISSIONARY PERIOD

**1826-1852**  
First criminals, a woman charged with adultery and a man charged of theft, are exiled to Kaulana

### RANCHING PERIOD

**1858**  
Government leases Kaho'olawe to R.C. Wyllie and Elisha Allen for 20 years. 2,000 sheep are released on island  
**1910-1918**  
Governor Walter Frear makes island a forest reserve under control of the Board of Agriculture

### MILITARY PERIOD

**1941**  
Pearl Harbor attack prompts U.S. to enter WWII. Kaho'olawe taken by U.S. Navy  
**1976-1977**  
First 9 land on island. George Helm and Kimo Mitchell disappear  
**1993**  
Congress votes to end military role on Kaho'olawe.

NOW



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Brian, Paul and Rob have sharpened the role of *volunteer* in the eyes of the KIRC, stepping forward during our monthly Kāko’o iā Kaho’olawe Work Days at the Kihei site to lead by example. Regardless of the group size pitching in during these half-day events, each puts forth a formidable effort to get the days’ task done. Paul has “made up” work days by coming in on his own time to help out however he can. Brian’s commitment seems impossible, with his hands in almost every project on Maui. Rob’s energy and determination consistently amaze the staff, attacking work projects with minimal direction. Volunteers like these add heart to our work.

## BRIAN SATO

Having worked many years in the television & film industry in California, Brian’s volunteer interests are broad, including work with the Surfrider Foundation, Malama Maui Nui, The Haku Baldwin Center, Hale Makua, Auwahi and many more.

### **Why I volunteer:**

I developed a sense of hope seeing the replanting effort on my first visit to Kanaloa. Paired with the emotional affect it has on both myself and others makes it an awesome experience — and one worth experiencing for those who care about Hawaiian history, culture and other community members. Once the Kihei center is complete, it will give everyone a glimpse of the wonder of Kanaloa. I want to be a part of that.

### **Should this work be funded this session?**

I feel the state and federal governments should continue to provide money for the continued work to restore Kaho’olawe for future generations. Otherwise, what hope do we have for protecting and preserving the rest of Hawai’i?

### **Message to readers:**

We didn’t cause the wrong that was done to the island but we shouldn’t be the ones who didn’t do anything to correct it.

## PAUL WICKMAN

An active patient care volunteer for Hospice Maui, the American Red Cross and the KIRC, most of Paul’s greatest interests are connected to Maui history, culture and people.

### **Why I volunteer:**

I jumped at the chance to volunteer because I felt it would help me better understand the spiritual significance of Kaho’olawe to the Hawaiian Islands; I continue to volunteer because I’m able to work with other people who are dedicated to Kaho’olawe and the KIRC mission. By volunteering for the Kihei-based projects, we are supporting the mission of teaching our residents and visitors about the importance of Kanaloa.

### **Favorite KIRC memory:**

My favorite memory was walking to the peak of Kaho’olawe in the traditional manner — barefoot. It hurt, but I did it. I wore shoes on the way back.

### **Message to readers:**

My message to others about Kaho’olawe is to know that this island is important to understanding what it means to have the spirit of Hawai’i.

## ROB WELTMAN

A California native, Rob first learned about KIRC at the 2014 Whale Day celebration and then started regularly participating in monthly work days.

### **Thoughts on the KIRC’s Kihei site:**

As a Kihei resident, participating in the work and activities at the site is ideal. The strongest bonds are those with the environment and people where you spend most of your time. Volunteers are also a channel for information about the project to reach new community members. I am looking forward to the site offering native plants and educational opportunities for children and others in the area, and eventually the state. I would encourage those looking for a way to help with the restoration and strengthening of Hawaiian culture and native plant life to come to the monthly kōkua events. There are tasks for people of all ages and abilities.

### **Why support this work?**

There is a unique, symbolic importance to returning an island destroyed by the U.S. military to a living home for Hawaiian nature and culture. In many ways, the return of Kaho’olawe from the military marked a turning point in the suppression of Hawaiian culture and history to its current renaissance.





# MAHALO NEW MEMBERS + DONORS

## PATRONS

Kate Bell  
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Kaho'olawe is for all of us: students, teachers, researchers, botanists, biologists, artists, mechanics, carpenters, cultural practitioners, families and more — from all walks of life. By demonstrating that this extended community values the historical, cultural, ecological and community building resources shared through the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, we aim to boost the State's potential financial investment in our continued operations.

You can help by becoming a member, or joining a friend, today.

If you have been impacted by Kaho'olawe — as a volunteer, friend, teacher, student, researcher or otherwise interested community or family member, we welcome you to **Aloha Kaho'olawe**. With your support, we will see the continuation of Kaho'olawe's restoration, protection, preservation and access for generations to come.

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Pu'u 'O Moa'ulaiki, the second highest peak on Kaho'olawe - still a significant site for cultural practice and the learning of celestial navigation. Photo: Makawalu

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## ABOUT THE KIRC

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1993 to manage the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve while held in trust for a future Native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The KIRC has pledged to provide for the meaningful and safe use of Kaho'olawe for the purpose of the traditional and cultural practices of the native Hawaiian people and to undertake the restoration of the island and its waters. Its mission is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the *kino* (body) of Kaho'olawe is restored and *nā po'e 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.

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