

## MoMISC Meeting Agenda & Minutes

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (FY 2008)

**Date:** May 5, 2008  
**Time:** 10 am – 12 noon  
**Place:** TNC Molokai Office, 23 Pueo Place, Molokai Industrial Park

### I. Call to Order -- Introductions & Announcements, Approve Agenda

- ◆ Jeff Herod – **USFWS grants now available again through program line item.**

**One line item will go to the ISC. Anticipate about \$200,000.**

**The second is through the HACCP Program (new source for Hawaii). Will fund invasive species plans that prevent movement of invasives with in conservation operations. Mostly to fund equipment. Only \$3000 available.**

- ◆ Bill Garnett -- **was able to get private funds to do *Erithrina* gall wasps research. Need someone to run the lab test for Dr. Xu (4 hours/week for two). Bill's will fund. Bill cannot treat plants until Dr. Xu has the ability to measure the treatment insecticide application.**

### II. Molokai Updates (Lori)

- ◆ **Banana Bunchy Top – HDOA did want to quarantine because it requires an eradication plan that would have to be approved by the AG and past history may prevent the passage of a plan. Compromise plan is to require DOT to post Bunchy Top signage. All sightings are to be forwarded to Bob Yonahara. Alton Arakaki has been acting as the Molokai lead contact.**
- ◆ **Nettle Caterpillar – 25 traps island-wide, checked twice with no captures. Map passed out.**
- ◆ **Bo tree- have identified that ethylene gas make the seed abort. The % of non-viable seeds is yet to be determined, but looks real promising. Birds love the ethylene induced seed/fruit. Action Item: Bill will write an article and email to Ed/Lori. Article will be sent to local Molokai papers.**
- ◆ **Australian Tree Fern (Kalae) – Kama finding seedlings from the areas where mature plants were removed. Need another aerial survey. Will do in conjunction with annual Miconia surveys.**
- ◆ **Gooseberry (Halawa) – Will need to increase survey/control cycle as gooseberry is proving to be highly adaptable to continue growth after being treated.**
- ◆ **Ylang ylang – has got the attention of the valley residents because it's spreading rapidly.**
- ◆ **Flax – found new populations outside the previous known areas in the Puu Kaawa FR. Need to do annual expanded surveys.**

- ◆ Tree Daisy – GPSed the population and it does not seem as bad as expected. Lori is considering adding this species to her elimination list.
- ◆ Outreach – Thanks Chevy for updating/maintaining Airport Kiosk. Chevy also updates Molokai Shores, Hotel Molokai, Wavecrest, Meyers Museum, Coffees of Hawaii and Kalaupapa Airport bulletin boards.
- ◆ Gold dust day gecko – seems to be an explosion of the airport site. Geckos are now infesting the airport buildings. Lori/Chevy will be working with Carl Brito to try to implement control work.
- ◆ Chevy to check with her Maui Supervisor about TWIC card, so she could include Kaunakakai wharf as inspection site.

#### IV Other Statewide Updates (Mindy)

- ◆ CGAPS – Steering Committee meeting next week to review “*Strategic Plan (1995 version)*”.  
 \$4,000,000 HISC  
 \$400,000 Coaqui  
 \$400,000 DoFAW  
 DOFAW ISC tech position, still temp position (John Neizman)  
 Action Item: Need to call DLNR (Thielen & Conry) to make this position permanent. Lori will draft letter with Mindy’s help.

- ◆ Legislative  
 Act 40 - it is now illegal to sell noxious weeds in the State of Hawaii.

Biosecurity bill is in jeopardy due to massive resistance from airline industry over the \$200,000 annual price tag. The fee, paid from shipper to airlines, would be \$.50 per 1000 lbs.

Coaqui frog bill would require HISC to have a control plan to control frogs in residential areas.

Supersucker bill looks like it will pass. It will fund a dedicated crew to run the supersucker.

- ◆ USDA approved the name of the biocontrol agents (wasp) for the gall wasp, which clears the way for release.
- ◆ Potential release for biocontrol agent *Tetracoccus*, for strawberry guava. Causes defoliation.
- ◆ Lehua next target for rodent control (aerial toxicant drops). Will use lessons learned from Mokapu rodent eradication project. No detection of the toxicant in water, fish from Mokapu site. Eradication is not declared until two years of detection free surveys.

#### V. Old Business, Committee Member Concern/Issues

- ◆ HDOA Molokai Position – Lori to draft letter and Mindy to help.
- ◆ Lori nominates Bill Garnett for MoMISC Chairperson. By consensus, Bill is the FY09 MoMISC Chairperson.

## **VII. Schedule 1st Quarter (FY09) Meeting and/or Other Activities: Mon., August 4, 2008**

**May 5, 2008 Attendees:** Lori Buchanan-MoMISC; Kamalani Pali-MoMISC; Bill Garnett-Rare Plant Species Recovery Molokai; Ed Misaki-MoMISC Chair, TNC Molokai; Donald Maum-Mycogen Biologist; Glenn Shishido, DoFAW; John Neizman-DoFAW; Bob Joy-Plant Material Center; Bob Yonahara-Maui DOA; Jeff Herod-USFWS; Debbie Kelly-MLSWCD; Mindy Wilkinson-Invasive Species Coord. (DLNR); Chevalier "Chevy" Levasa-USDA PHSS Molokai Officer;