

MoMISC Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2010
Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Place: TNC Molokai Office, 23 Pueo Place, Molokai Industrial Park

- I. Call to Order --
 - Introductions
 - January 25, 2010 minutes – **Approved**
 - Nominations for Chair – **Bob Joy is new Chair**

- II. Molokai Updates – **Lori Buchanan**
 - Upside-Down jelly Fish – **It is widespread. Has showed up at least 5 miles west of K’kai wharf at Moloka’i Shrimp Farm. Not a MoMISC target, although MoMISC works on it as a public service for safety to wharf swimmers. Cecile Walsh and gorilla ogo project is done due to lack of funding.**
 - Cat Claw – **Still finding seedlings. Goal is to keep populations from going further east. Maunahui road is the bench mark.**
 - Rubber vine – **February survey very little occurrences. Only occurrences are from the seed bank. Finding out that the seed viability is more than one year.**
 - Australian Tree Fern – **February survey found 4 occurrences in Pala`au Park area. Replace five residence occurrences with native hapu`u.**
 - Albizia – **survey scheduled for May 11. Will tackle an occurrence on the gulch wall and will retreat other few survivors. Forest Service featured this project.**
 - Gooseberry (survey) – **surveyed in April. Went all the back of the valley and found no new populations. Kama displayed an old branch that began sprouting after 4 months in their container.**
 - Flax – **Still finding occurrences in the various sites.**
 - Palm Grass – **Still finding seedlings at original occurrence.**

- III. MISC/CGAPS (Maui Nui/Statewide) Updates
 - CGAPS – **Lori attended May meeting. Dan Clark (USFS) is the new Chair. US is hosting Asia Pacific Economic Cooperative (APEC). This is an opportunity for Hawaii/US invasive programs to give them lesson about invasive and economic loss to take back to their countries. After the CGAP meeting, HDOA attended Global Island Partnership Initiative. Audrey Newman wants the ISC to be a part of this initiative.**
 - ISC-HDOA Meeting – **Agriculture targets were discussed, especially the new bee that is affecting the honey industry.**

- IV. Old Business
 - Bo Tree, Tree Daisy, Fireweed

 - Action Item – Letter from committee to be drafted to send to landowners asking that they considered helping with MoMISC’s efforts to remove key invasive species on their land (Lori, Bill, Ed). **Lori did follow up. A landowner wanted a summary report. So**

far, no response from this particular landowner. USFS now wants a removal plan, because they may want to fund. How do we move forward?

Bo Tree

1. Puu O Hoku occurrence will be cut down and controlled without the use of herbicide. Kristen and Kathy will implement the cut. Bill will help.
2. Plant Material Center will take care of their occurrence, depending on funds.
3. Need to develop a strategic plan/proposal for USFS.

Fireweed – No new occurrences in original areas. There are reports of a possible occurrence in Naiwa. Have received permission for all major landowners (Coffee's, Comcowich, Mycogen, Monsanto).

Tree Daisy – Waiting for permission from the same landowner with the Bo Tree in Kalae.

- Long thorn Kiawe –
Action Item - MoMISC will do follow up aerial survey. Haven't scheduled any aerial survey yet. MLT will be tackling Kaupoa population on June 14-15.
- Kalaupapa Mexican poppy – Still dealing with re-spouting.
- Gall wasp control – Bill is presenting a power point on the wiliwili recovery. He feels sure that the Gall wasp predator is doing its job.

V. New Business, Committee Members Concerns or Other Activities:

- 1st Annual Country Fair (first ever Molokai annual Ag Fair) – MoMISC participated and focused on “little fire ants”. Lori handed out 200 kits. Well attended, estimated 2,000.
- BanBTV Survey – MISC is coming on June 7 to do Island wide survey.
- Water Lettuce – reported by Arleon Dibben-Young. She found it in a ditch at mile marker 8. Will not be MoMISC target. Already all over the island.
- Monsanto Workshop – May 18 MoMISC Workshop
- Bambusa Oldhamii – Type of wind break bamboo. Puu O Hoku Ranch is selling. Lori talked to the Ranch and requested they not sell it.
- Coqui Frog – March occurrence. Good News, vendor caught the frog and responded to MoMISC. Kama treated imported plants and surveyed two nights. Bad news, the occurrence is a coqui, and it came on HDOA certified plants. MoMISC/TNC provided Labels for each plant that give warning and contact info.
- Hana Hou Intern – MoMISC will get 1 summer intern.
- MoMISC Con Con Abstract – MoMISC submitted abstract on “Incorporating Traditional and Cultural Practices into Western Conservation Practices”

VI. Next Meeting Date: August 12, 2010, 10am-12noon, TNC Molokai Office

May 10, 2010 Attendance: Lori Buchanan-MoMISC; Kamalani Pali-MoMISC; Bill Garnett-Rare Plant Species Recovery Molokai; Ella Alcon-County Council Liaison; Glenn Shishido, DOFAW; John Neizman-DoFAW; Ed Misaki, TNC Molokai; Butch Haase-Molokai Land Trust; Glenn Sakamoto, Plant Material Center; Wallace Jennings, NRCS; Kathy Coelho-Puu O Hoku Ranch; Kristian Coelho-Puu O Hoku Ranch; Bob Joy, Plant Material Center;

Past Attendees: Lori Buchanan-MoMISC; Kamalani Pali-MoMISC; Teya Penniman-MISC; Bill Garnett-Rare Plant Species Recovery Molokai; Bill Puleloa-DOAR Molo Biologist; Chevalier “Chevy” Levasa-USDA PHSS Molokai Officer; Bob Joy, Plant Material Center; Glenn Sakamoto, Plant Material Center; Donald Maum, Mycogen Biologist; Ray Foster, Monsanto; Ella Alcon-County Council Liaison; John Neizman-DoFAW; Mindy Wilkinson-Invasive Species Coord. (DLNR); Cecile Walsh DOAR AIS; Christy Martin CGAPS PIO; Karl Buermeyer – USFWS; Jeff Herod—USFWS; Jesse Rogers-KalaNPS (SCA); Carolyn Girard—Molo Times; Ed Misaki, TNC Molokai; Glenn Shishido, DOFAW; Bob Yonahara-Maui DOA; Kali Arce-UH Extension Service; Alton Arakakai-UH Extension Service; Dayanti Karunaratne-Molokai Times; Debbie Kelly, Charity Dudoit-MLSWCD, Mapuana Hanapi-MoMISC, Ray Foster-Monsanto; Kuhea Paracuelles-MC Environmental Coordinator, Rob Hauff-DOFAW Forest Health Coordinator, Joey Joao-MR Contract Hunting, Carl Brito-DOT Molokai Airports, Teya Penniman-MISC; Kathy Davis-QLCC; Fred Richardson-Puu O Hoku Ranch; Butch Haase-Molokai Land Trust; Kathy Coelho-Puu O Hoku Ranch; Kristian Coelho-Puu O Hoku Ranch; Wallace Jennings, NRCS;