

# KISC MEETING

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 20, 2005  
HDOA Conference Room  
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

### I. Welcome/Introduce Guests/New Members

- From Oahu: Mindy Wilkinson, Carter Smith
- New KISC Field Tech: Joseph Aguon-Kona
- Keoni Mahelona, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
- Dennis Toth, Realtor, Princeville

### II. Review Agenda Items

### III. Review and Approve Minutes from November 15, 2004 Strategic Planning Meeting

- Minutes unanimously approved.

### IV. Guest Presentation: Hawaii's Weed Risk Assessment – *Carter Smith*

- The Risk Assessment strives to be objective, transparent, repeatable, and based on documented sources.
- It is in place to use as a prediction of invasiveness for plants not here yet.
- The next steps are to develop cost benefits, an expert network, and usage guidelines.
- For further questions please contact Carter ([cartersm@hawaii.edu](mailto:cartersm@hawaii.edu)) or visit the Weed Risk Assessment site: ([www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/daehler/wra](http://www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/daehler/wra)).

### V. Updates:

- Miconia – *Keren*
  - Last November during a helicopter survey in the Wailua Game Management Area, more Miconia plants were spotted. They were large, but did not appear to have flowered or seeded yet. These plants were within our known buffer, but this proves how valuable the heli-surveys are to view close, but hard to access areas. The plants have been removed and ground surveys continue to focus on this area.
- KISC office/base yard move – *Keren*
  - We are scheduled to move the office and base yard to our new location at the end of January. The new site is small, but adequate and we are looking forward to organizing and implementing protocol that we have not been able to at the campus. Grove Farms has been very accommodating in prepping the new facility and it is almost ready. The site is located at "Station 1" behind Lee's towing off of Ehiku Rd in Lihue. We are planning a "Blessing" sometime in late February or early March. We will send out invitations via the list server.
- Coqui Control in Lawai – *Craig*
  - In December we had a meeting with DOFAW, KISC, and HDOA to discuss the infestation site in Lawai. Different strategies were discussed, but it is apparent that new strategies need to be implemented if we are to eradicate this population.

- We will be conducting a larger strategic meeting involving the county and other agencies and partners, including funders, to develop a method and strategy to eradicate this population.
- Mongoose report – *Keren*
  - The grant money we had from USFWS for our Mongoose Tech ran out in December. Joe has taken over monitoring some of the sites and has responded to an additional sighting just before the New Year. Temporarily, monitoring is on hold due to our move, but additional funding has now been granted from HISC and we will be able to re-hire a full time tech to deal with mongoose sightings and continued tracking/trapping.
- HISC funding from the State – *Mindy*
  - On January 14, Governor Lingle released an additional \$1M to the HISC budget. This means that each island ISC will be getting an additional \$100K for this fiscal year.
  - DLNR is participating in ongoing budget hearings with the State Legislature to encourage the state in its involvement and funding for invasive species.

#### **VI. New Items:**

- Nominations for new KISC Chairperson
  - This item is temporary parked and Tim Flynn (NTBG) and Sherri Paul (DOFAW) are considering the chairmanship. Once we have confirmed candidates, we will be voting at our next regular meeting in April.
  - Feel free to send your endorsements via email.

#### **VII. Announcements:**

- Agricultural Awareness Day – March 10.
- Garden Fair – April 9

#### **VIII. Other:**

- We will be putting *Buddelia asiatica* on the agenda at the next meeting as a “Species of concern”.

#### **IX. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 21, 2005, 10:00 am to Noon.**

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**ATTENDEES:** Allan Rietow (KISC Chair, TNCH), Keren Gundersen (KISC), Joe Kona (KISC), Kekoa Aana (KISC), Joseph Aguon-Kona (KISC), JinWah Lau (KISC), Keoni Mahelona (student), Tim Flynn (NTBG), Carter Smith (WRA), Mindy Wilkinson (DLNR-DOFAW), Ed Pickop (HDOA-PQB), Sherri Paul (DOFAW), Eric Garcia (HDOA), Craig Kaneshige (HDOA), Dennis Toth (Realtor), Ellen Coulombe (KRCP), Jeri Ooka (UH-CTAHR), Wayne Souza (DLNR - State Parks), Tony Doth (USDA – APHIS).