



CGAPS Vision and Action Plan: Immediate Actions for 2010-2013

This document summarizes by lead agency the immediate actions that can be undertaken in 2010-2013, based on the CGAPS Vision and Action Plan (see www.cgaps.org, *White Papers and Reports*), which was produced collaboratively by the CGAPS Steering Committee in 2009.

CBP

Border Protection

- ◆ Improve pest-detection and identification skills for personnel inspecting foreign passengers and cargo. (with USDA APHIS)
- ◆ Formalize pest-risk committees.

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Border Protection

- ◆ Implement a cooperative agreement between USDA/APHIS, HDOA, DHS/CBP, and USFWS to design an overarching pest-prevention strategy for Hawai‘i.

Smuggling of Pests

- ◆ Establish a program to educate legal professionals within the judiciary system about the dangers posed by illegal entry of plants, animals, and microorganisms to the agriculture, public safety, environment, and natural resources of Hawai‘i. (with HDOA PQ, USFWS)
- ◆ Publicize prosecuted cases to increase the perception and awareness of the general public that invasive species affect everyone in the State. (with HDOA PQ, USFWS)

Importation of Invasive Plants

- ◆ Create a user-friendly mechanism to publicly share weed-risk-assessment findings.
- ◆ Work with plant industries and relevant agencies to produce a list of additions to the Restricted Plants List. (with ISCs, USFWS, HDOA)

Brown Treesnake

- ◆ Support implementation of HDOA Biosecurity program and funding.

Aquatic Invasives

- ◆ Ask DLNR to create a permanent position to coordinate ballast-water and hull-fouling work.

Address Federal Laws that Expose Hawai‘i to Unnecessary Risk

- ◆ Support efforts to revise the Lacey Act Injurious Wildlife section. (with USFWS, ISCs, HISC)
- ◆ Write a white paper that summarizes environmental values most urgently in need of protection and the key gaps in authorities and implementation that limit that protection. (with USGS BRD, USFWS)
- ◆ Provide comments on Federal quarantine rules for importation of propagative materials (Q37), emphasizing the need to protect Hawai‘i’s ecologically dominant plant species. (with ISCs, TNC)
- ◆ Request separate consideration for Hawai‘i in risk assessments from USDA/APHIS. (with ISCs, HISC, USFWS)

Early Warning for Pests not Present in Hawai'i

- ◆ Advocate for creation of a Pacific Initiative patterned after the Caribbean Initiative. (with TNC, USFS, USDA APHIS)
- ◆ Use PestNet and PILN and similar networks to communicate pests of concern, and include in this effort vertebrate and aquatic pests that are not covered by OPIS or NAPPO alerts. (unassigned)

DLNR DAR

Aquatic Invasives

- ◆ Adopt best-management strategies for ballast water and hull fouling using a policy of zero tolerance for aquatic invasive species and 100 % inspection of vessels, similar to the model program implemented in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. In the main Hawaiian islands, identify and address incoming and interisland vessels that are a high risk for aquatic invasive-species introductions.
- ◆ Draft and adopt regulations to prevent hull fouling on arriving vessels. (DAR)
- ◆ Help implement in Hawai'i Habitatude's education campaign to reduce aquatic releases. (with CGAPS, ISCs)
- ◆ Implement priorities from the State Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. (with USFWS, HDOA PQ)

Capacity to Control Widespread Pests

- ◆ Develop and test new control techniques for aquatic invasive species so as to improve control options for aquatic infestations. (with USFWS)

DLNR DOFAW

Importation of Invasive Plants

- ◆ Ensure continued funding for weed-risk-assessment technicians. (with USFWS, USFS)
- ◆ Explore the utility of using a web crawler to monitor listed noxious weeds for sale via the internet. (with USDA APHIS)

Address Federal Laws that Expose Hawai'i to Unnecessary Risk

- ◆ Request from the United States Forest Service (USFS) a forest-pest risk assessment to complement the HDOA pathway risk analysis. (DOFAW)

Early Detection and Rapid Response

- ◆ Develop and implement an early warning and surveillance system in urban areas. (with USFS)

HDOA PQ

Border Protection

- ◆ Expedite planning and construction of joint-agency inspection facilities at ports of entry and ensure that inspection facilities are included in HDOT's master plans and phasing documents for airports and seaports. (with USFWS, USDA APHIS, CBP, CGAPS, ISCs)
- ◆ Ensure HDOA gains access to cargo manifests.

Interisland Spread of Pests

- ◆ Develop risk-assessment and risk-management strategies for inter-island introduction pathways. (with ISCs)

- ◆ Implement actions to reduce pests at points of production in Hawai‘i that complements the existing program at certified nurseries.

Address Federal Laws that Expose Hawai‘i to Unnecessary Risk

- ◆ Harmonize State and Federal quarantine pest lists. (with USDA APHIS, CGAPS)
- ◆ Develop the scientific case and risk assessment for a permanent rule restricting *Myrtaceae* imports to prevent introduction of additional strains of *Puccinia psidii* (ohia rust) so as to establish a precedent for adding to the State Restricted Plants List. (with TNC, CGAPS, USFS)

HDOA PPC

Capacity to Control Widespread Pests

- ◆ Review public information on biocontrol in Hawai‘i, and design and produce additional outreach materials. (with HISC)

HISC Outreach Working Group

Capacity to Control Widespread Pests

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MISC

Interisland Spread of Pests

- ◆ Create a working group to explore regulatory options for negligent transport of pests.

Early Detection and Rapid Response

- ◆ Hold a workshop with all key players to clarify agency and non-agency roles for emergency responses to new pests, and to identify current pest-detection programs, limitations, reporting needs, communication channels (from new pest detection to appropriate responders), and coordination needs. (with OISC)

OISC

Address Federal Laws that Expose Hawai‘i to Unnecessary Risk

- ◆ Utilize USDA’s Special Local Needs and Official Control procedure to apply for special Federal protection from a pest of particular concern to Hawai‘i. This will test the effectiveness of the system with a demonstration project. (with HDOA)

TNC

Border Protection

- ◆ Secure appropriate State statutory authorities providing enforcement abilities and penalties for failure to pay required inspection fees. (with CGAPS)
- ◆ Support reinstatement of State canine inspection program in Legislature.

Importation of Invasive Plants

- ◆ Obtain funding to provide interim botanical expertise for HDOA.

Brown Treesnake

- ◆ Support Congressional appropriations for the reauthorized Act. (with CGAPS)

Interisland Spread of Pests

- ◆ Support planning and construction of quarantine treatment facilities to reduce risk of interisland pest movement.

USDA APHIS

Early Warning for Pests not Present in Hawai‘i

- ◆ Develop a plan for creating the above-described specialist position [early warning specialist]. (with HDOA PQ, USFS, DOFAW)
- ◆ Convene a multi-agency meeting to establish a list of pests of concern that should be communicated to OPIS. (with DLNR DOFAW, HDOA PQ, UH/CTAHR)

Early Detection and Rapid Response

- ◆ Update State Plant Health Emergency Plan. (with USFS, HDOA, OISC)
- ◆ Develop a means to share the USDA plant-import database with early detection and rapid-response specialists. (with OISC)

USFS

Capacity to Control Widespread Pests

- ◆ Reinvigorate the biocontrol working group to produce a statewide strategic plan. (with HDOA, TNC)

USFWS

Brown Treesnake

- ◆ Support reauthorization of the Brown Treesnake Control and Eradication Act of 2004 to require dedicated funding and inspection of all cargo and conveyances leaving Guam. (with CGAPS, TNC)
- ◆ Work to achieve, through the NEPA and regulatory processes, improved brown-treesnake interdiction programs that adequately cover the Guam military expansion. (with CGAPS, TNC)

Capacity to Control Widespread Pests

- ◆ Support capacity-building for rodent control in conservation areas in Hawai‘i. (with US Army, DLNR DOFAW)

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