

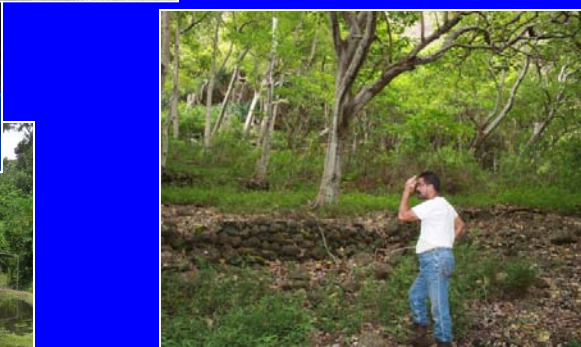


E ola hou ke kalo; ho‘i hou ka ‘āina lē‘ia

The taro lives; abundance returns to the land

Taro Security and Purity Task Force

2010 Legislative Report



Ho‘oulu lāhui aloha
To Raise a Beloved Nation



*Care for a
beloved
ancestor*

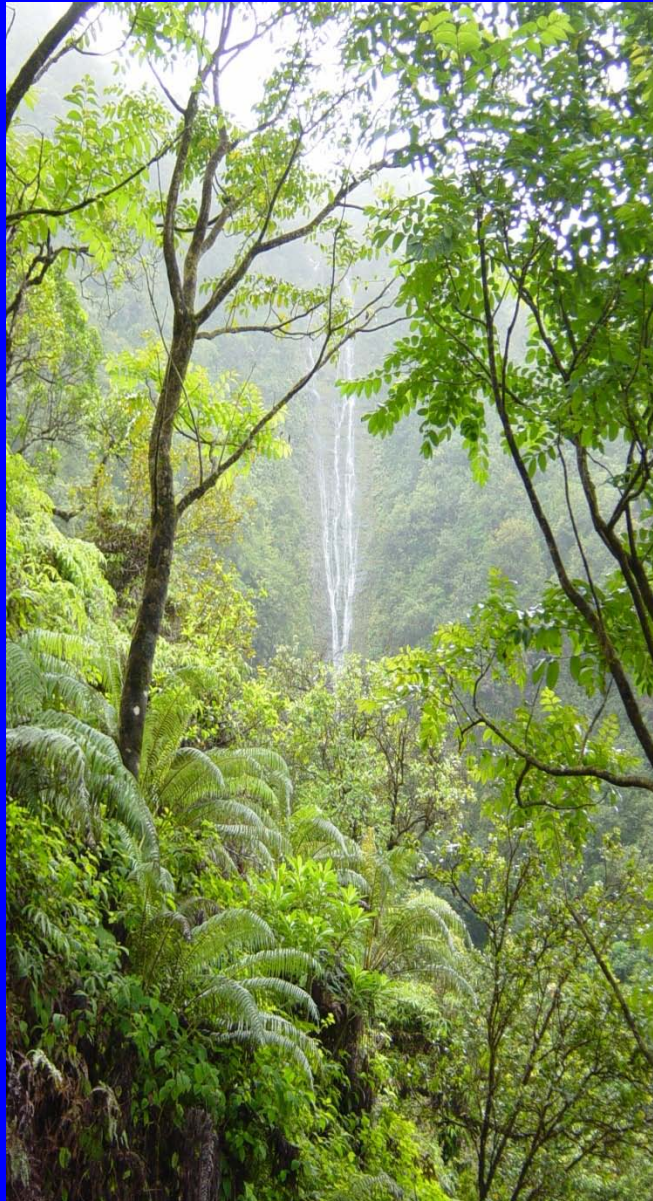


*To grow the
future.*

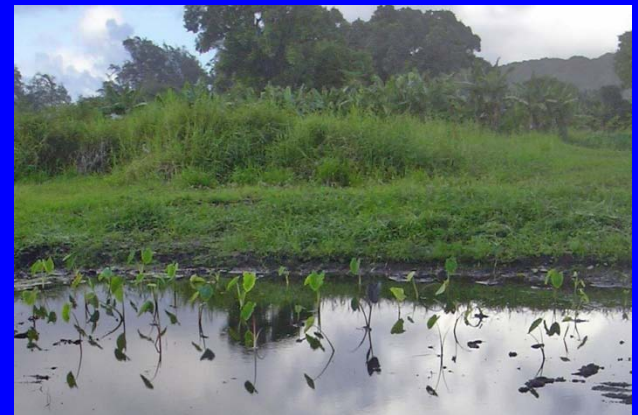
‘Āina

Land & Water

To maintain the connection to the past and a viable land base, Native Hawaiians will participate in and benefit from responsible stewardship of Ka Pae ‘Āina O Hawai‘i.



- Access to and affordable leases for taro growing lands
- Incentives for active rehabilitation of taro lands
- Improve community capacity to care for stream - ‘auwai - lo‘i systems



➤ Protect the Water Code



Kahua waiwai

Economic Self-Sufficiency

To have choices and a sustainable future, Native Hawaiians will progress toward greater economic self-sufficiency.



- Develop taro farmer business skills
- Improve access to farm equipment, poi milling resources, and quality health insurance
- Develop sustainable sources of local soil amendments
- Improve taro markets
- Heighten awareness of **food security** issues in Hawai'i



➤ **Grow more
taro farmers**

Mauli ola *Health*

To improve the quality and longevity of life, Native Hawaiians will enjoy healthy lifestyles and experience reduced onset of chronic diseases.

To improve the quality and longevity of life; improve the quality of the soil and reduce pest and disease threats to taro.



*If the soil is well, the taro
will be well, and the people
will be well.*





- Increase biosecurity protections from taro imports
- Research, fund and support practical, cost-effective solutions to control apple snails, improve pest management and rebuild soil fertility.



Ho‘ona‘auao *Education*

To maximize choices of life and work, Native Hawaiians will gain knowledge and excel in educational opportunities at all levels.



- Increase public awareness of the value of taro and its role culturally, socially, in health and well-being, environmentally, and economically in Hawai'i



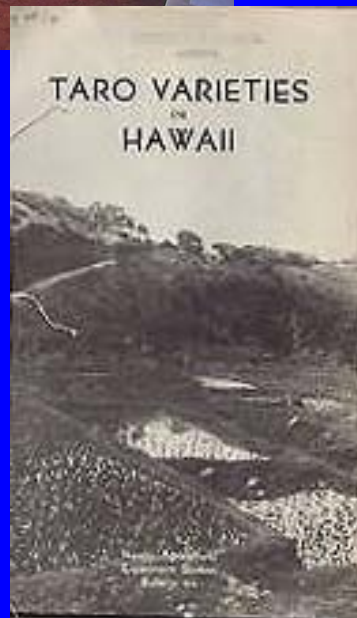
- Develop programs to provide taro education and training opportunities for students, adults, communities, agencies, decision-makers and taro farmers

Mo'omeheu *Culture*

To strengthen identity, Native Hawaiians will preserve, practice and perpetuate their culture.



Preserve and perpetuate the traditional Hawaiian taro varieties and the practices that support them.



- Support the recovery of the traditional Hawaiian taro varieties on-farm, in huli banks and botanical collections; protect the Moloka'i collection
- Support development of a tissue culture lab dedicated to perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian crop and use plants
- Expand taro identification and verification outreach
- Support the revision of Bulletin 84: Taro Varieties in Hawaii

Ea ***Governance***

To restore pono and ea, Native Hawaiians will achieve self-governance, after which the assets of OHA will be transferred to the new governing entity.



To restore pono and ea, taro farmers must be represented from within and supported in partnership with many.

- Establish a taro advocacy group to represent the voice of growers throughout the state with agencies, the University of Hawai'i, and the legislature

- Continue the journey begun by the Task Force in partnership with OHA, DOA, DLNR, UH and many more

