

Oahu Invasive Species Committee by Jamie Miller

The Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) started in 2001 and is a voluntary partnership of state, federal, and private agencies united to protect Oahu from the most harmful invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and human health. Each major Hawaiian island has their own dedicated invasive species committee (ISC) with varying island pests.

OISC works to prevent the establishment of new alien pests, working island-wide to detect, control, and eradicate our target species. Invasive species aren't contained by property lines, so OISC works on both private and public lands to prevent incipient pests from becoming widespread problems. The problems associated with these pests range from watershed damage by changing the structure of our forests to negatively impacting our economy and livelihood.

Since OISC can't have eyes everywhere we need your help to watch out for our target species. Learn more about these species, what negative impacts they have, and how to identify them by visiting our website at. <https://www.oahuisc.org/target-pests/>

If you have questions or concerns about an invasive or native species you can reach us via email: oisc@hawaii.edu, or contact our outreach staff at (808) 286-4616. Also you can report suspect invasive species to Department of Agriculture by calling 643-PEST (7378) or report online: www.643pest.org .

To learn more about invasive pests at MCBH visit: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Environment-Logistics/Environmental/Natural-Resources/Wildlife/Introduced/>

Activity: Name some of the invasive species you learned about on the MCBH Environmental Division web page (link above). Comment below or upload pics with #MCBHInvasiveSpecies. Random drawings for prizes will be held when social distancing measures have been lifted.

Mālama i ka 'āina—care for and live in harmony with the land. Celebrate Earth Day every day.