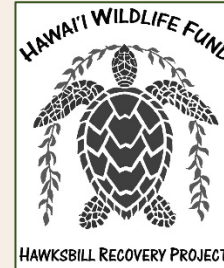


2024 HWF Brag Sheet

Accomplishments from our 28th year in Conservation



Hawai'i Island (Big Island)

- ❖ Continued to clean marine debris off beaches that are important wildlife habitat and **recovered > 30,000 pounds on Hawai'i Island & 45,000 pounds on Kaua'i** (in partnership with Surfrider Kaua'i) with over 10,000 logged volunteer hours.
- ❖ Hosted regular native seed collection workdays which provided seeds from over 20 different dry-forest plants for future restoration efforts and increased invasive species management along the coastline.
- ❖ **Outplanted 17 additional endangered loulu palm trees (*Pritchardia maideniana*)** at three different publicly-owned places in Ka'u (Kahuku, Wai'ohinu, Honu'apo).
- ❖ Continued to remove invasive plants from along the banks of two coastal wetlands and within 600 acres of coastal vegetation in the Ka'u Forest Reserve (Hawai'i), plus supported our partner Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo (KOOH) host **22 loko i'a (fishpond) restoration events with over 400 volunteers involved.**
- ❖ Teamed up with KOOH again to host two intensive 4+ month cohorts of island residents for a new **Ka'u Hoa Pili 'Āina Stewardship Training** program focused on training local residents in mālama 'āina practices, with 17 total graduate stewards.
- ❖ Received a grant from the County of Hawai'i to support the UH Hilo Marine Option Program's turtle response program in East Hawai'i for six months of 2024.

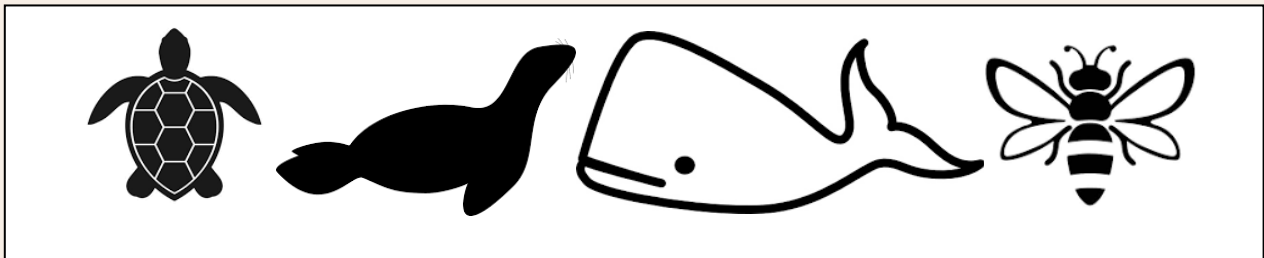
Maui

- ❖ Trained 234 active volunteers to participate in monitoring and **protecting 12 green sea turtle (honu) nests** on 4 beaches on Maui and resulting in **over 870 hatchlings safely reaching the ocean**, plus our volunteers patrolled 13 different beaches across the island totaling over 5,235 volunteer hours.
- ❖ Hired former intern Alex Aguilar to head up our **Maui Sea Turtle Nesting Program.**
- ❖ Continued our **Honu Watch program at Ho'okipa** on a daily basis to protect basking honu and educate visitors, and trained a dozen new volunteers to support this ongoing program.
- ❖ Hosted over **13,000 more visitors and students in our Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center** in Ka'anapali (Whalers Village) – that's a total of 63,000 people since October 2021!

- ❖ Continued to provide our beautiful 5,000 sq. ft. interactive education space to host school groups including Kula Kai'apuni (Hawaiian Immersion), intersession and summer camps for the Hui O Wa'a Kaulua, and Hawai'i Technology Academy weekly; providing **educational impact for more than 2,768 Lahāina residents**, including > 1,500 students,
- ❖ Continued to support the west side of Maui with fire recovery efforts at our Discovery Center through our ROOTS School partnership funded by Maui Strong.
- ❖ Hosted special events at our Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center, including a Halloween Costume giveaway and haunted house serving more than 200 westside Maui residents, public meetings to prepare for the Lahāina wastewater treatment plant NPDES hearing, and planning / Board meetings of Lahaina Strong, Kai Aloha Supply, Save Honolulu Coalition and Kula Kai'apuni.

Statewide Accomplishments!

- ❖ Expanded our Environmental Education activities on both Hawai'i and Maui, working in **65 classrooms at 14 different schools** across Hawai'i Island with our three youth environmental education programs (Hawaiian Coastal Ecosystems, Marine Debris Keiki Education & Outreach, Honu'ea Ike: Hawksbill Sea Turtle Knowledge) reaching **1,952 grade-school students** & piloting our new Hawaiian Waterbirds unit in Nā'ālehu.
- ❖ Assisted the Polynesian Voyaging Society and Hui O Wa'a Kaulua to provide more than 1,200 students from central and south Maui with an opportunity to visit the Hokule'a during her statewide Pae 'Āina Voyage.
- ❖ Hosted over a dozen interns from UH Hilo, UH Maui, and other colleges, and are gearing up for a busy school year with classroom visits by our staff and field trips to our Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center scheduled into the new year.



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