

addressed, and objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC will also provide a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: September 22, 1995.

Roger Patterson,

Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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## Fish and Wildlife Service

### Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for the Koolau Mountain Plant Cluster for Review and Comment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of the Technical/Agency Draft Recovery Plan for the Koolau Mountain Plant Cluster. There are 11 taxa of plants included in this plan. All 11 taxa are known to be extant on the island of Oahu, Hawaii; one species also is found on the islands of Molokai and Maui, Hawaii.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 28, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following locations: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, room 6307, P.O. Box 50167, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (phone 808/541-2749); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Office, Ecological Services, 911 N.E. 11th Ave., Eastside Federal Complex, Portland Oregon 97232-4181 (phone 503/231-6131); the Molokai Public Library, 15 Ala Malama Street, Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 (phone 808/553-5483); and, the Wailuku Public Library, 251 High Street, Wailuku, Maui (phone 808/244-3945). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Brooks Harper, Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, at the above Honolulu address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott M. Johnston, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Honolulu address.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plans. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plans, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The 11 taxa being considered in this recovery plan are: *Chamaesyce deppeana* ('akoko), *Cyanea crispa* (no common name (NCN)), *Cyanea truncata* (haha), *Cyrtandra crenata* (ha'iwale), *Cyrtandra polyantha* (ha'iwale), *Eugenia koolauensis* (nioi), *Hesperomannia arborescens* (NCN), *Lobelia oahuensis* (NCN), *Melicope lydgatei* (alani), *Phlegmariurus nutans* (wawae'iole), *Tetraplasandra gymnocarpa* ('ohe'ohe).

All 11 species covered in this plan are listed as endangered. Ten of the 11 taxa are known to be extant only on the island of Oahu, Hawaii; one species, *Hesperomannia arborescens*, also is found on the islands of Molokai and

Maui. The 11 plant taxa and their habitats have been variously affected and are threatened by one or more of the following: Habitat degradation and/or predation by feral ungulates (goats, pigs, sheep, and cattle); competition for space, light, water, and nutrients by naturalized, alien vegetation; habitat loss from fires; predation by rats; human recreational activities; and military training exercises. Because of the depauperate number of extant individuals and their severely restricted distributions, populations of these taxa are subject to an increased likelihood of extinction from stochastic events.

All 11 of these taxa are known from the Koolau Mountains on the eastern portion of Oahu. The 11 taxa included in this plan grow in lowland and mesic forests, and in dry and wet moisture regimes.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these 11 taxa so that their protection by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is no longer necessary. Immediate actions necessary for the prevention of extinction of these taxa include fencing for exclusion of ungulates, alien plant control, protection from fire, population and plant community monitoring and management, ex situ propagation, and augmentation of populations, as appropriate. Long-term activities necessary for the perpetuation of these taxa in their natural habitats additionally include public education, maintenance of fenced areas, long-term monitoring and management of populations and communities, and re-establishment of populations within the historic ranges of some taxa. Further research regarding current range, reproduction and reproductive status, pollinators, life history, limiting factors, habitat requirements, and minimum viable population sizes is needed to facilitate appropriate management decisions regarding the long-term perpetuation of each of these taxa.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of these plans.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 25, 1995.

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Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region.

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