



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Hawai`i Community Conservation Initiative

Program Overview FY2004

*Helping
landowners and
local community
groups implement
conservation
actions*



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is making nearly \$700,000 in grants available to fund locally based projects that benefit public hunting opportunities and/or endangered plants and animals within the State of Hawai`i.

The overall goal of this effort is to provide the financial resources to local communities to implement a strategy that reconciles the needs of endangered species with the continued presence of suitable game mammal populations. Both sides share important common goals for land management. Solutions address reduction of feral animal pressure on endangered species or reduction of endangered species regulation on hunting activities.

Increasing the quality of hunting opportunities (by improving habitat that supports game mammals, opening new areas to hunting, or otherwise increasing the amount of game animals available) should result in reduced interest in maintaining game populations in areas important to endangered species. Making new areas available to hunters through access agreements, easements or other means, will be an important part of this strategy.

Likewise, increasing populations of certain endangered species in appropriate areas should result in reduced endangered species regulation of activities that support game mammal populations. Depending on the species, the benefit of reduced endangered species regulation could also potentially befall non-hunting activities such as agriculture, forestry, ranching, housing development, tourism and military training.



Pu`u Anahulu game habitat enhancement project

Hawaii Community Conservation Initiative project proposals must be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Islands Office by **April 30, 2004.**

Project proposals must include:

1. Summary of proposed action;
2. Description of benefits to game animals, listed species or both;
3. Timeline of activities;
4. Budget (As a goal, the grant program seeks a 1 to 1 cost-share match with the project proponent. The match can be monetary or in-kind services, such as volunteer labor. This is not a requirement, but the cost-share percentage will be considered in project ranking);
5. Name and contact information of organization or individual that will receive funds and complete the work;
6. Location and map of proposed project; and
7. Indication of landowner approval.

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