‘ĀHIHI-KĪNA’U NATURAL AREA RESERVE
Management Plan Development Process

In 2008 a diverse and representative community and government working group began the process of developing a draft management plan for ‘Ahihi-Kina’u Natural Area Reserve. The plan they crafted aims to preserve and protect the Reserve’s unique natural and cultural heritage by addressing both new and long-standing issues well into the future.

The planning process was supported and guided by a unique partnership between DLNR’s Natural Area Reserve System, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and the ‘Ahihi-Kina’u NAR/Keone’o’io Advisory Group - a stakeholder group that provides guidance to DLNR regarding the management of the Reserve and Keone’o’io.

The 20-member working group worked together and consulted with experts in more than 15 meetings from 2008 to 2010 to establish the vision, priority resources, threats, goals, objectives and strategic actions for preserving ‘Ahihi-Kina’u NAR.

The working group finalized a draft plan in December 2010 after considering and incorporating public comment. Comments on the draft plan were invited during the open comment period: October 20 - November 20, 2010. A public meeting was held on November 3, 2010, which provided the public with another opportunity to provide input and comments.

In January 2011, the working group presented the draft plan to the public and the ‘Ahihi-Kina’u NAR/Keone’o’io Advisory Group. The Advisory Group recommended the plan be moved forward to the Natural Area Reserves Commission, who reviewed the draft management plan and implementation plan at their meetings on March 7, 2011 and June 4, 2012.

At the June 4, 2012 Meeting, the NARS Commission recommended the plan move forward for approval to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Once the Board approves the draft management plan it will become final.
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- **Nov 2008 - Dec 2008**: 3 Working Group meetings held
- **Jan 2009**: 10 sub-committee meetings on specific topics with experts held
- **Feb 2009 - May 2009**: 10 sub-committee meetings on specific topics with experts held
- **Jun 2009 - Apr 2010**: Draft plan written
- **Jul 2010 - Dec 2010**: 3 Working Group meetings held
- **Oct 2010 - Jan 2011**: Public comment period; Advisory Group recommended draft plan to NARS Commission
- **Jun 2012**: NARS Commission recommended draft plan to BLNR
- **Mar 2011 - May 2012**: Revised draft plan
- **Apr 2012**: Advisory Group requested completion of plan
- **March 2011**: NARS Commission Meeting held; requested implementation strategy
- **Oct 2012**: BLNR Meeting; last stage of comment and approval of draft plan