

# Olokui

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**Island:** Molokai  
**Size:** 1,620 acres  
**Elevational range:** near sea level - 4,602 feet  
**Year established:** 1985  
**Date surveyed:** March 1989  
**Description:** An isolated plateau set between two of Molokai's largest and most undisturbed streams. A pre-dawn infrared helicopter survey confirmed that the plateau of Olokui remains one of the few rain forest areas in the state still free from feral ungulates. It is exceptionally intact as a result, providing examples of native communities and essential forest bird habitat. Rare snails were observed during the 1989 survey.

**Natural Communities:** 10 total, none rare

RANK	NAME
3	Hawaiian Intermittent Stream
3	Hawaiian Mixed Shrub Coastal Dry Cliff
3	Kawelu Coastal Dry Grassland
3	Lama/'Ohi'a Lowland Mesic Forest
3	Mixed Fern/Mixed Shrub Montane Wet Cliff
3	'Ohi'a/Mixed Shrub Montane Wet Forest
3	'Ohi'a/'Olapa Montane Wet Forest
3	'Ohi'a/Uluhe Lowland Wet Forest
3	'Ohi'a/Uluhe Montane Wet Forest
4	Uluhe Lowland Wet Shrubland

**Native Plants:** 150 total taxa, 33 rare

**Native Animals:** 9 total taxa, 6 rare

**Management Highlights:** No feral ungulates have been detected from the summit, which is astoundingly pristine. Management will concentrate on keeping ungulates from reaching the summit area. Short fences placed in critical locations are recommended for potential access ridges. Human access trails to the summit from lower areas should be prohibited. Restricting access will prevent people from spreading weed seeds. Some monitoring will be needed to keep track of noxious weeds and ungulates. Aerial hunting is recommended to immediately reduce animal populations in both Wailau and Pelekunu valleys.