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Members

Natural Area Reserves System Commission Subcommittee on Enhancement  
State of Hawai`i  
Honolulu, Hawai`i

NARS Commission Enhancement Subcommittee Members:

**SUBJECT:** Recommend opportunities or strategies for conservation management and designation of Biologically Important Areas statewide.

This submittal requests that Subcommittee members consider biological information and management issues relating to each Biologically Important Area and create recommendations for conservation management and designation.

**BACKGROUND:**

The list of Biologically Important Areas was determined and prioritized by the Enhancement Report, and in meetings with the NARS Commission, with the input of DLNR staff, and experts from other conservation organizations and agencies.

After this list was created, branch meetings were held on each island to get information and recommendations from DLNR staff on each of the areas to report to the Enhancement Subcommittee. In some cases, site visits were held and input from other entities was also gathered to gain more information about certain areas.

This information has been compiled in a "Biologically Important Area" proposal for these areas. Additionally, various recommendations for the management as well as administrative steps that had been brainstormed are also being presented in these proposals, so Members can see some of the options available and formulate recommendations. Proposals have not yet been written for all of these areas due to a lack of time, but eventually they will be submitted to the Subcommittee. Please review the proposals that have been posted online, and check back regularly to see if additional proposals are available.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Please review the Biologically Important Area proposals that are available for download at:  
<http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/nars/narsc/NARSC-Meeting-5.26.09>

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Respectfully Submitted,



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