



I ulu no ka lālā i ke kumu.

The branches grow because of the trunk.

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The Indigenous Crop Biodiversity Festival – how we began.

For more than a decade, there has been growing voice in Hawai'i, the Pacific, and among many other nations and peoples of the world, calling for a return to indigenous crop biodiversity to address local food security and healthy communities. The ICBF emerged in tandem with the journey that led to hosting the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress in Hawai'i as an opportunity to create dedicated space for indigenous voices in the crop biodiversity conservation and food security leading up to the WCC.

To support this, the ICBF has developed a pre-event program specifically for WCC participants concerned with this issue. The week includes a series of lectures on indigenous crop biodiversity, a WCC members session on indigenous experiences, challenges and successes in crop cultivar diversity recovery, site visits to a range of cultivar collections and distribution models in Maui and Moloka'i, a day of celebration for the foundational Polynesian food and use plants that made their way to Hawai'i, and a special host dinner for WCC participants with Maui's leaders in conservation. Members involved in biodiversity conservation and climate change issues will also find site visits and events of interest. Each will help inform participants' work during the Pacific Ocean Summit and the WCC.



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INDIGENOUS
CROP BIODIVERSITY
FESTIVAL

*celebrating indigenous
crops and biodiversity
conservation in Maui Nui*

August 24-30, 2016

Protecting and preserving unique, traditional cultivars of our local food and use plants, as well as their wild relatives, is part of the common ground we share in the race to preserve the biological and cultural uniqueness of our world in the face of rapid climate change globally.

E kumupa'a. Our call to action.

Together we plant a forest, a breadfruit tree, a taro patch, rebuild a fishpond, protect a reef, recall the names and languages of our ancestors and restore a firm foundation for our future. We are far more when working together than any one of us alone. We seek to build new partnerships that strengthen our collective actions across the Pacific and the world.

As a pre-event to the IUCN-WCC and the Pacific Ocean Summit, the ICBF offers a valuable opportunity for participants to gather information and expand perspectives as they prepare to engage in key dialogues within the WCC 2016. In addition to indigenous crop biodiversity conservation and food security, other key topics include: biosecurity; species and habitat conservation; pro-active planning for sea-level rise, and; renewable energy for small islands. The ICBF will engage our local communities and youth in unparalleled opportunities to learn about these issues with people from across the world and in our own backyards. We will deepen our connections to each other, nation to nation, family to family, and person to person.

E KUMUPA'A

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The event.

From August 24th through August 30th Maui County will be alive with the collective spirit of caring for *'āina* and *moana*, our land and oceans! Begin the week with a County-wide volunteer conservation workday, followed by two days of exceptional speakers and an "off-campus" Conservation Campus for WCC members on indigenous crop biodiversity and food security. Join us in celebrating a broad range of conservation efforts at the main festival event on August 27th. Throughout the week, participate in workshops with youth and community leaders and a wide range of site visits to indigenous crop collections, botanical gardens, and conservation projects. Share experiences around some of the most pressing conservation and sustainability issues of our time. Fill your evenings with cultural events, films, music, art, food and celebration. Join us in Maui Nui for this extraordinary experience!

