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## Marine Invertebrates

### Hawaiian oyster

*Ostraea sandvicensis*

**SPECIES STATUS:**

IUCN Red List - Not considered  
Endemic

**SPECIES INFORMATION:** This is an oyster endemic to Hawai'i. Little else is known about their life history.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Unknown.

**ABUNDANCE:** Unknown.

**LOCATION AND CONDITION OF KEY HABITAT:** Unknown.

**THREATS:** None identified.

**CONSERVATION ACTIONS:** The goals of conservation actions are to not only protect current populations, but to also establish further populations to reduce the risk of extinction. In addition to common state-wide and island conservation actions, specific actions include:

- Work to clean estuaries with significant pollution;
- Restore habitat.

**MONITORING:**

- Establish survey schedule to determine population size and distribution.

**RESEARCH PRIORITIES:**

- Improve understanding of the life history, biology, and ecology of these oysters.

**References:**

None identified.