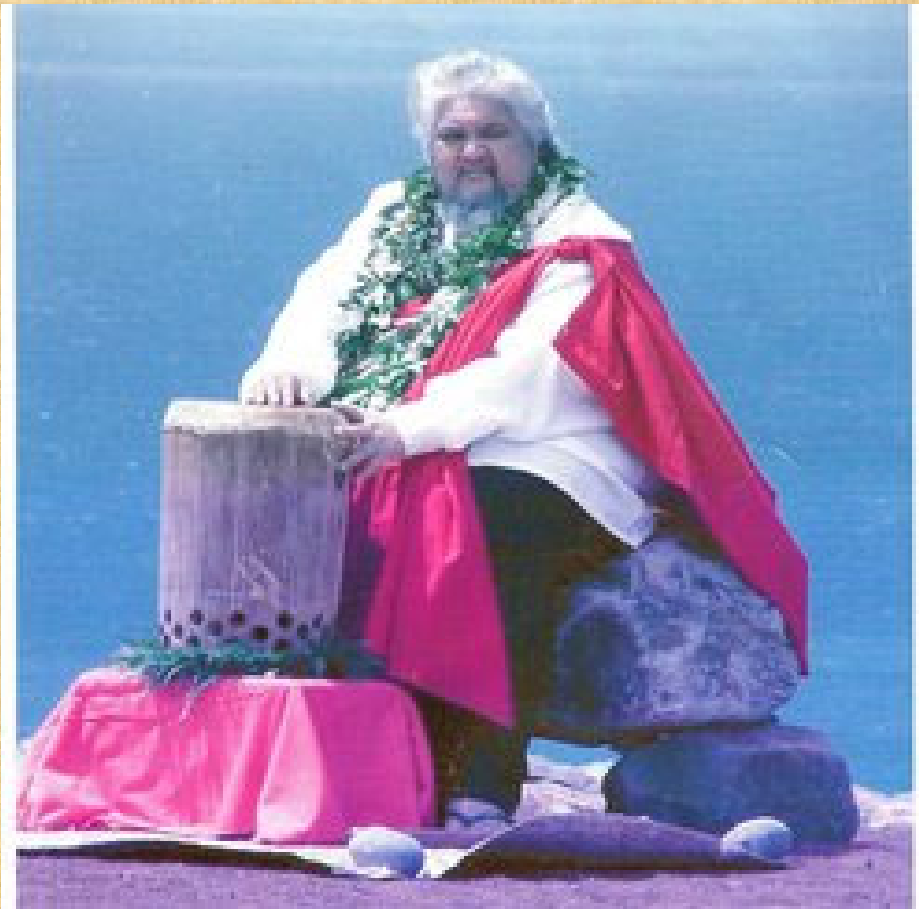




Hawaii State Aha Moku
Presentation
Hā'awi'ana

The Beginning

Founder of the Aha Moku



John Keanuenu Kaimikaua
1958 - 2006

2004 Vision:

“Lepo Popolo rising to prominence on the crest of a wave”

Interpretation:

It was time for the maka'ainana to take its place in natural resource sustainability

Founders of the Aha Moku



John Keolamaka'ainana Lake
1938 – 2008
Moku O Kakuhihewa

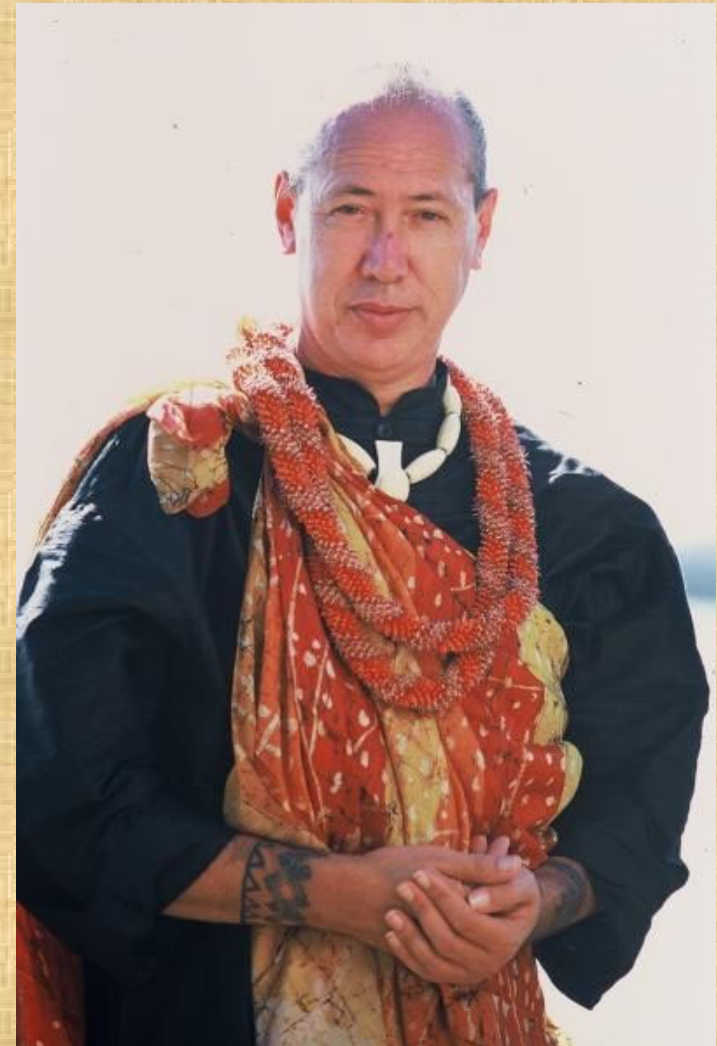


Keli'i Taua
1943 – 2023
Moku O Pi'ilani
Nana'i Kaula
Moloka'i Pule O'o
Moku O Kanaloa

Founders of the Aha Moku



(Leonard) Kimokeo Kapahulehua
1947
Manokalanipo
Ka Aina O Kawelonakala



(Frank) Kawaikapuokalani Hewett
Pae'Aina O Hawai'i Nei

Foundation of the Aha Moku

KE KAHUA O KA 'AHA MOKU

THE FOUNDATION OF THE AHA MOKU

(As translated by Kawaikapuokalani Hewett from ancient chants and mo'olelo dating to the 9th Century)

MĀLAMA I KE AKUA (To serve and honor our Akua)

MĀLAMA I KA 'ĀINA (To serve and honor our 'Aina)

MĀLAMA I NĀ IWI HĀNAU O KA 'ĀINA (To serve and honor one another)

Foundation cont...

MISSION:

TO BRING THE PEOPLE/NĀ IWI HĀNAU O KA 'ĀINA AND THEIR VOICES AND DECISIONS FORWARD TO ALL POLICY MAKERS REGARDING THE SUSTAINABILITY AND PERPETUATION OF ALL NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES CONNECTED TO AKUA THAT CREATED THE 'ĀINA/LAND, AND THE 'ĀINA FROM WHICH THE KĀNAKA WAS BORN AND THE KĀNAKA IWI HĀNAU O KA 'ĀINA.

PURPOSE AND GOALS

TO SERVE AKUA, THE 'ĀINA AND THE IWI HĀNAU O KA 'ĀINA AS CARETAKERS AND STEWARDS OF ALL NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES OF THE PAE MOKU OF HAWAI'I NEI WITH THE 'IKE AND THE PONO OF OUR ANCIENT AND INHERITED TRADITIONS , ORDER AND GENERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE WHICH IS OUR KULEANA/BIRTHRIGHT.



**Authors of the
Hawaii State Aha Moku**

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Moku O Piilani – 29

Moloka'i Pule O'o – 24

Nana'i Kaula – 18

Moku O Kanaloa – 4

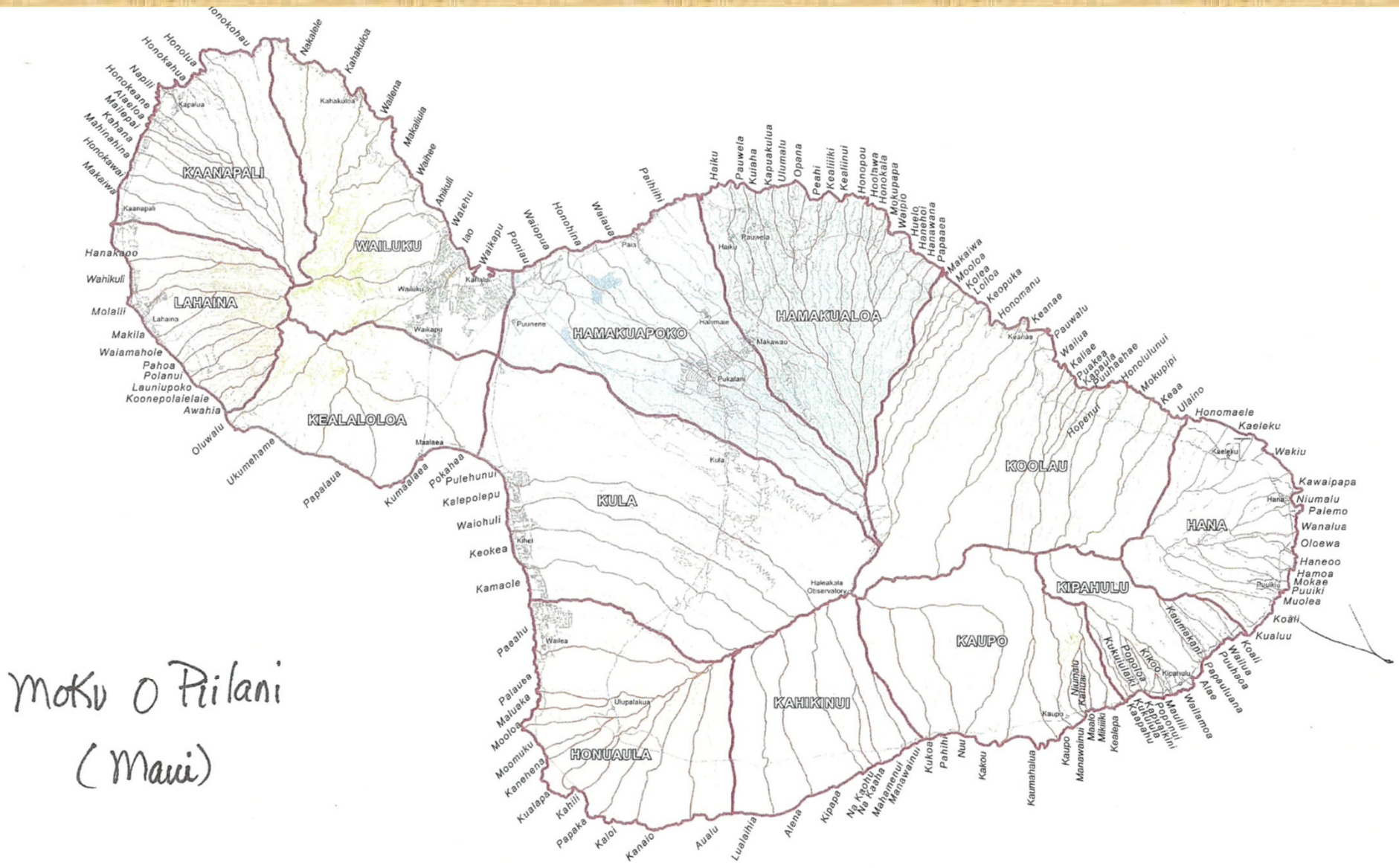
Moku O Kakuhihewa – 25

Manokalanipo – 15

Ka Aina O Kawelonakala – 16

TOTAL: 180

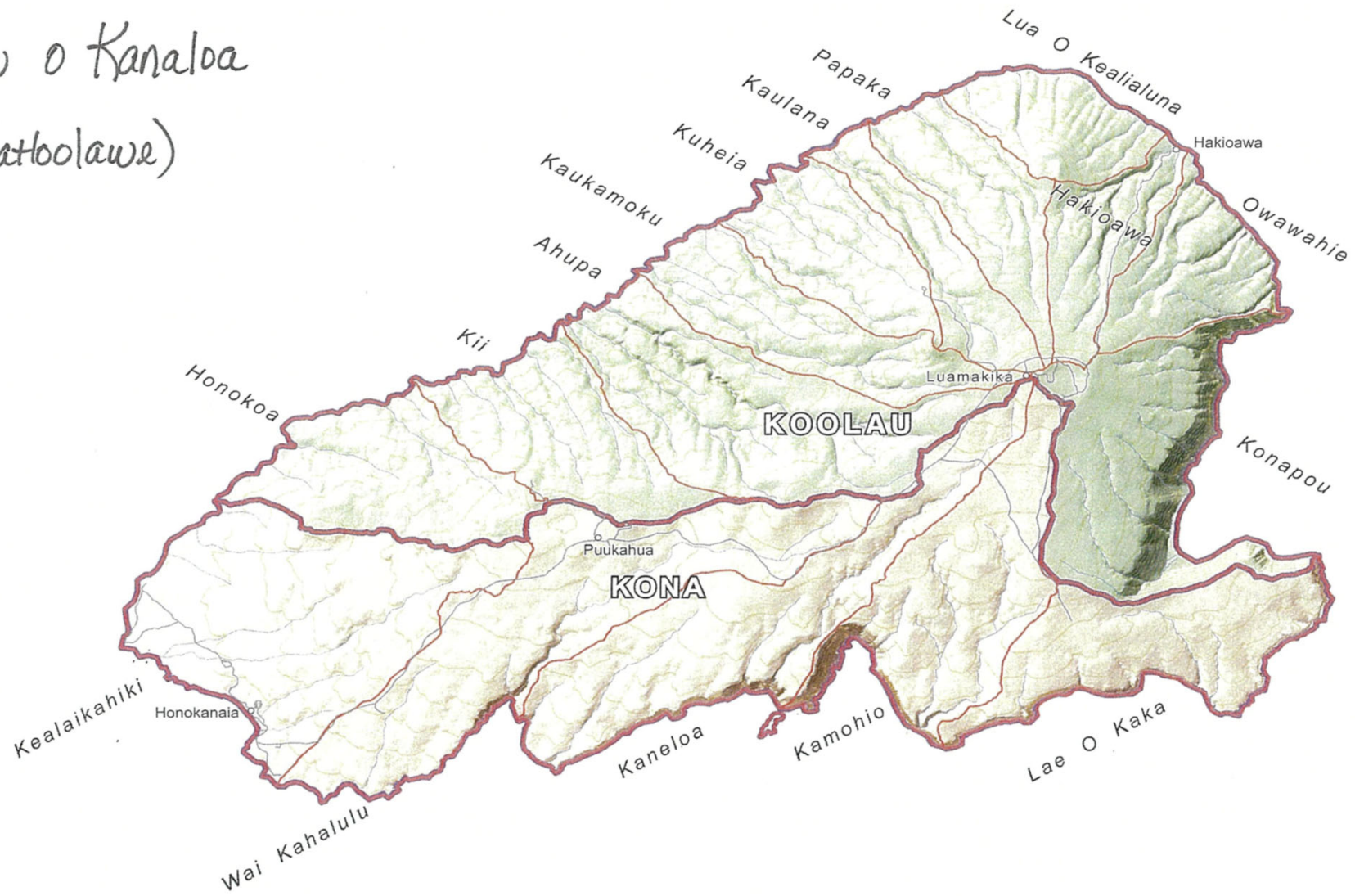
1835 Traditional Map of Moku O Pi'ilani



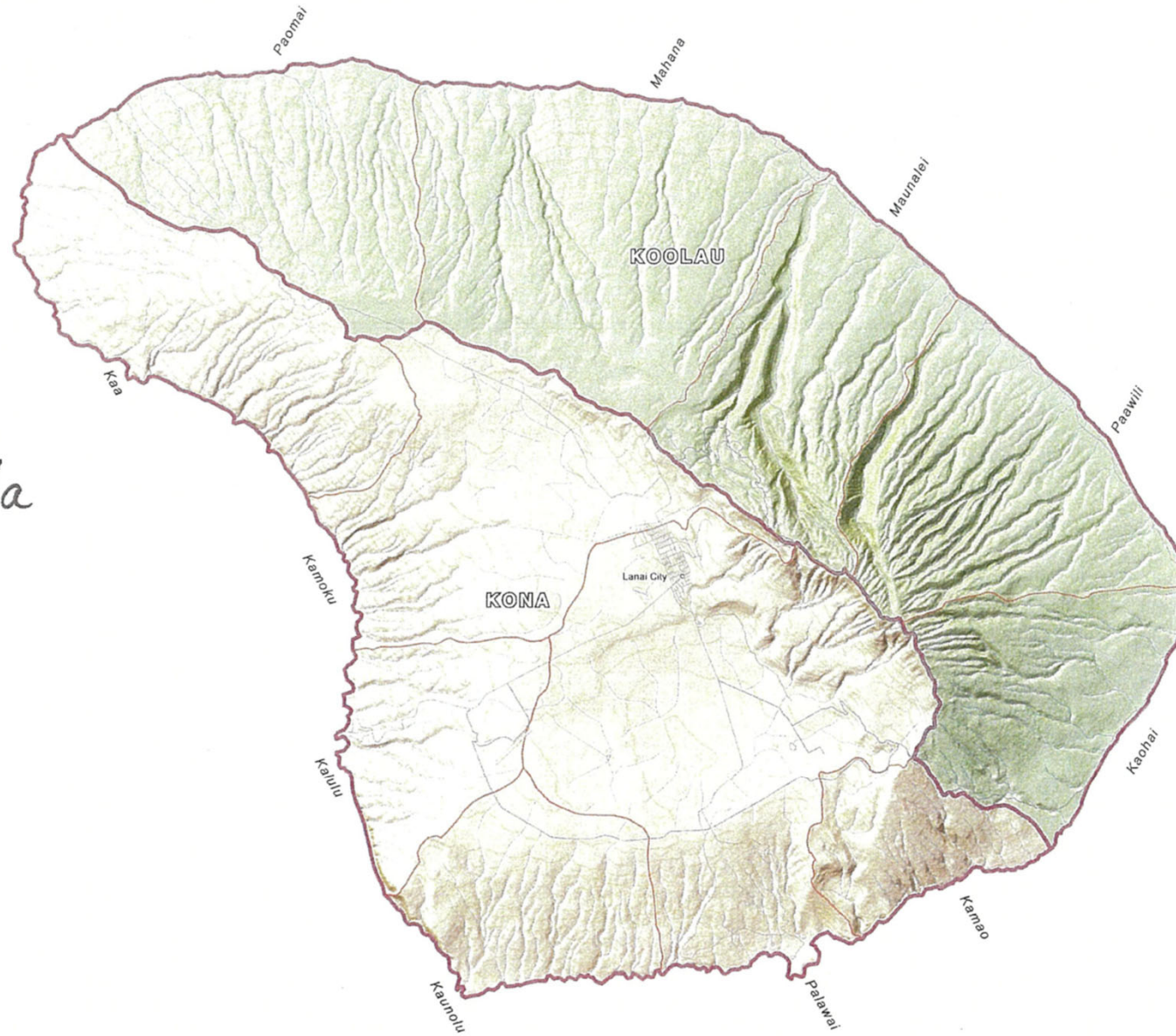
Moku O Piilani
(Maui)

1835 Traditional Map of Moku O Kanaloa

Moku o Kanaloa
(Kathoolawe)

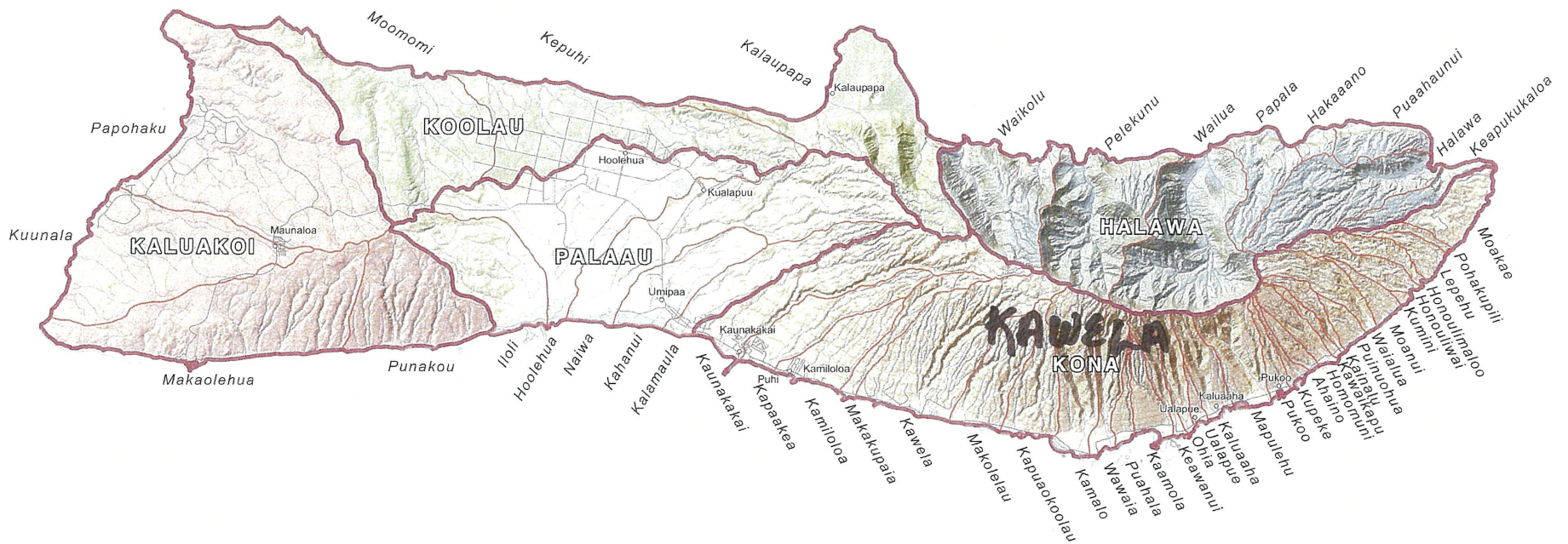


1835 Traditional Map of Nana'i Kaula



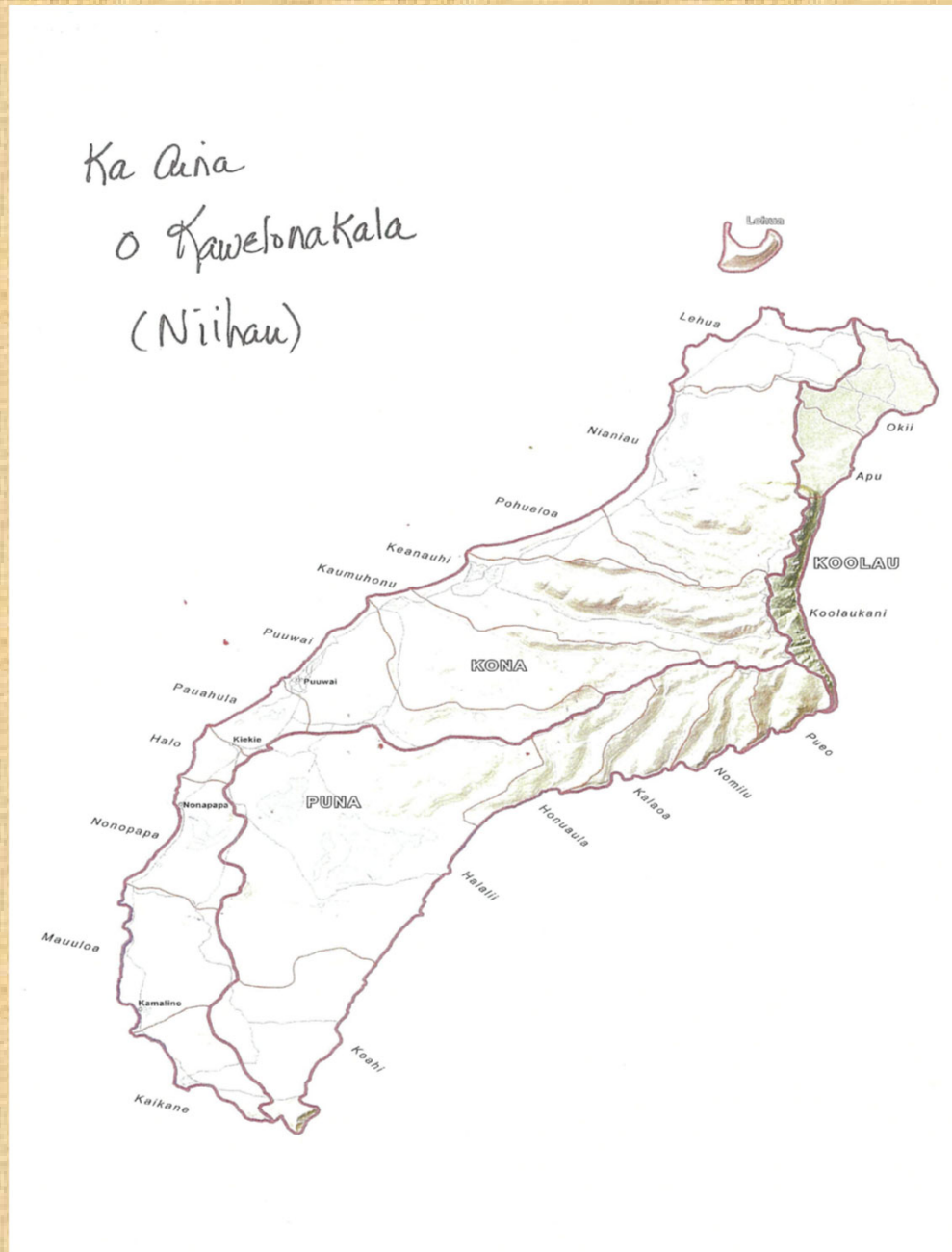
Nanai Kaula
(Lanai)

1835 Traditional Map of Moloka'i Pule O'o



Mdokai Pule O'o

1835 Traditional Map of Ka'Aina O Kawelonakala



Pae'Aina Summary

| Island | Moku | Ahupuaa |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Moku O Keawe (Hawaii) | 6 | 197 |
| Moku O Piilani (Maui) | 13 | 142 |
| Moku O Kanaloa (Kahoolawe) | 4 | 28 |
| Nana'I Kaula (Lanai) | 2 | 11 |
| Molokai Pule Oo (Molokai) | 4 | 51 |
| Moku O Kakuhihewa (Oahu) | 6 | 88 |
| Manokalanipo (Kauai) | 8 | 69 |
| Ka Aina O Kawelonakala (Niihau) | 3 | 20 |
| Islands – 8 | 46 | 606 |

Note: No one living on the following moku

| Island | Moku | Ahupuaa |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Moku O Kanaloa (Kahoolawe) | <u>Kona</u> | 5 |
| | Koolau | 11 |
| | Molokini | 0 |
| Manokalanipo (Kauai) | Napali | 14 |
| Islands – 2 | 4 | 30 |
| <i>Note: Actual Working Moku (Less the Moku & Ahupuaa where no one lives) & less Honuaula which is listed twice-once under Piilani and once under Kanaloa</i> | | |

Why an Aha Moku System?

Aha Moku is the Native Hawaiian implementation of the
Ka Pa'akai Hawaii Supreme Court Case



Manini



*Endemic plant, Kapala Vine
Kalaelo, Kakuhihewa*

- Last 150 years, the general public concerns on ecosystem degradation included NH fears of resource depletion and elimination of cultural practices – The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs addressed those concerns through the introduction of the Aha Moku to the Hawaii State Legislature in 2007
- 1st time since overthrow, kupuna and native Hawaiian resource experts from 46 traditional moku gather to address natural & cultural resource protection (2004 – 2023)



Aha Moku System Act 288

**Signed into law by
Governor Abercrombie
July 9, 2012**

**Officially recognizes
the Aha Moku System**

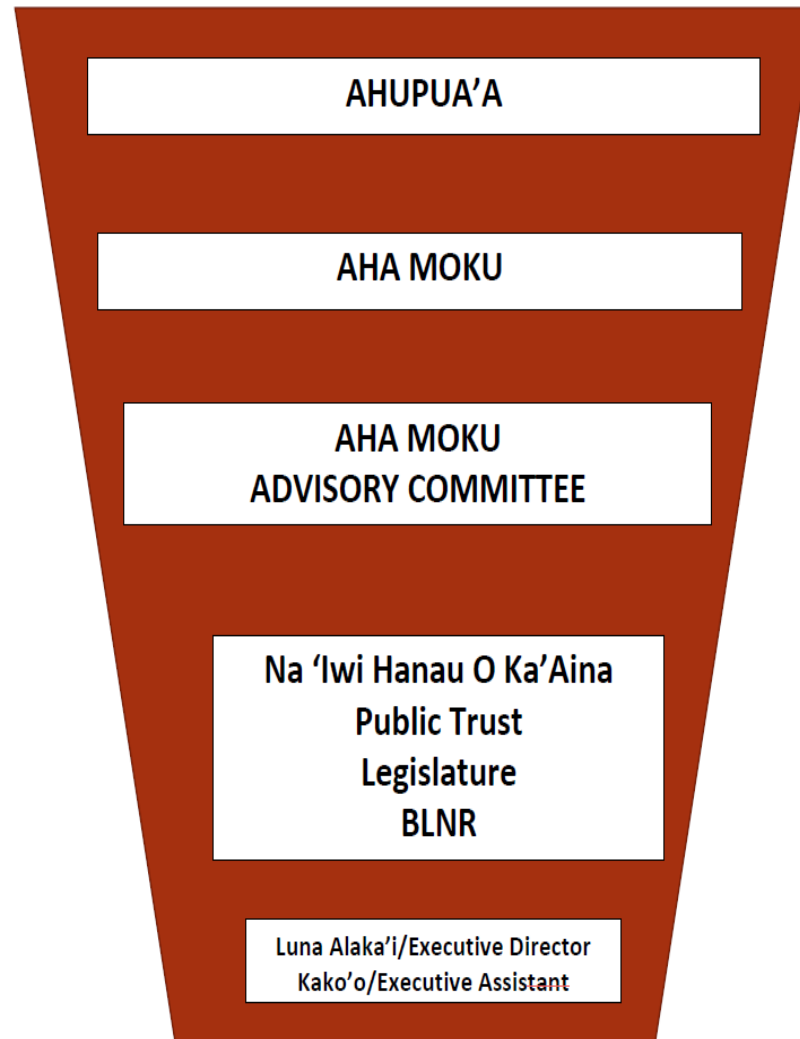
**Establishes Aha Moku
Advisory Committee
within the DLNR**

Act 288, SLH 2012

Aha Moku to Provide advice on

1. Integrating NH resource management practices with western practices in each moku
2. Id comprehensive set of NH practices for natural resource management that is site-specific
3. Fostering understanding & practical use of NH resource expertise
4. Sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural, agricultural & natural resources
5. Providing community education
6. Fostering cultural awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system

Traditional
Kanaka Maoli
**AHUPUA'A /
MOKU
STRUCTURE**





Integration of a traditional land-ocean sustainable system with contemporary governmental policy

- Kupuna/Practitioners saw the need for practical conservation and protection of their ecosystems and traditional practices for decades
 - **Kapa'akai O Ka'Aina became law in 2000**
- **Aha Moku was created in 2004, became law in 2007, then implemented in 2012**
 - Focus on the foundation – sustainability of ecosystem
- **Collaboration between stakeholders - government, Public Trust, environmental organizations, generational families critical**



What is Ka Pa'akai?

Ka Pa'akai O Ka Aina is a hui comprised of:

Kona Hawaiian Civic Club (a Hawaii non-profit)

Ka Lahui Hawai'i (a Hawaiian Nation)

Protect Kohanaiki Ohana (a Hawaii non-profit)

Vs.

Hawaii State Land Use Commission

Hawaii State Office of Planning

Hawaii County Department of Planning

Ka'upulehu Developments

1994 Ka Pa'akai contested the LUC decision of reclassification of 1,009 acres of land in the ahupua'a of Ka'upulehu, Moku O Keawe from a "Conservation" district to an "Urban District"

*Ka Pa'akai O Ka Aina (2000)** *(The Salt of the Land)*

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

- ❖ Identification and scope of “valued cultural, historical, or natural resources” in petition or impacted area, including the extent to which traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights are exercised in the petition area;
- ❖ The extent to which those resources, including traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights, will be affected or impaired by the proposed actions;
- ❖ The feasible action, if any, to be taken to reasonably protect native Hawaiian rights if they are found to exist.

* *Ka Pa'akai O Ka'Aina v. Land Use Commission, State of Hawai'i, 2000*
Supreme Court of Hawai'i

How Aha Moku works with Ka Pa'akai

Ka Pa'akai

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Aha Moku

- Restoration of 9th century natural & cultural resource sustainability process including identification of existing families who hold and pass down the generational knowledge pertaining to those resources;
- Once identification is made, families can show the extent of damage done, and in most cases, show how damage can be minimized or corrected.
- Mitigation and discussion between government agencies and divisions, communities and generational practitioners can protect ecosystems, and traditional customary practices of natural and cultural resources.

Some Issues brought forward by Aha Moku & Ahupua'a On-going

| Issues | BLNR/DLNR Divisions |
|---|----------------------------|
| Pohakuloa Army Training Area, Final Environmental Impact Statement, May 2025 | BLNR DLNR Land Division |
| Kahuku Army Training Area Final Environmental Impact Statement, June 2025 | BLNR DLNR Land Division |
| Kawailoa-Poamoho Army Training Area Final Environmental Impact Statement, June 2025 | BLNR DLNR Land Division |
| Makua Military Reservation Final Environmental Impact Statement, June 2025 | BLNR DLNR Land Division |
| Navy Region Hawaii-Navy/NASA Draft EIS Pacific Missile Range Facility/Koke'e Park Geophysical Observatory Consultation, August 28, 2025 | Hawaii State Aha Moku |
| Illegal camping, fishing, coconut tree planting – Makua, Keawaula, O'ahu | State Parks |
| Endangered Species and Forestry Program, Ka'u, Hawaii | DOFAW |
| Kealakekua Cultural Advisory Council, Hawaii | State Parks |
| Waianae Watersheds Program (Waianae Ridge) | DOFAW, CWRM |

Mahalo Nui Loa!

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