

Kuia

Island: Kauai
Size: 1,636 acres
Elevational range: 2,200 - 3,900 feet
Year established: 1981
Date surveyed: September 1988
Description: The mesic forests of northeastern Kokee contain a large number of native tree species, including a rare red-flowered Hawaiian tree cotton. Two of the forest communities are rare.
Natural Communities: 5 total, 2 rare

| RANK | NAME |
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| 2 | Kauai Diverse Lowland Mesic Forest |
| 2 | Koa/'Ohi'a Mixed Montane Mesic Forest |
| 3 | 'A'ali'i Lowland Dry Shrubland |
| 3 | Koa/'Ohi'a Lowland Mesic Forest |
| 3 | 'Ohi'a/Uluhe Montane Wet Forest |

Native Plants: 160 total taxa, 54 rare

Native Animals: 9 total taxa, 1 rare

Management Highlights: Goats and deer are damaging the lowland forests while pigs constitute the biggest threat to upland forests. No fencing or snaring is practical at this time. Instead, a program of increased public and staff hunting is recommended. Other management recommendations include increased access, an open hunting season within the reserve, and removing bag limits for hunting in the reserve. Priority weeds can be removed from areas of fairly intact native forest only. Target weeds are banana poka, lantana, blackberry, firebush, karaka nut, silk oak, and strawberry guava. Stakeout and prosecution of marijuana growers are recommended to curtail incipient growing activities.