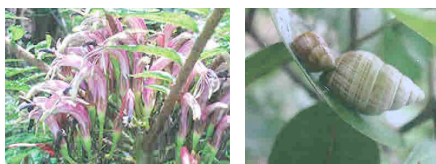


FACT SHEET: Honouliuli Forest Reserve Acquisition



The Division of Forestry and Wildlife used Legacy Land funds to purchase 3,582 acres of land in Honouliuli, Wai'anae Mountain Range, Island of O'ahu, for the protection of forest, watershed, and wildlife habitat.

Funding and partners:

The State of Hawai'i Legacy Land Conservation Program provided \$982,956.50; the Army Compatible Use Buffer Program and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Lands Acquisition Program provided \$3,225,000 in federal funds, the City and County of Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands Program provided \$537,500; and the Trust for Public Land provided bridge financing and technical assistance.

Public benefits:

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 173A-2.6, the Legacy Land Conservation Program is mandated to prioritize the protection of lands providing critical habitats for threatened or endangered species that are in imminent danger of being harmed or negatively impacted.

Over 90 rare and endangered plant and animal species reside in the lands acquired, including 33 threatened and endangered plant species, one endangered bird species, and two endangered tree snails. The Honouliuli forest is critical habitat for the endangered O'ahu 'Elepaio, and provides habitat to other non-endangered native species such as the Pueo. The forest watershed provides rainwater recharge to Pearl Harbor aquifer, the main source of drinking water on O'ahu, and feeds Honouliuli Stream and Waikele Streams, which flow into Pearl Harbor and part of the Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge.

The Division manages the land as a State Forest Reserve and plans to create public trail access and work with U.S. Army and The Nature Conservancy to protect forest, watershed, and wildlife habitat. The Nature Conservancy, Edmund C. Olson, the Gill family, and members of the Campbell family created an endowment through the Hawaii Community Foundation to assist the State in funding long-term management of the land.

