Uluniu o Kapuawailana

January 22, 2026 | Waiheʻe Coastal Dunes & Wetlands Refuge | Kapoho, Maui

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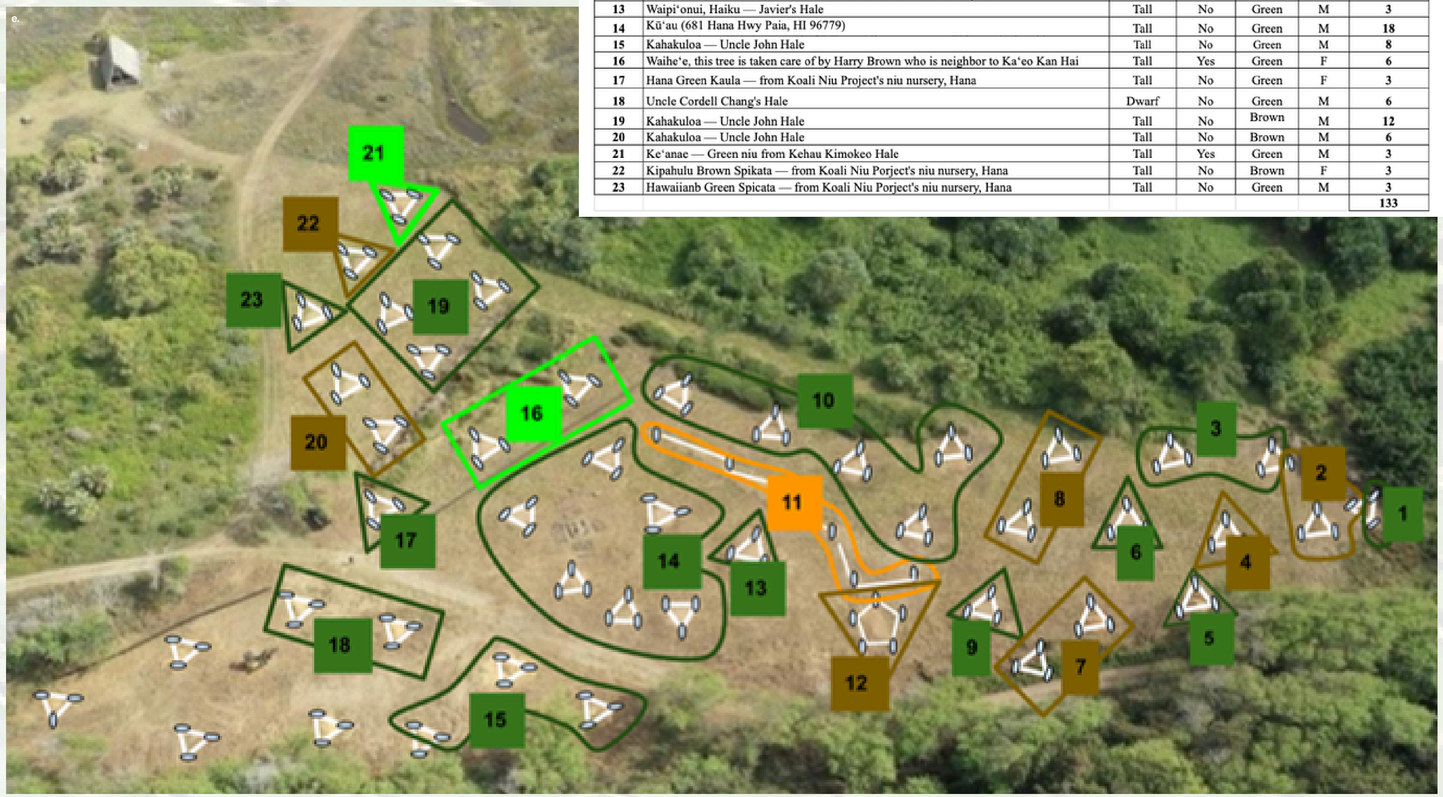

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Motu	Ethno-Demographical Information	Stature	Bole	Color	Gender	Amount
1	Waipiʻonui, Haiku — Javier's Hale	Tall	No	Green	F	2
2	Waipiʻonui, Haiku — Javier's Hale	Tall	Yes	Brown	M	5
3	Kahakuloa — Uncle John Hale	Tall	No	Green	M	5
4	Waipiʻonui, Haiku — Javier's Hale	Tall	Yes	Yellow	M	3
5	Makaʻaka — This niu is use for Makahiki Ceremony as an offering to Lono.	Tall	No	Green	F	3
6	Uncle Cordell Chang's Hale	Tall	No	Green	F	3
7	Kahakuloa — Uncle John Hale	Tall	No	Green	F	6
8	Haʻikū, Ho'olawa Farms — Anna Palomino Hale	Tall	No	Yellow	F	6
9	Waipiʻonui, Haiku — Javier's Hale	Tall	Yes	Green	M	3
10	Paukūkalo (Kūkono Pl.) tree is locagted river line on the opposite end of the kalo patches.	Tall	Yes	Green	M	15
11	Kuiaha (K - bay), 100+ years old tree with over 100 female flowers on each inflorescence.	Tall	No	Orange	M	6
12	Paukūkalo (Kūkono Pl.), niu sits in the front end near the nursery side	Tall	No	Brown	M	5
13	Waipiʻonui, Haiku — Javier's Hale	Tall	No	Green	M	3
14	Kūʻau (681 Hana Hwy Paia, HI 96779)	Tall	No	Green	M	18
15	Kahakuloa — Uncle John Hale	Tall	No	Green	M	8
16	Waiheʻe, this tree is taken care of by Harry Brown who is neighbor to Kaʻeo Kan Hai	Tall	Yes	Green	F	6
17	Hana Green Kaula — from Koali Niu Project's niu nursery, Hana	Tall	No	Green	F	3
18	Uncle Cordell Chang's Hale	Dwarf	No	Green	M	6
19	Kahakuloa — Uncle John Hale	Tall	No	Brown	M	12
20	Kahakuloa — Uncle John Hale	Tall	No	Brown	M	6
21	Keʻanae — Green niu from Kehau Kimokeo Hale	Tall	Yes	Green	M	3
22	Kipahulu Brown Spikata — from Koali Niu Porject's niu nursery, Hana	Tall	No	Brown	F	3
23	Hawaiianb Green Spicata — from Koali Niu Porject's niu nursery, Hana	Tall	No	Green	M	3
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a. Kumu Hula Auliʻi Mitchell and Pulama Collier on the pahu. **b.** During the planting ceremony, Ka Poholima Kāʻeo constructed the uluniu ahu and consecrated its completion with wai niu. **c.** The hui gathered around ahu ʻOlopu to close the ceremony. **d.** Seedlings in the carefully organized niu nursery. **e.** Map of *Uluniu o Kapuawailana* showing 133 niu representing 23 varieties (as of 1/22/2026). Niu are planted in motu (3–5 trees each), arranged as a polymotu system—an ancient strategy for maintaining varietal separation and safeguarding coconut genetic diversity. **f.** Inventory of niu varieties documenting ethno-demographic information and morphological traits. **g.** Nursery matrix illustrating niu layout and varietal organization. **h.** Kekaula Hanohano receiving his ʻuniki and kuleana for *Uluniu o Kapuawailana* from Indrajit Gunasekara and Aunty Manu, including gifts of a lei iwi hala, kīhei from Pōhaku Pelemaka, and an ʻōʻō made from a kumu niu of Pōkaʻi Bay, crafted by Anthony Watson from Palau. **i.** Participants planting niu keiki during the mū ka waha ceremony, guided through shared awareness rather than spoken instruction. **j.** The community gathered at ahu Heʻe Palaha for pule before dinner and planting.