

FY 2012 Report Summary

HAWAI'I INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

PROVIDING STATE POLICY DIRECTION, COORDINATION, AND PLANNING TO PROTECT
HAWAI'I FROM THE IMPACTS OF INVASIVE SPECIES.



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2012 HIGHLIGHTS

Council met four times in FY12 to:

- Approve a \$1.8M budget to support invasive species prevention, control, & outreach projects
- Identify policy goals relating to invasive species for the 2012 Legislative Session
- Support the regional Micronesian Biosecurity Plan (MBP) as a model of biosecurity in the Pacific
- Visit Maui County & discuss how the state and county can work together to address the problem of growing axis deer populations

Council Achievements

- Advised Governor & the Legislature on priority issues including the MBP & need to manage axis deer, 'ōhi'a rust, albizia, & mosquitoes
- Identified biocontrol of invasive species as a priority for funding in FY13
- Held first-ever neighbor island meeting on Maui
- Met with National Invasive Species Council to discuss state, federal, & regional issues

HISC FUNDED PROJECTS IN FY12

Prevention Working Group

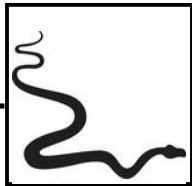
- Developed a website to provide the public with native & non-invasive alternatives to common landscaping & horticultural plants
- Established a ballast water & hull fouling program to monitor invasive species arriving in marine vessels
- Provided the only quantitative weed risk assessment tool in Hawai'i

Response & Control Working Group

- Eradicated coqui frogs & captured the first two live mongoose on Kaua'i
- Dispatched the first axis deer on Hawai'i Island
- Developed a new pesticide tool for homeowners to combat little fire ant infestations
- Detected & controlled little fire ant on Maui
- Collected new biocontrol agents through DOA's foreign exploration program
- Surveyed over 2000 of acres to prevent miconia from establishing in O'ahu's watersheds

Public Outreach Working Group

- Provided community outreach & education in all counties to raise awareness & engage the public
- Produced & aired public service announcements about little fire ant
- Reached & educated thousands of people at county fairs
- Organized volunteer cleanups to remove invasive algae from the reef
- Received 622,955 hits on www.hawaiiinvasivespecies.org website



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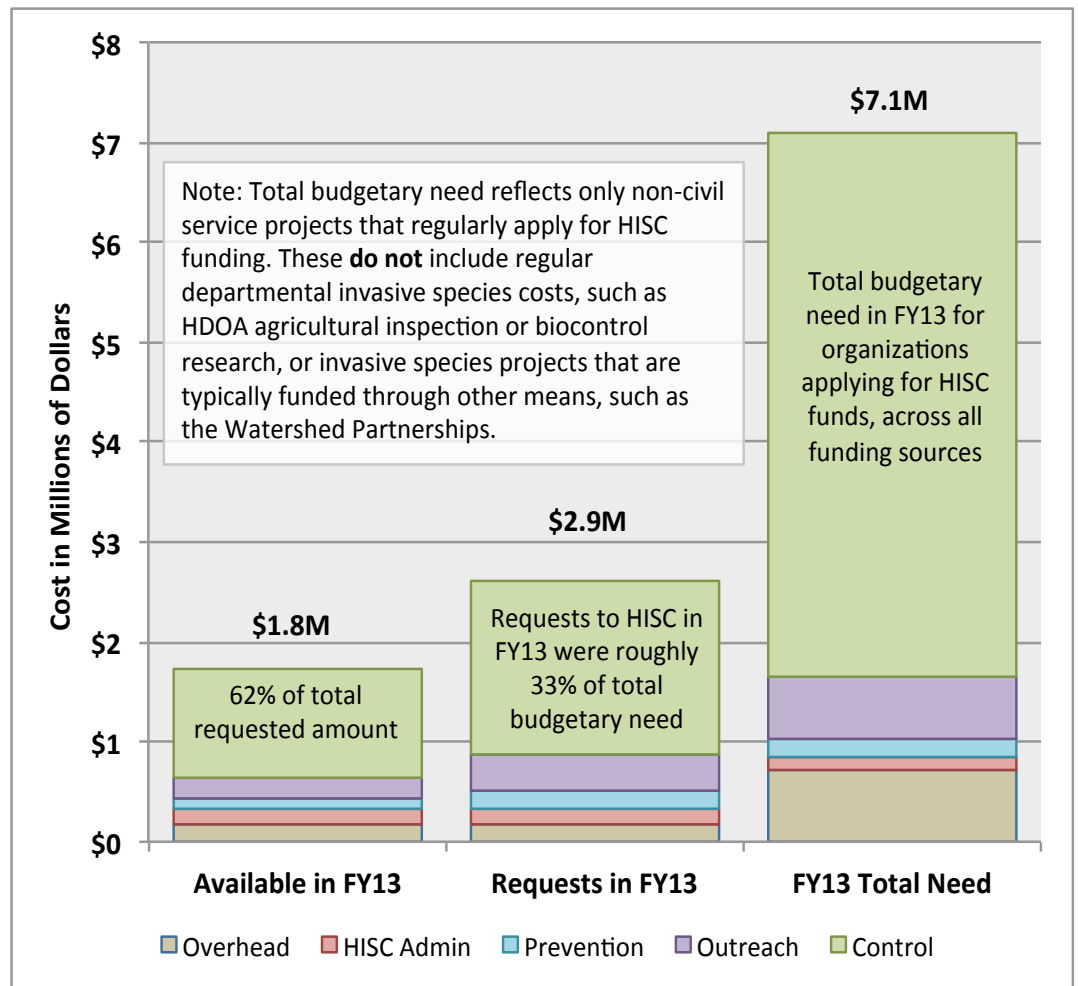
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Invasive Species Funding: HISC's annual budget for invasive species prevention, control, and outreach has decreased from \$4M in FY05 to \$1.8M in FY13. Organizations that applied for HISC awards in FY13 needed a total of \$7.1M to fulfill FY13 operations. In many cases HISC funds are leveraged by federal, county, or private funds, but often these sources are insufficient to meet annual project needs. **The HISC needs a dedicated funding source and a restoration of its original funding levels** to adequately support its goals for invasive species prevention, control and outreach.

HISC fund recipients in FY13:

- Hawai'i-Pacific Weed Risk Assessment
- Hawai'i Ant Lab
- The island-based Invasive Species Committees
- The City and County of Honolulu
- US Forest Service (for Hawai'i-specific biocontrol research)
- DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources
- Big Island Axis Deer Project
- Maui Axis Deer Working Group
- Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk Project
- Hawai'i Biodiversity Information Network
- Koke'e Resource Conservation Program



The **Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC)** is a cabinet-level interagency collaboration mandated by Chapter 194, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. It is Co-Chaired by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Department of Agriculture (DOA) with additional voting members from the Departments of Health (DOH), Transportation (DOT), and Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), and the University of Hawai'i (UH). Mayors and designated Senators and Representatives from each county are invited to participate, as well as representatives from the Hawai'i Departments of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), and Defense (DOD) and U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Interior, and Defense. HISC's 2008-2013 Strategic Plan can be viewed at: www.hawaiiinvasivespecies.org/hisc/

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