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## RESOLUTION 14-1

ENDORISING THE OVERARCHING GOALS AND JURISDICTIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL BIOSECURITY FOR MICRONESIA AND HAWAII

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Defense (USDOD) has developed the Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawaii (RBP, formerly known as the Micronesian Biosecurity Plan) in anticipation of relocation of military personnel and operations from Okinawa, Japan to alternative locations in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, The anticipated increase in military transport in Micronesia and Hawaii is associated with an elevated risk for the movement of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the RBP includes risk analyses for invasive species pathways associated with military relocation and potential impacts on terrestrial, marine, and freshwater systems in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the RBP provides jurisdictional recommendations for minimizing these risks, as well as suggested action items to address these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, participants in the final RBP workshop at the University of Guam in May, 2014, including representatives from the State of Hawaii, recommended endorsement by jurisdictional governments of the RBP overarching goals and biosecurity recommendations for respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the participants in the final RBP workshop recognized five overarching goals of the RBP, including:

1. Ensuring that biosecurity legislation is in place for all jurisdictions
2. Development of sustainable and appropriate funding streams which may include cost-recovery mechanisms
3. Improving engagement from all levels of society in regards to biosecurity and invasive alien species (IAS)
4. Improving communication and cooperation throughout the region using a cohesive multi-tiered mechanism to include jurisdictional, national and region structures
5. Improving biosecurity for terrestrial, freshwater, and marine systems within the jurisdictions and across the region; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictional recommendations for Hawaii include:

1. Pre-border/border Recommendations
  - a. Increase biosecurity surveillance measures and interception at both military and commercial airports and harbors including all entry points and screening checkpoints
  - b. Improve intra-state biosecurity and biosecurity addressing foreign arrivals at ports other than the main air and sea ports
  - c. Improve biosecurity for the movement of vehicles, equipment
  - d. Improve mail biosecurity
  - e. Improve capacity to detect pests in wood packaging material
  - f. Improve capacity to regulate the importation of live organisms
  - g. Reduce risk associated with live traded species
  - h. Improve pre-border biosecurity
2. Post Border Recommendations
  - a. Improve early detection and rapid response capacity
  - b. Increase management and control of established invasive species
  - c. Improve efforts to restore native ecosystems and species
3. Marine Systems Recommendations
  - a. Establish and enforce biofouling standards
  - b. Establish and enforce ballast water standards
  - c. Increase marine system protection from invasive species
4. Regional Partnership Recommendations
  - a. Support and improve regional coordination regarding biosecurity and IAS
  - b. Support regional agreements to limit the movement of known harmful species
  - c. Improve regional communication on invasive species and biosecurity issues and support of jurisdictional and regional efforts
  - d. Support the establishment of a regional invasive species coordination office. The regional IAS coordination office would serve as a focal point, coordinating body, communication and information center, and training resource for biosecurity activities throughout the region.
  - e. Support regional biosecurity and invasive species control efforts
  - f. Ensure that the RBP remains relevant by updating recommendation components on a regular basis
5. General Biosecurity Recommendations
  - a. Identify knowledge gaps for existing IAS concerns
  - b. Increase outreach and education on biosecurity and invasive species
  - c. Improve communications and ability to address biosecurity concerns between USDOD and civilian government agencies
  - d. Improve agriculture biosecurity and food security
  - e. Address climate change linkages to invasive pests
  - f. Improve Statewide biosecurity and coordination
  - g. Improve laws and regulations
  - h. Evaluate social, cultural, economic, and ecological values that may be impacted by invasions by non-native species; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations provided by the RBP do not obligate the Hawaii Invasive Species Council or the State of Hawaii to implement or fund specific actions, but may provide guidance on future projects that seek to enhance biosecurity within Hawaii and between Hawaii and Micronesia; and

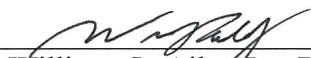
WHEREAS, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council shall coordinate and promote the State of Hawaii's position with respect to federal issues, per Chapter 194, Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council endorses the overarching goals of the RBP and the jurisdictional recommendations for Hawaii; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council encourages staff at its member agencies to review and revise suggested action items associated with these recommendations to guide future program development that strategically enhances biosecurity both within Hawaii and between Hawaii and Micronesia; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, and the President of the University of Guam.

Adopted by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council on the following date: October 28, 2014

  
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