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Marine Invertebrates

Hawaiian oyster

Ostraea sandvicensis

SPECIES STATUS:
IUCN Red List – Not considered
Endemic

SPECIES INFORMATION: This is an oyster endemic to Hawai'i. Little else is known about their life history.

DISTRIBUTION: Unknown.

ABUNDANCE: Unknown.

LOCATION AND CONDITION OF KEY HABITAT: Unknown.

THREATS: None identified.

CONSERVATION ACTIONS: The goals of conservation actions are to not only protect current populations, but to also establish further populations to reduce the risk of extinction. In addition to common state-wide and island conservation actions, specific actions include:

- Work to clean estuaries with significant pollution;
- Restore habitat.

MONITORING:

- Establish survey schedule to determine population size and distribution.

RESEARCH PRIORITIES:

- Improve understanding of the life history, biology, and ecology of these oysters.

References:

None identified.