

MEMBER'S ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

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ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) is a voluntary partnership of state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations whose goal is to protect Hawai'i from invasive species that impact the economy, environment, agriculture, and public health. CGAPS works to close the gaps in Hawaii's terrestrial and aquatic invasive species prevention, response, and control systems. CGAPS also works on national and regional issues as they affect Hawai'i. +

PRIORITIES / ACTIVITIES FOR FY2023

CGAPS and the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) have a 5-year joint Strategy. Ten strategies and key actions were prioritized from the 147 listed in the 2017-2027 Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan. HISC & CGAPS 2025 Strategies:

1. Prevention & Early Detection/Rapid Response for New Terrestrial Invasions – to keep top terrestrial invasive threats from arriving and establishing in the state.

ISAC-relevant Key Actions

- 1) Address regulatory gaps for terrestrial invasive species in Hawai'i to address high-risk pathways.
- 2) Continue to support adoption and implementation of an import restriction on Myrtaceae from foreign sources and apply this approach for the protection of additional key native and economically important plant species.
- 3) Strengthen early detection and rapid response (ED/RR) capacity on each island.

2. Inter/Intra-Island Movement of Terrestrial Invasive Species – to reduce the spread of invasive species between and across islands.

3. Aquatic Biosecurity – to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.

ISAC-relevant Key Actions

1) Establish a vessel inspection program in Hawai'i harbors, including a framework to co-regulate commercial vessels related to ANS as incidental discharges regulated under VIDA.

2) Identify and implement tools, technologies, and methods that improve detection and/or management of priority species and pathways.

4. Large-Scale Control of High-Impact Invasive Species – to expand management of widespread, high-impact species

5. Pacific Regional Biocontrol Center – to increase biocontrol work and critical infrastructure in Hawai'i.

ISAC-relevant Key Actions

1) Build a broad coalition to support the building and long-term maintenance of Pacific Regional Biocontrol Facilities.

2) Maintain and develop new regional and international partnerships to strengthen regional biocontrol capacity and projects. (continued...)

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6. Increased & Diversified Funding for Invasive Species Priorities – to secure at least \$100M annually by 2025 from federal, state, county and private sources.

ISAC-relevant Key Actions

1) Secure a funding mechanism (public and/or private) to provide at least \$1 million annually for emergency response to new terrestrial or aquatic incursions.

2) Investigate existing and new lines of federal funding for invasive species work.

7. Engaged & Supportive Community – to maintain strong community support (70%+ in polls) and mobilize action on these 2025 Joint Strategies.

ISAC-relevant Key Actions

1) Provide quality, timely, accessible information to community, decision-makers, and allies.

2) Understand the threats posed by invasive species and related compounding issues, such as climate change

3) Increase political will to support policy and funding needs.

4) Coordinate statewide or regional strategies and messages across lead agencies and partners; provide communications/coordination support for agencies and partners for key issues.

8. HISC Engagement Across Sectors – to improve engagement and support of all key agencies in HISC processes and activities.

9. Strong CGAPS Network - to engage all partners needed to implement these 2025 Joint Strategies.

10. Stable CGAPS Funding & Staffing - to provide core support for CGAPS operations.

Invasive species are the greatest driver of biodiversity loss on islands, and the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people and visitors (IUCN; LRB 2015). Yet it is now clear that climate change impacts are increasing, and that these dual threats have direct, indirect, and interacting effects. Preventing and managing high-impact invasive species is essential for maintaining and enhancing the resilience of forests and reefs, and the services they provide. In implementing these Strategies, HISC and CGAPS will continue to ensure that we:

- Manage for change, not just for persistence
- Reconsider goals, not just strategies
- Integrate adaptation into existing work