

Ka Palupalu o Kanaloa Partnership Project

## **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this project is to implement Ka Palupalu o Kanaloa Management Plan through a working group to restore *Kanaloa kahoolawensis* to the wild. This will result in delisting the species from the USFWS endangered species act.

## **PROJECT GOALS**

- Cultivate Kanaloa plants in propagation facilities
- Create hurricane shelters within the propagation facilities
- Propagate 100 or more plants in nurseries
- Outplant Kanaloa plants into the wild

<u>PARTNERS</u>: USFWS, Maui Nui Botanical Garden, National Tropical Botanical Garden (Kahanu Garden and Preserve), Olinda Rare Plant Facility, Hoʻolawa Farms, RCUH Plant Extinction Prevention Program, Lyon Arboretum Micropropagation Lab, Makena Golf & Beach Club, Protect Kahoʻolawe 'Ohana.

<u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>: The working group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss management actions to aid in the recovery of *Kanaloa kahoolawensis*.

PROJECT UPDATE: October 1st, 2022 – January 31st, 2023

The working group did not meet during this period, but three plants were transported from the Olinda Rare Plant Facility to NTBG Kahanu Garden and Preserve in Hana. Additionally, there are three plants at MNBG, 3 plants at Hoʻolawa Farms and 17 at the Olinda Rare Plant Facility.





Kahanu Horticultural Team at Ho'olawa Farms.

Kanaloa seedling in Hana with a flush of new growth.