

CRB Response Update

July 21 – August 1, 2014

- The pre-existing buffer zone has not expanded during this period. 86 adult beetles & 6 larvae were detected & 5 damaged & 5 dead palms/stumps were detected during this reporting period. 318 new delimiting survey panel traps were deployed while 1,780 existing traps were serviced. 4 palms were visually inspected within the buffer zone area along with 8 mulch sites.
- 1,030 cubic yards of mulch material were treated via in-vessel composting method.
- On 7/22/14 – Liaison Officer Rob Hauff gave a CRB presentation at a CDFA-organized webinar on palm pests. The audience was California palm growers and arbor care industry members.
- On 7/23/14 – the CRB Unified Command attended an Invasive Species meeting with the Dept. of Emergency Management for the City and County of Honolulu (C&C). The C&C indicated their interest in being a partner with the CRB Response and identified Dr. Po-Yung Lai as a Liaison with the response team. They have interest in the raw program data so they can provide situational awareness updates to the city staff in the urban forestry and parks divisions. They offered their assistance in visual survey activities on C&C properties.
- On 7/25/14 – Christy Martin of the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) provided training for officers of Hawaii Island Landscape Industry Association (HILA) and Big Island Association of Nurserymen (BIAN) on CRB signs and mulch site monitoring. Further outreach may be possible at the October HILA conference.
- On 7/25/14 – Christy Martin of (CGAPS) and Arnold Hara of University of Hawaii at Mānoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), provided outreach at the Hawaii Export Nursery Association / Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association joint conference. They were able to reach approximately 75 attendees with general outreach on CRB signs and how to monitor mulch sites.
- For the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) direct link to CRB information [click here](#) and for the most updated CRB flyer [click here](#).
- **Beetle Fact:** Live beetles & larvae should only be handled with rubber or similar-type gloves as may they harbor bacteria, which can cause severe intestinal discomfort and/or diarrhea.

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