

CRB Response Update

September 29 – October 10, 2014

- During this reporting period, 132 barrel traps and 1,990 panel traps were serviced, 84 adult and 312 CRB larvae were detected, and three mulch sites were surveyed.
- One adult female CRB was detected in a panel trap in the Moanalua area, but the find did not alter the current buffer zone.
- Incident Commander (IC) Pat McPherran, Public Information Officer (PIO) Rhonda Santos, Liaison Officer Randy Bartlett and Christy Martin, PIO from Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) provided a training class to City and County staff on September 30. Mayor Kirk Caldwell was also in attendance. This training class included one unit on CRB and one on LFA. The curriculum was developed by HDOA, CGAPS, HISC, and OISC. These sessions will assist the CRB and LFA responses in having more trained people looking for signs of CRB and LFA.
- In this reporting period, USDA Incident Command (IC) staff returned to their mainland duty stations. Leadership and funding for the response transitioned fully to HDOA and hiring of survey staff was initiated. The USDA will continue to provide agency representation and will support the program through the USDA APHIS PPQ science advisory panel.
- On October 8, 2014, IC R.T. Curtiss was interviewed by [KHON](#), [KITV](#), [Stars and Stripes](#), and the Honolulu Star advertiser about the Air Curtain Burner and CRB updates.
- **Beetle Fact:** CRB (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) larvae look very similar to Oriental flower beetle (*Proteatia orientalis*) larvae at various life stages. However, CRB larvae tend to crawl on their sides, while Oriental flower beetle larvae tend to crawl on their backs. Also, CRB adults normally fly at night, while Oriental flower beetles are active during daylight hours.

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