

**Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Update**  
**December 13-26, 2015**

- **Detections**
  - On Base (All DOD property on O‘ahu; including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPH-HI))
    - 14 adults/0 larvae detected of 2250 adults/1135 larvae total detected since 12/23/2013.
  - Off Base:
    - 3 adults/0 larvae detected of 957 adults total detected since 12/23/2013.
- **Surveillance**
  - A tree survey is still in progress on JBPH-HI.
  - Investigation into possible breeding sites continues within established buffer zones.
  - Over 2,700 CRB traps are currently in active service on O‘ahu.
- **Mitigation**
  - A social media campaign to build public awareness was launched by the Hawai‘i Invasive Species Council (HISC) on Instagram (@HISC808).
- **Research**
  - A CRB Research Center lab is being prepared at UH Mānoa with a projected occupancy date of February, 2016.
  - Research is still underway to better understand the cyclic nature of weekly, monthly, and annual trap capture rates.
- **Beetle Fact**
  - Damage: In older healthy palms, beetle damage can be tolerated. But in palms from 1 to 3 years old, damage by CRB (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) can result in severe malformation or death (Giblin-Davis, 2001).

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