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COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES



# TARO FIELD DAY

WAIMANALO RESEARCH STATION

41-698 Ahiki Street, Waimānalo, Hawaii

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Ten years ago, Waimanalo residents approached CTAHR about growing more Hawaiian taro at the Waimānalo Research Station. We first started growing taro in the corner of the old Waimanalo quarry. Ten years later, we have grown the original collection to be large enough to share huli with many organizations across O`ahu. Huli was initially obtained from UH CTAHR's Moloka`i and Kaua`i research stations along with `ohana donations.

Come and visit the UH CTAHR Waimānalo Kalo Germplasm Collection on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Spend the morning learning about: the history of CTAHR's taro collection; how we manage the collection using conventional and organic production practices; and our struggles and success stories dealing with new and re-occurring pests. Walk through our dryland kalo fields and network with Hawaii's agricultural agencies and local farmers. Fun for the whole family.

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Please dress and plan appropriately for farm conditions, rain or shine. Calcium oxalate in Kalo (*Colocasia esculenta*) can cause skin, throat and eye irritations. Please do not eat anything without proper cooking.

For information or to request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g., sign language interpreter, designated parking, or materials in alternate format), contact Jari Sugano ([suganoj@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:suganoj@ctahr.hawaii.edu)) at [suganoj@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:suganoj@ctahr.hawaii.edu) at least seven days before the activity/event (March 10, 2018).





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## PROPAGATE • PROTECT • PERPETUATE

9:00 AM – Welcome and Background on the CTAHR Taro Collection in Waimānalo

10:00 AM - Scouting for the New Kalo Disease in the Field- Taro Vein Chlorosis Virus (TaVCV) (Melzer)

10:15 AM- Scouting for Taro Leaf Blight (TLB) in the field (Sugano)

11:00 AM – Organic Culture of Kalo at the Waimānalo Research Station (SOAP)

Agricultural agencies (CTAHR, USDA, DOA, East County HFB, SOAP, West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation, Oahu RC&D, GoFarm Hawaii, WSARE, Lyons Arboretum (tissue culture), HARC, Waimea Valley, Hoaiyono, Get Local, etc.) will be hosting educational tables. KCC will host taro product demonstrations. Hui Malama o Ke Kai and others will kui kalo during the day. Waimea Valley will have huli for distribution. Fun for the whole family.



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