Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Update November 13-26, 2016

Detections

- On Base (All DOD property on Oahu; including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH))
 - 44 adults detected (of 2,958 adults detected since 12/23/2013).
- Off Base:
 - 14 adults detected (of 408 adults detected since 12/23/2013).

Surveillance & Trapping

- Investigation into possible breeding sites continues within established buffer zones.
- o 3,371 trap services conducted on 3,055 total traps during this reporting period.
- New panel traps installed in Pearl City (9), Ewa Beach (2) and Kaneohe (1).
- Mulch/breeding site surveys/resurveys at Pearl City Peninsula (2 third instar and 12 second instar larvae found.
- Palm damage survey/resurvey in Pearl City and Ewa Beach (16 palms observed with new damage).

Mitigation & Outreach

- 76 public interactions by field crew during this reporting period.
- o 27 public reports addressed during this reporting period.
- 4 businesses interactions by field crew during this reporting period.
- Presentations made at West Lock estates and Palm Court (6 ppl).
- Outreach conducted at Ocean Pointe.
- Tour of JBPHH with Mamalu Poepoe Coordinator.
- o Tour of Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden with Maintenance Supervisor.
- Met with Assistant Manager of The Home Depot Pearl City.
- Participated in bi-weekly military updates at JBPH-H and bi-weekly CRB interagency meetings.

Research

- Research is still underway to better understand the cyclic nature of weekly, monthly, and annual trap capture rates.
- 7 traps deployed with ethyl acetate lures in 2 locations to test efficacy.

Beetle Fact

The standard pheromone used in the CRB Response Program is ethyl-4-methyloctanoate – an aggregation pheromone; that is typically released by males to attract both males and females. Aggregation pheromones attract insects to locations where mating occurs and where females will find suitable egg-laying sites.