

CRB Response Update

June 23 – July 4, 2014

- The new USDA limited appointment staff were trained and are now conducting CRB surveys. In addition, trained USDA staff are in place working at the command post.
- During the 2-week reporting period, the infestation area did not expand. Larvae were found in a mulch pile at Navy Marine Golf Course and the infested material was covered with netting to prevent beetles from emerging.
- A damaged fan palm was removed at the Mamala Bay Golf Course on Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and inspectors found 39 larvae and 3 adult females in the crown of the tree.
- The mulch pile at Iroquois Point is being made ready for treatment.
- USDA, HDOA, and US Navy have each ordered an air curtain burner unit to incinerate infested green waste. The Hawaii Department of Health issued a permit allowing the project to burn infested material. In-vessel composting operations continue, but burning will be an additional tool to treat the large amount of infested material.
- **Beetle Fact:** The coconut rhinoceros beetle is in the scarab beetle family which includes the sacred beetle of ancient Egypt. Other scarabs occurring in Hawaii include the oriental flower beetle and dung beetles which feed on animal feces.

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