

CRB Response Update

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- The pre-existing buffer zone has not expanded during this period. 55 adults & 5 larvae were detected & 61 dead or damaged palms were removed during this reporting period. 55 new delimiting survey panel traps were deployed while 1,835 existing traps were serviced. 4 mulch sites were surveyed for CRB activity.
- On 8/6/14 CRB Incident Command (IC) and military staff decided to take down panel traps in high wind exposure areas on JBPHH due to a possible hurricane landfall.
- On 8/12/14 CRB Response Operations completed the deployment of 620 panel traps within a ten-mile radius of the current buffered areas around CRB detections. This is a key milestone in accurately delimiting the CRB infestation on Oahu.
- On 8/13/14 CRB IC Rob Curtiss (HDOA) was interviewed by Diane Ako of [KHON2 News](#) and by Catherine Cruz of [KITV News](#) regarding the tree removal on Māmala Bay Golf Course. Click on the links above for these stories.
- On 8/15/14 CRB Response Operations provided oversight of the removal of 56 out of 100 infested coconut palm trees at Māmala Bay G. C. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam (JBPHH). The tree removal was initiated by the JBPHH management plan and included the trimming of an additional 32 host trees to improve visual inspection activities. Over the 4 day removal operation, 6 adult and 5 CRB larvae were detected.
- **Beetle Fact:** Although the coconut rhinoceros beetle may be one of the largest beetles currently in Hawaii (until it is eradicated), the largest beetle in the world is the Goliath Beetle which can reach 100 grams in weight and 20 centimeters long.

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