

CRB Response Update

December 8-19, 2014

- One female beetle was detected in a trap in the Waianae area. This represents the first positive find in this trap. Intensive trapping, and mulch and damaged tree surveys following this find have not indicated there is a breeding population in the area. The same can be said for the individual finds in Mililani and Diamond Head from October. These individual finds may have been beetles inadvertently transported in green waste or mulch.
- 137 new traps were deployed primarily around the Waianae detection; 2,618 panel trap services and 137 barrel trap services were conducted island-wide.
- During this two week period, 40 adult CRB and 1 larvae were detected; 38 of these adults were found on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and 2 were located off the base.
- No public reports of suspected CRB were received during this period. To date 100% of all public reports have been Oriental Flower Beetle or rat/mechanical trimmer damage to trees.
- Liaison Officer, Randy Bartlett, Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC), negotiated the posting of CRB outreach materials at the Mānoa Public Library.
- A reporter from the Los Angeles Times did a ride along with a field team and interviewed IC Rob Curtiss about the one year anniversary (Dec. 23) of CRB in Hawaii and where the program is now. In addition, the potential impacts of CRB were discussed.

Beetle Fact: Both CRB (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) & Oriental Flower Beetle (*Proteatia orientalis*) larvae have been detected in bags of commercially sold compost and mulch.

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