

CRB Response Update

August 18 - 29, 2014

- For this reporting period: 97 adult beetles and 4 larvae were detected, 4 new delimiting survey barrel traps and 28 new panel traps were placed with 277 and 2,855 trap services conducted - respectively. 47 damaged palms were removed and 29 mulch sites were visually surveyed.
- On August 20, the Incident Commander, Public Information Officer (PIO) and Planning Section Chief attended and spoke at the International Society of Arboriculture's Hawaii Sub-Chapter monthly meeting regarding the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) infestation and eradication program. Our presence was well received.
- The PIO updated all current outreach and communication documents this included: a CRB Fact Sheet, ID cards, statement insert and other materials for public and industry outreach events; outreach bins including all outreach material, CRB specimens and tree damage; and the development of CRB kits for other cooperators (DLNR, OISC, HISC and other agencies) to use during their outreach and communication activities.
- Unified Command staff attended a 3 day class covering the operation and maintenance on the air curtain burner (ACB) that the CRB response purchased to destroy infested CRB host materials. The response group is working collaboratively with the military and their Environmental Services at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam who are operating this equipment and refining techniques for burning said materials. The military is in the process of purchasing four more ACB units.
- **Beetle Fact:** CRB are not currently known on the US mainland.

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