

CRB Response Update

September 1 - 13, 2014

- During this reporting period; 54 adult beetles and 1 larvae were detected, delimiting survey barrel traps were serviced 267 times, 20 new panel traps were placed and panel traps were serviced 2,473 times. 29 square miles were visually surveyed, including 41 mulch sites and 14,208 palms. Additionally, 1 dead palm was detected.
- Brent Remanda from KHON 2 News interviewed CRB IC Rob Curtiss. The main topic of discussion was the burning of infested material on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). [Click here](#) for the story.
- On September 7, Military liaison Rebecca Smith presented a CRB briefing to the Hawaii Air National Guard Aircraft Maintenance Group. General topics included CRB response updates, information on traps, biology of the insect, beetle, and damaged tree reporting procedures, and overall inspection procedures. Approximately 400 personnel were in attendance.
- On September 9, one female adult beetle was detected in Ewa Beach in a panel trap. This represents the first positive find in this trap. The find expands the buffer zone 2 miles
- CRB staff completed expanded trap and visual survey activities across Oahu. CRB Incident Command is expecting an additional 300 traps to be deployed, bringing the expected total number of traps on Oahu to 2,200.
- IC staff and cooperators are engaging and working with private citizens, golf course managers, and property managers to dispose of all breeding sites (green waste material) in the proposed regulated area. Open house events are being planned for communities in these areas. Specific requests have been made to the City and County of Honolulu, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to dispose of potential breeding sites on properties they own or manage, prior to infestation.
- The project is also engaging SWCA Environmental Consultants who are contracted by DOT Highways Division to conduct visual surveys along all state highways in Hawaii. To date, this coordination has presented several visual observations to which the CRB response team has responded.
- The CRB Command and General staff are preparing for transition of the CRB Response to HDOA control and management. This includes all resources that will assist HDOA in being successful after Oct 1. HDOA, in cooperation with the University of Hawaii (UH), will transition all the current temporary PPQ staff to UH, who then will report to HDOA.
- **Beetle Fact:** [Click here](#) for the most recently updated CRB flyer.

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