


LFA on Oahu Response Updates

April 27 – June 5, 2015



- **Surveys:**
 - In this operational period, the LFA ICS team conducted 30 surveys on priority sites on Oahu. Surveys continue to be conducted 2-3 days per week, with priorities being nurseries at high risk for inadvertently harboring LFA.
 - **Treatments:**
 - LFA Treatments were conducted at Waimanalo (5/28) and Mililani Mauka (5/29), 2015. HDOA Plant Pest Control (PPC) personnel will wait three months (to allow any undetectable LFA populations to grow to detectable levels) before following up with a large comprehensive survey on August 27-28, 2015 at both sites.
 - In the meantime, the Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) will conduct vegetation control to keep the Waimanalo site clear for the comprehensive survey.
 - The Mililani Mauka site continues to be maintained by the Mililani Town Association in cooperation with the HDOA PPC.
 - **Outreach:**
 - 20 outreach events presented LFA information to over 600 community members during this period.
 - Planning for City and/or State proclamations for September, 2015, as “Spot the Ant, Stop the Ant” Month.
 - Oahu radio campaign with KSSK (iHeartMedia)
 - 15” & 30” PSAs to be broadcast
 - New “Spot the Ant, Stop the Ant” logo created (see below)
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- www.StopTheAnt.org
- www.StopTheAnt.org (presently under construction) to be ported to: www.lfa-hawaii.org website (to be redesigned)
 - Instagram account established at:
 - <https://instagram.com/stoptheant/>
- **Little fact about Little Fire Ants:** *Wasmannia auropunctata* is considered to be one of the 100 worst invasive species in the world by the IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG).

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