

## COMMUNITY COCONUT UPDATES FEBRUARY 2025



Community Coconut Project and Niu Now has welcomed the year 2025 by connecting with numerous community leaders and activists across the pae 'āina to safeguard, rejuvenate, and perpetuate niu culture and health. Here are just four highlights!

- Puna, Hawai'i Island
  - With the help of the community across Ka'akepa, Community Coconut collected diverse function-based 'old varieties of niu' to host a Niu Workshop at [Pōhaku Pelemaka](#). We taught attendees about the different niu maturing stages, tips on how to recognize niu genetic diversity and their functional uses, niu mo'olelo, and held lau niu and overnight 'apu workshops! Through community based stewardship, we have been given the honor of sharing niu knowledge with others, passing on Indigenous niu practices and mo'olelo.
- Waihe'e, Maui
  - After two successful workshops over the past year, Community Coconut was able to guide the establishing of a niu nursery in Kapoho, with the future goal of creating a large uluniu in Kapoho! With the help of the community, we were able to establish a nursery holding 250 seeds, documenting 22 niu varieties. Hosted by Kia'i and accompanied by Ikaika Nakahashi, this nursery is an accumulation of the passion of the larger Waihe'e community, and will be fruitful with seedlings within 8-10 months. Through this nursery, Community Coconut plans on hosting more workshops on the ancient Hawaiian Uluniu System. Stay connected for dates and other events through our web publications!

- Ho'olehua, Moloka'i
  - As we ramp up efforts to establish our second niu nursery in Moloka'i, Community Coconut has continued to build pilina with the community through site visits and talk stories. Connecting to niu landmarks, kia'i of ancient uluniu, and community groups such as Molokai High School, Nihipali 'Ohana, and Mahana Gardens, we are excited to continue connecting with the community and their 'āina to work towards creating a larger niu movement across the island.
- Wai'anae, O'ahu
  - During the month of January 2025 we collected over 200 seed niu for the mission of establishing the third round of our Wai'anae Niu Nursery. We are continuing to knock on doors, collecting seed niu and sharing information on CRB management practices.