
[EXTERNAL] HCP Comments

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There are many aspects to this HCP on which I am not an expert and to which I cannot offer further detailed insight; that said, time is of the essence for several species of seabirds and waterbirds here on Kaua'i. If this HCP stalls via any political, budgetary or theoretical reason, they could be lost. The koloa maoli, for example, has an estimated population of 300-400 individuals in the world. They deal with constant threats from predators (especially feral cats) and disease, especially botulism. Not to mention their unsustainable male/female ratio. The 'a'o (Newell's shearwater) and 'ua'u (Hawaiian petrel) populations have plummeted in recent decades.

Please do not let these species go extinct on your watch. It would be a travesty if human conflict over relevant survival factors passively allows these birds to disappear from our earth forever.

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