

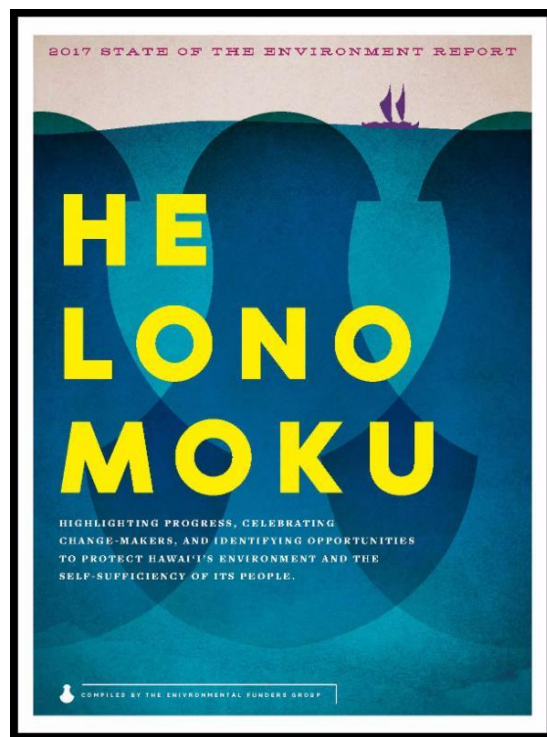
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He Lono Moku – An Island(s) Update/Report

Against the backdrop of *Hōkule'a's* successful homecoming and other defining moments of this past year, we are pleased to present to you the second edition of *HE LONO MOKU – HAWAII'S STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT* for 2017. Beginning Friday, December 1, 2017, this report will be available to everyone at www.hawaii-environment.com/report. Per the report, *He Lono Moku* "seeks to track the progress of topic areas critical to the protection of Hawai'i's environment and the self sufficiency of its people; to celebrate organizations, individuals, and creative approaches that are making a difference."

As a member of the Hawai'i Environmental Funders Group (EFG), Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation assisted in the development and release of *He Lono Moku*. The EFG is a network of philanthropic individuals and institutions engaged in active grantmaking to promote environmental and community sustainability in the Hawaiian Islands.

One of the most timely platforms of collective knowledge we have in Hawai'i today, is the Aloha+Challenge Dashboard (<https://dashboard.hawaii.gov/aloha-challenge>), which actively and continually tracks our progress toward six sustainability goals for the state. Each year, He Lono Moku uses this platform to highlight and share progress on a variety of environmental topics. This year's report shares our advances in invasive species, local food production, and green business. Since 2011, Invasive Species Prevention in Hawai'i has been one of Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation's core environmental programs and we're excited to share the critical information on "invasives" in the report. The Foundation works closely with the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) in supporting a wide variety of invasive species prevention efforts on an annual basis. Christy Martin of CGAPS is featured in the report and provided expert insight and information.



Please go to www.hawaii-environment.com/report to read and comment on the report.

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