

# E Maka'ala Kākou!



## BIO-SECURITY

The term “invasive species” is used in a variety of ways, but in Hawaii this term typically refers to species that are both:

1. harmful to the environment, economy, and/or human health, and
2. not native to Hawaii (i.e., species that were introduced by human assistance rather than by their own means of introduction).

## Help Keep Kaho'olawe Khaki Free



Check tires and footwear



Pull out the whole root

### Did You Know:

- Kaho'olawe is the only Main Hawaiian island without an established population of Khaki Weed (*Alternanthera pungens*)?
- Also known as "pokey weed", most people notice this invasive species when stepping on the sharp-toothed seeds barefoot. Seeds are dispersed by footwear, clothing, vehicle tires, and animals.
- Control can be achieved by digging up the whole plant with a pick or shovel. Make sure the whole taproot is dug out and seeds disposed of in trash. Clean seeds from gloves and tools in the trash.
- Check footwear, field gear and automobile tires before coming to the Kihei boathouse or Kaho'olawe. Help keep Kaho'olawe a khaki free island.

Mahalo for your Kokuia!

- Inspect gear and equipment before going into the field. Field pests include weed seeds and insects. Clods of dirt or mud often mask these hitchhikers. Clean footwear, socks, pant legs, jackets, rain gear, foodstuffs, tools, packs or other containers with a hose, brush, rag or knife edge.
- Thoroughly wash and dry all swim clothes and gear. Dip snorkel and fins in a light bleach solution. Invasive algae is just as dangerous as terrestrial weeds



❖ Today, a new pest reaches Hawaii every 18 days!!!

