

A Precious Resource

Water... the lifeline of our islands. It is our most precious resource here in Hawai'i. Water is the driving force of our environment, our economy, and our Hawaiian culture. From our lush rainforests mauka to our vibrant coral reefs makai, water is our lifeline, our connection from the mountains to the ocean, sustaining all life in between.

Hawai'i's surface water is a precious resource that must be protected and carefully managed. Streams provide habitat for fish and wildlife; maintain wetland and estuary ecosystems; contribute to the health of nearshore ocean waters; offer opportunities for recreation and scenic enjoyment; and supply water for drinking, aquaculture, and diversified agriculture.

Streams also play an important role in Hawaiian culture. Native 'o'opu (gobies), hīhīwai (snails), and 'ōpae (prawns) are gathered in streams, while cool, running water is vital to the cultivation of healthy taro.

Help protect Hawai'i's streams and preserve this precious resource for future generations.

Wetland taro, O'ahu.



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The State of Hawai'i Commission on Water Resource Management is administratively attached to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. For more information about DLNR and what you can do to help protect Hawai'i's natural resources, contact the Public Information Office at (808) 587-0320, or visit the DLNR website at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/>.

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Hawai'i's Streams

