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Eric B. Guinther is an ecologist and aquatic biologist with over 35 years of experience conducting environmental studies throughout the central Pacific Basin. His responsibilities at AECOS include corporate and project management, as well as the production of environmental survey reports, water quality assessments, and plant and animal identifications. His educational background encompasses geology and botany in addition to his major area of study in invertebrate zoology. In recent years, Mr. Guinther has been involved mostly with conducting surveys assessing the distribution of aquatic biota, conducting plant surveys to document potentially sensitive species (native or listed species), and interpreting water quality data to assess the impact of projects on the natural environment.

Mr. Guinther has conducted marine, terrestrial, and coastal zone surveys for AECOS throughout the Hawaiian Islands and in other parts of the western and central Pacific, including American Samoa, Kwajalein Atoll, Canton Atoll, Fanning Atoll, Christmas Island, Yap, Saipan, Palau, and Japan. He has completed numerous terrestrial botanical and aquatic resource (streams and wetlands) surveys in the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Guinther was project manager, editor, and one of several writers for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sponsored surveys of reef resources around American Samoa (ASCRI), Oahu (OCRI), and Maui (MICRI); he was the cartographer for the coastal zone atlases developed for the Hawaii programs. He has recently worked with a team to update the bibliographies from these early planning documents, released as the Hawaii Coral Reef Bibliography (HCRIB), has produced a similar bibliography covering terrestrial aquatic environments (HAWAQUA), and most recently released a bibliography of water quality studies in the Islands for the Office of State Planning (CZMWQDIR).

Mr. Guinther's experience includes both terrestrial and marine realms. He conducts terrestrial vegetation surveys, aquatic wildlife surveys in and around streams, and assesses various project impacts on wetlands, streams, and coastal marine waters. Recent projects completed include managing surveys and preparing the ecological report for the U.S. Army Drum Road project on Oahu, stream surveys for a proposed USMC training area in Waikane on Oahu, plant surveys at NCTAMS at Lualualei Naval Ammunition Depot and at Wahiawa, and a survey and assessment of impacts of a proposed golf course on Babaldaob, Republic of Palau. He was a technical advisor to the TMDL studies for Kawa, Kaneohe, and Waikele streams funded by the State of Hawaii, Dept. of Health, and is recently served as botanist for stream improvements under an Army Corps project involving Honolulu urban stream (Manoa and Palolo streams) and an assessment of the impacts of invasive plants on Kawai Nui Marsh on windward Oahu.

He is actively involved at Na Pohaku o Hauwahine, a community project to restore native vegetation and marsh habitat in Kawai Nui Marsh. He is very interested in developing the

potential of the World Wide Web as an information source, and has served as webmaster for the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP), Hawaii AEP, Kawai Nui Heritage Foundation, Ahahui Malama I Ka Lokahi, AECOS Inc., Central Pacific Island Environments (CPIE), and Koolau.net (community watersheds web site).

#### Education

University of the Pacific, B.A. Biology. 1965.

University of the Pacific, graduate studies. 1965-1967.

University of Hawaii, graduate studies. 1967-1973.

#### Positions and Experience

1983 to present - Principal and President, AECOS, Inc.

1982 to 1983 - Principal and Corporate Treasurer, AECOS, Inc.

1974 to 1981 - Biologist and Vice President, AECOS, Inc.

1972 to 1974 - Benthic Biologist, AECOS, Inc.

1970 to 1973 - Research Assistant, University of Hawaii.

1967 to 1970 - Teaching Assistant, University of Hawaii.

1964 to 1967 - Teaching Assistant, University of the Pacific.

#### Languages

German (no longer fluent)

Kiribati (no longer fluent)

#### Selected Reports, Surveys, and Studies:

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- Guinther, E., et al. 2003. Natural resources surveys at the former Opana Point Bombing Range and Makawao Gunnery Range on windward Maui. Prep. for Donaldson Enterprises, Inc. AC032: 31 pp.
- Guinther, E. B. 2002. Adequacy of nearshore marine environmental studies and surveys conducted for the Kukuiula Planned Community. Prep. for Rana Productions Ltd. AECOS Consultants No. AC029: 7 pp.
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- Guinther, E. and R. David. 2002. Biological surveys in support of a Remedial Investigation at the former Building 4 Pesticide Shop, Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor, Lualualei Branch, Oahu, Hawaii. Prep. for Earth Tech, Denver. AECOS No. 1005.
- Guinther, E. 2001. Aquatic resources survey for the HECO Waiau Power Generating Station on East Loch of Pearl Harbor, O'ahu. Prep. for Wilson Okamoto & Assoc., Honolulu. 961A: 15 pp.
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