

[EXTERNAL] Comments for the proposed Ho'onani Village Mixed-Use Development Project, Kahului, Maui

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Hello,

In addition to the flora and fauna survey that will be done as part of the environmental review process, I recommend obtaining an Official Species List (OSL) in our new Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) online tool by accessing this link: <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>.

Please see the attached pdf with detailed directions on how you obtain an OSL in IPaC.

Once you have entered your basic project information, including a map of the project (you can use the map drawing tool or upload a GIS polygon that contains the project area(s)), you will need to formally submit the OSL. A copy will automatically be sent to our office. Each submitted project is assigned a unique Project Code in IPaC. This Project Code should be provided to our office with any correspondence relating to a given project.

Your IPaC generated OSL will include all federally listed species, critical habitat, migratory birds, and wetland habitat that occurs, or may transit through, the project area(s). Each species on your OSL will have a link directly below it that provides the Service's recommended avoidance and minimization measures (AMMs) for that species.

Please note, an Official Species List is valid for only 90 days because the status of a species can change and new occurrences of federally listed species could be found.

A few IPAC tips:

- If you choose the option to upload a polygon for your project area, please include all TMKs/sites in a single polygon. Otherwise, you will get a different project code for every TMK/site. However, if your project spans distinct habitat types, you may want to obtain a separate OSL for each site to better distinguish which species/critical habitat/migratory birds/wetland habitat are present at, or may transit through, each site.
- At this time, unless you are a federal agency with a programmatic consultation with us, you can ignore any requests to further your consultation in IPaC and prompts to utilize D Keys. The only thing you need to do is enter your basic project information and submit for an OSL.
- Additional background information on IPaC:
 - Your official IPaC species list is based on species' ranges. IPaC generates a list of all federally listed species and other trust resources that are or could potentially be in the project area.

- If your IPaC species list includes a species you do not think occurs in or will transit through the project area, explain why in your consultation letter.
- Implementing surveys is a good way to determine if a species is present or not.
- We recommend our partners incorporate all the species and their associated AMMs in their impacts analysis.
- The AMMS are there to help you avoid and minimize effects to listed species, critical habitat, migratory birds, and wetland habitat.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional assistance.

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Subject: IPaC generated official species list for the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office

Dear Action Agency or Applicant:

The Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office (PIFWO) is transitioning to the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) online portal, <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/> for federal action agencies and non-federal agencies or individuals to obtain official species lists, including threatened and endangered species, designated critical habitat, and avoidance and minimization measures to consider in your general project design. IPaC has been used by continental USFWS offices to provide official species lists and avoidance and minimization guidance since 2017. Using IPaC expedites the process for species list distribution. Obtaining a species list in IPaC is relatively straightforward and takes minimal time to complete. Step by step instructions are included below.

Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of your species list should be verified after 90 days. New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change the species list. Verification can be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to obtain the initial species list.

We hope this process provides efficiencies to our partners in obtaining a species list. For federal action agencies, it also opens additional IPaC functionality that the PIFWO office is still working on, such as the use of Determination Keys for informal section 7 programmatic consultations. We will let our agency partners know when that functionality becomes available.

If you have questions about a species list obtained through the IPaC system or need assistance in completing an IPaC species list request, please contact the Service at 808-792-9400 or via email at pifwo_admin@fws.gov. We appreciate your efforts to conserve listed species across the Pacific Islands.

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INTERIOR REGION 12 PACIFIC ISLANDS

AMERICAN SĀMOA, GUAM, HAWAI'I, NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

Instructions for Action Agencies and partners to obtain an official species list in IPaC


- Navigate to <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>
- You can get an unofficial species list without logging in. However, if you want an official species list you will need to log in first using your Login.gov account. If you don't have an IPaC account, they are easy to create.

Log in

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LOGIN.GOV LOGIN

You can use your Login.gov profile as your IPaC account. You will need to allow IPaC to read your [basic profile information](#).

LOG IN WITH  LOGIN.GOV

IPAC LOGIN

> Why do I need an IPaC account?

Select Log in with Login.gov and sign in using your email and password.

Email address

Password

☐ Show password

Sign in

Create an account

[Sign in with your government employee ID](#)

If you have a PIV or CAC card, you can sign in using that method as well.

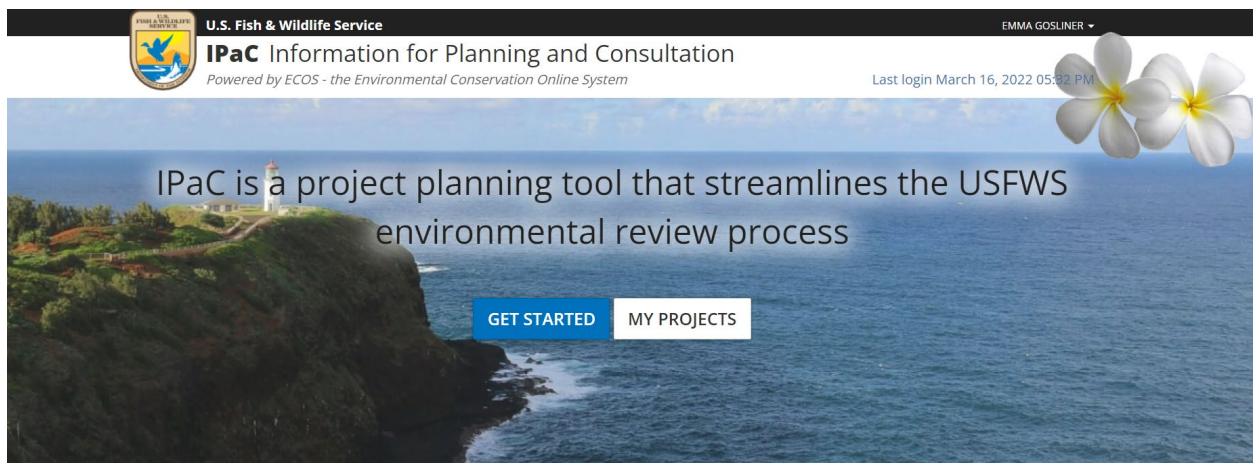
Sign in with your PIV or CAC

Make sure **you have a Login.gov account** and **you've set up PIV/CAC** as a two-factor authentication method.

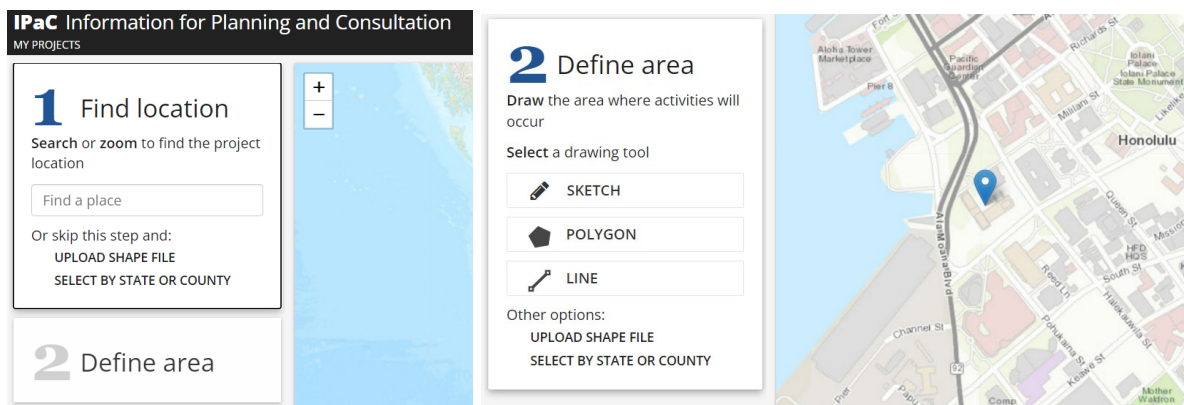
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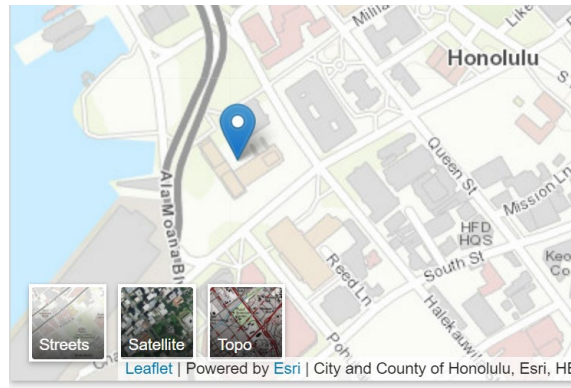
[Cancel](#)

- Once you log in, select “Get Started”.

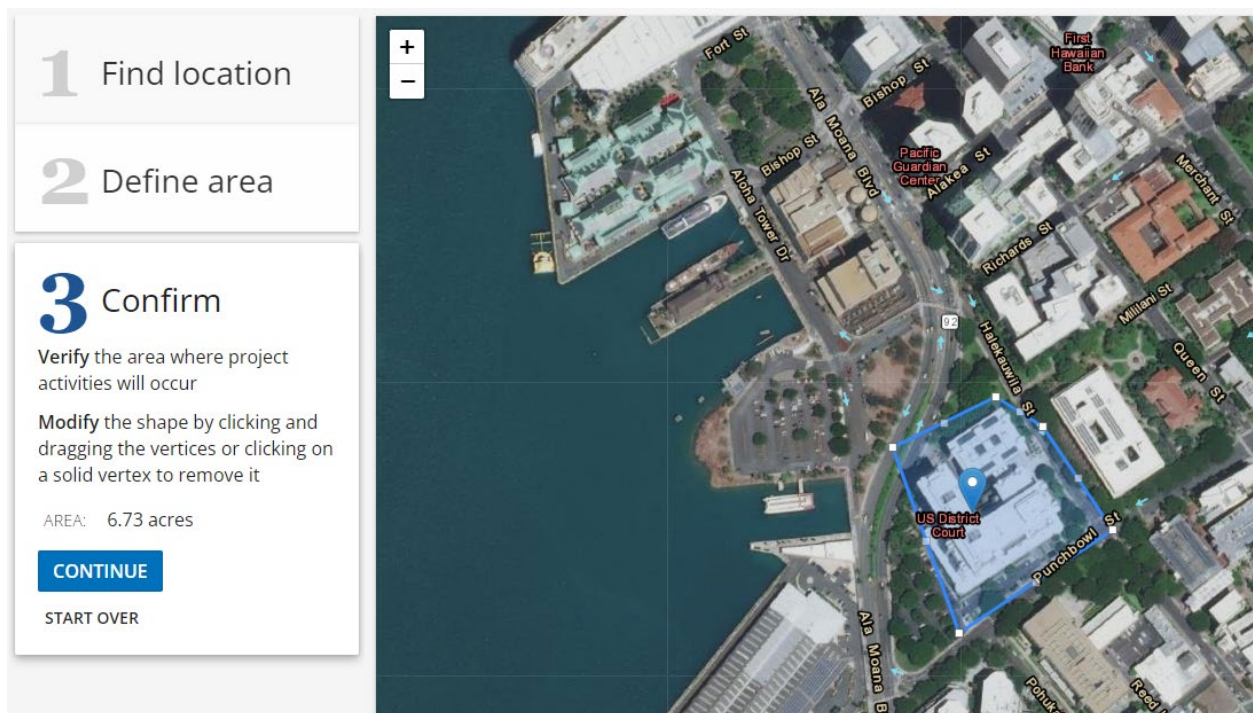


- Define the action area: Identify the location of the proposed action by uploading an existing shapefile or by entering an address or coordinates of the action area. Once identified on the map, you can manually draw the action area using the drawing tools.





To help identify your action area you can choose between multiple base maps available.



Press continue when you have finished drawing or uploading the action area location.

- The species information on the page that follows is not official. However, it identifies the project County, local Fish and Wildlife Field Office, species covered under NOAA Fisheries as well as Migratory Bird Treaty Act species. The list can be viewed in Thumbnail or List format.
- Once the species list populates you will see images of the species that may occur on, near, or transgress across your project. Click on SPECIES GUIDELINES on your top right to see Avoidance and Minimization measures to incorporate into your General Project Design Guidelines.

Explore location

LOCAL OFFICE PACIFIC ISLANDS FISH AND WILDL. OFC

LOCATION
Honolulu County,
Hawaii
[CHANGE LOCATION](#)

Resources

ENDANGERED SPECIES	20
MIGRATORY BIRDS	5
FACILITIES	
WETLANDS	!

[PRINT RESOURCE LIST](#)

What's next?

Define a project at this location to evaluate potential impacts, get an official species list, and make species determinations.

[DEFINE PROJECT](#)

Endangered species

Listed species ¹ and their critical habitats are managed by the [Ecological Services Program](#) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries ²).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact [NOAA Fisheries](#) for [species under their jurisdiction](#).

Additional information on endangered species data is provided [below](#).

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

THUMBNAILS

LIST

[SPECIES GUIDELINES](#)

Mammals

Endangered

Hawaiian Hoary Bat
Lasiurus cinereus semotus
Wherever found

- Continue with the following steps to comply with the requirements of ESA section 7 to obtain an **official species list**.
- Select Define Project

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[DEFINE PROJECT](#)

Define project

Define a project at this location to evaluate potential impacts, get an official species list, and make species determinations.

Project name

Project description
Describe the location, size, scope, and timing of this project.

OPTIONAL


[SAVE](#) [CANCEL](#)

Enter the Project Name and a brief description of the project (a description is not mandatory, but recommended for future coordination with the Service). Click SAVE at bottom of page.

- At the bottom of the What's next box on the right, click Request Species List

Test Project

Testing



LOCATION Honolulu County, Hawaii

CREATED March 17, 2022

1 MEMBER 2 DOCUMENTS

What's next?

ESA REVIEW
Review this project's effects on listed species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as part of the overall regulatory review.

START REVIEW

SPECIES LIST
Requesting an official species list is now part of IPaC's ESA Review.

REQUEST SPECIES LIST

Local office

Pacific Islands Fish And Wildlife Office

- on the following screen, click Yes, Request Species List

Endangered Species Act Review

← BACK EXIT REVIEW

1 Request an official species list

2 Evaluate determination keys
No Dkeys for project

3 Analyze project (optional)

4 Download documentation

Step 1: Request an official species list

An official species list is a letter from the local U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service field office that assists in the evaluation of potential impacts of your project. It includes a list of species that should be considered under [Section 7](#) of the Endangered Species Act, a project tracking number, and other pertinent information from the field office.

Does this project require an official species list?

Federal agencies are required to "request of the Secretary of Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action" ([Section 7](#) of the Endangered Species Act).

This requirement applies to projects that are conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency.

YES, REQUEST A SPECIES LIST

SKIP / DOES NOT APPLY

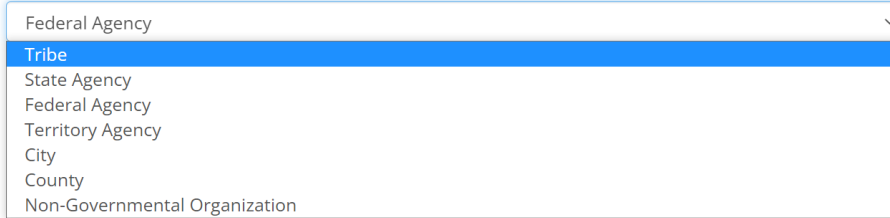
- Fill out the contact information for yourself or your agency. Contractors, state partners, and any other project proponents may request a species list and should be covered using the dropdown menus.

Tell us about the project and your organization or agency

Is this project being conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by a Federal agency?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What kind of organization are you working for directly?

A dropdown menu with a light blue border and a downward arrow on the right. The menu is open, showing a list of organization types. The first option, "Federal Agency", is highlighted in blue. The other options are "Tribe", "State Agency", "Federal Agency", "Territory Agency", "City", "County", and "Non-Governmental Organization".

- Federal Agency
- Tribe
- State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Territory Agency
- City
- County
- Non-Governmental Organization

- From the pull-down menu for Classify Type of Project, select the project type that best fits the proposed action.

Enter your project information

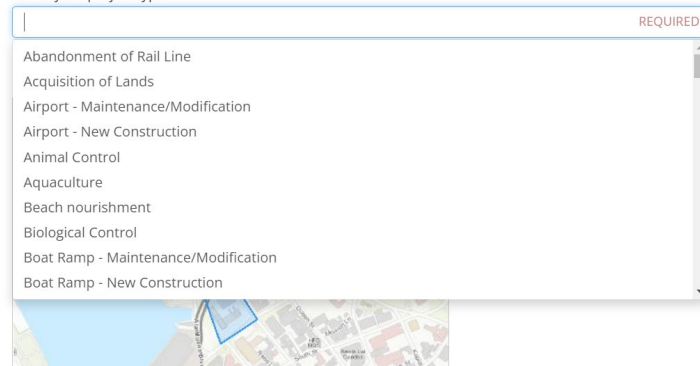
Project name

Test Project

Project description

Testing

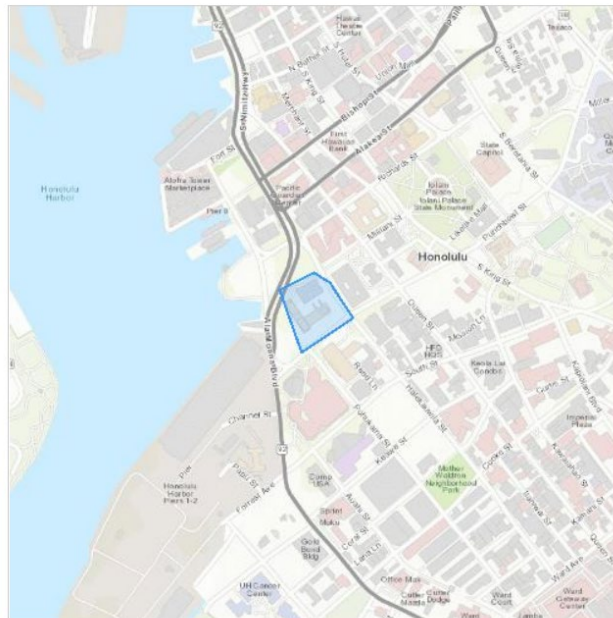
Select your project type

A dropdown menu with a light blue border and a downward arrow on the right. The menu is open, showing a list of project types. The first option, "Abandonment of Rail Line", is highlighted in blue. The other options are "Acquisition of Lands", "Airport - Maintenance/Modification", "Airport - New Construction", "Animal Control", "Aquaculture", "Beach nourishment", "Biological Control", "Boat Ramp - Maintenance/Modification", and "Boat Ramp - New Construction". The word "REQUIRED" is written in red at the top right of the menu.

- Abandonment of Rail Line
- Acquisition of Lands
- Airport - Maintenance/Modification
- Airport - New Construction
- Animal Control
- Aquaculture
- Beach nourishment
- Biological Control
- Boat Ramp - Maintenance/Modification
- Boat Ramp - New Construction

- Once all required sections are filled out, press SUBMIT OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST REQUEST

Location



[SUBMIT OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST REQUEST](#)

- An Official Species List should be generated and available for download in a couple of seconds.
- If you need additional information on a species, click on their name that is hot-linked to their species information page. A brief overview of the species' status, description and critical habitat will appear as well as a link to their ECOS species profile.

Resources

- ENDANGERED SPECIES 20
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ʻIiwi

Drepanis coccinea




STATUS

Threatened: A species likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

DESCRIPTION

The Iiwi is an Hawaiian forest bird in the endemic honeycreeper subfamily of the Fringillidae (finch family). Iiwi are medium-sized forest birds (total body length is approximately 14 centimeters (cm) (5.5 inches (in)) with bright scarlet feathers, black wings and tail, and a small white patch on the inner secondary flight feathers. The bill is long, deeply

Endangered



Hawaii Akepa
Akoxops coccineus
Wherever found