

Maui Nui Community Managed Makai Area Learning Network

Agreement

We the undersigned, hereby establish this learning network of Maui Nui Community Managed Makai Areas to protect and restore healthy ecosystems that the people of Maui Nui depend on. Our purpose is to share and learn from our diverse experiences, lessons, and best practices to help each of us to *mālama* our areas. By working together, we better ourselves, each other, and the islands of Maui Nui. We are motivated by our love for our island home and are concerned for the sustainability of our natural resources, especially nearshore marine areas. We will actively and purposefully support community efforts to *mālama ʻāina* under the direction of *nā kūpuna* and other knowledgeable community members. Our efforts will perpetuate core traditional Hawaiian values and practices. With humility, we put the fish first to ensure that *ka pae ʻāina* will return to abundance during our lifetime and for future generations.

Vision

Our relationships are restored to both land and sea as we reach across communities and generations to enhance our strength through diversity. The land and sea are healthy and productive and our actions are consistent with *ahupuaʻa* stewardship practices and supported by the best of scientific insight.

Guiding Values

With aloha we commit to upholding these values in our work:

1. *Aho nui* our patience is expressed with perseverance
2. *Hiki nō!* we have a can-do attitude
3. *Hoʻihoʻi* we strive to restore the land and sea to abundance
4. *Laulima* by working together we achieve our vision
5. *Lōkahi* in unity and agreement we are strong
6. *Mālama* our *kuleana* is to preserve, protect and maintain
7. *Pono* in all endeavors we seek balance, and the highest ethical standards

Focus

We focus on restoring balance to our *ahupuaʻa* by recognizing the relationship between the land and the sea. We overcome obstacles through our support of each other, sharing lessons, ideas, successes, challenges and best practices. We look to each other for inspiration, strength and support. Our efforts will:

- Build relationships
- Establish and utilize effective local management approaches
- Restore balance and health to marine ecosystems in Maui Nui
- Support a healthy, balanced community relationship with the *ʻāina*
- Raise capacity and recognition for community-led *ahupuaʻa* management
- Perpetuate traditional resource management systems for sustainability
- Build and gather support for and from DLNR Administrative Rules where applicable

Shared Kuleana

Together we commit to educate and restore our 'āina to provide a legacy for future generations of ecosystem health and food security. We further commit to:


- Support each others' efforts
- Respect and recognize each other's strengths and weaknesses
- Help one another solve problems to increase the effectiveness of our work
- Communicate regularly
- Meet one or more times per year
- Document, share lessons learned, and adhere to *pōno* best practices
- Work together to analyze what is and is not working and to generate new knowledge, ideas, and solutions
- Have fun!

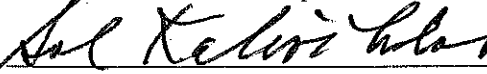
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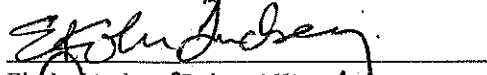
By working together, we accelerate and enhance the practice of stewardship through perpetuation of Hawaiian culture throughout Maui Nui. As member community groups, our mutual benefits include:

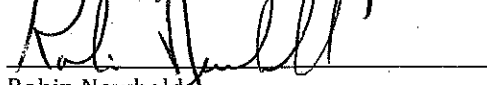
- Information, data, 'ike and *mana'o* collecting and sharing - allowing us to compare our efforts and to validate our work and cultural practices
- Coordination of effort for advocacy and education - enabling us to promote our collective priorities and improve our relationships with all levels of government
- Providing support for new community managed areas - thereby strengthening our foundation
- Respecting our differences - our diversity makes us strong
- Helping one another - we both give and receive
- Saving time and resources - by learning from others' failures and successes
- Having a support network - one that is geographically accessible and culturally relevant

On this 22th day of February 2013, we the undersigned agree to work together in fulfilling this agreement in the spirit of aloha.



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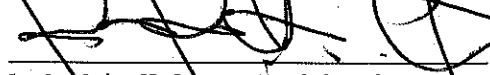

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