Our Kipahulu community is reviving the traditional practice of resting an area from ‘opиhi harvest so that it will be abundant again. The idea is to allow one area to rest so those ‘opиhi have the chance to grow larger and closer together and reproduce more, spilling over down-current to neighboring areas and providing more ‘opиhi for all! Respecting the voluntary ‘opиhi rest area means harvesting outside of these boundaries while this area continually replenishes.

For more information on ‘opиhi rest areas, contact opihi@kipahulu.org or visit kipahulu.org/opihi
Before the rest area existed, our community monitored steady declines in ʻopihi from 2010-2014. Now with the rest area, we see ʻopihi coming back. This effort is part of the proposed Kīpahulu Moku Community-Based Subsistence Area (CBSFA) — visit kipahulu.org/CBSFA to learn more.

**Before**  
**After**

When there are a lot of ʻopihi close together, they produce many more keiki (babies) than if they are far apart. Very large ʻopihi also produce more keiki. East Maui communities hope to see more and larger ʻopihi side by side in the near future!

East Maui communities will continue to monitor ʻopihi rest areas and seek voluntary compliance from the community through outreach and education. These measures will help the community manage ʻopihi to ensure long-term, sustainable populations and inspire other communities to join the effort!

* When picking ʻopihi outside of the rest area, the current Hawaiʻi State Regulation for the take of ʻopihi is a minimum shell size of 1 1/4 inches.