



I mau ai ka pilina ma waena o ko Hawai'i
me ka 'ike na'auao

MISSION

The mission of the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources is to uphold and advance the rights, responsibilities, and stewardship of natural and cultural resources, ensuring their protection, sustainability, and integration into governance and community lifestyles.

This includes but is not limited to Hawaiian language, native place names, historical and archival materials, cultural sites, iwi kūpuna and ancestral burial sites, and natural resources used by Hawaiian cultural practitioners.

Our goal is to reinforce community connectivity with Hawaiian wisdom.

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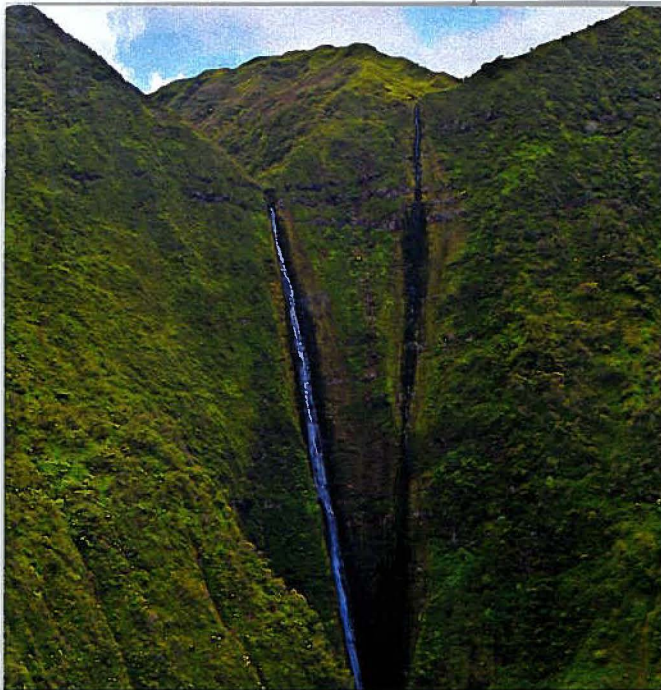
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MAUI COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

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KUMUWAIOLA DIVISION:

‘ŌIWI STRONGHOLDS

Champion and preserve the life-giving, life-sustaining elements of the natural world by defending and amplifying the conditions essential to thriving eco-cultural landscapes and vital cultural resources.

He ‘iewe ia ‘ā, he ‘iewe ka moku

KĪPUKA DIVISION:

‘ŌIWI STRONGHOLDS

Safeguard and steward lands of concentrated natural and cultural importance to ensure enduring access to healthy natural resources and spaces where our community may thrive.

Hālau Lahaina molale malu i ka ‘ulu

PAI KA LEO DIVISION:

‘ŌIWI VOICES

To empower and uplift native Hawaiian voices and reinvigorate the use of Hawaiian language in government and in our larger community in sincerity and fidelity to both official languages of Hawai‘i – English and ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i.

‘O waha lau ali‘i, ‘o kāhi i waiho ai ka hua
‘ōlelo

KEY GOALS: 2025-2026

- Lead planning and implementation of recovery and restoration of Moku‘ula, Mokuhinia, Pākalā, and the surrounding cultural corridor (kīpuka)
- House and preserve artifacts from across Maui Nui
- Safeguard ancestral burials and burial sites
- Perform a countywide inventory of ‘ōiwi resources
- Provide both archaeological and cultural consult to all county departments and divisions
- Support bilingual government initiatives in Maui County
- Provide additional Hawaiian culture and language resources to the general Maui community
- Provide county departments with general Hawaiian culture and language workshops in-person and online
- Provide county departments with cultural sensitivity training with specific focus on the treatment of ancestral burial sites, remains, and conduct in sacred spaces
- Actively engage in long-term planning to ensure effectiveness and viability of the department