Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death (ROD)

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Travel Alert

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WHAT: ROD is a fungal disease that is killing native ‘ōhi‘a trees.
WHERE: Hawai‘i Island (Big Island). Recent aerial surveys indicate that the disease has spread to approximately 34,000 acres.
WHEN: First discovered in 2010.
WHY: ‘Ōhi‘a trees are important because they make up about 80% of native forests. They are the backbone of Hawai‘i’s watersheds and native forests, and are critical habitats for many of Hawai‘i’s endemic animals.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF RAPID ‘ŌHI‘A DEATH TO OTHER ISLANDS!

✓ STOP! Do not transport from Hawai‘i Island to another island, any ‘ōhi‘a material, as well as clothes, shoes and equipment that may be contaminated while entering the forest.

✓ RETURN Turn ‘ōhi‘a material in to an HDOA amnesty bin at the airport or to a state agriculture inspector, and the ‘ōhi‘a will be cared for and respectfully returned to the land.

✓ EDUCATE Family and friends. Transporting ‘ōhi‘a material from Hawai‘i Island to another island is a violation of state law, and you may be transporting infected material and spreading the disease.

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