**Travel Alert**

**Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death (ROD)**

‘Ōhi‘a Before ROD...  
[Image of healthy ‘Ōhi‘a tree]

‘Ōhi‘a After ROD  
[Image of ‘Ōhi‘a tree withering]

**WHAT:** ROD is a fungal disease that is destroying 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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