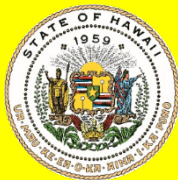


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## Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD)



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## 'Ōhi'a Before ROD...

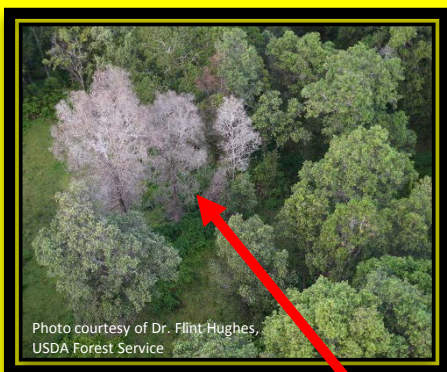


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## 'Ōhi'a After ROD



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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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