E Komo Mai! Noa Kekuewa Lincoln

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Noa Lincoln pointing out the remnants of the 25 square mile Leeward Kohala Field System.

Noa Kekuewa Lincoln is a new faculty with CTAHR in the Tropical Plant and Soil Science department. A local and a Hawaiian, Noa recently completed his PhD at Stanford University, and has worked on food systems and agriculture in Brazil, New Zealand, the American Southwest, and elsewhere in the Pacific. He takes up his mantle in a newly created position focused on Indigenous Crops and Cropping Systems.

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Many tend to know his as "the kō guy," for his work on the indigenous Hawaiian sugarcane varieties. Dr. Lincoln brings a broad suite on knowledge on Hawaiian ecosystems and agriculture to the University, including Polynesian ethnobotany, soil science, forest ecology, arboriculture, and nutrient cycling. Much of his current research examines the traditional Hawaiian rainfed agricultural systems and their location within the environment, and how traditional agricultural practices affects nutrient cycling and productivity. He is the lead scientist for several Hawaiian agricultural sites, such as Ulu Mau Puanui and Māla Kaluʻulu.