

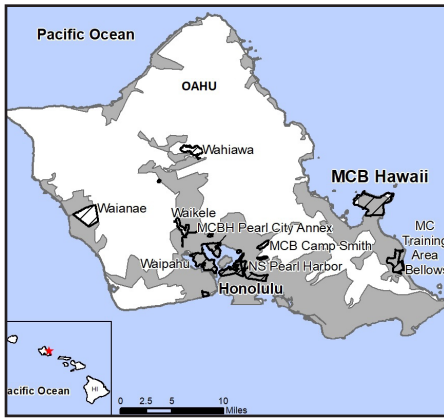


U.S. MARINE CORPS :

# MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII : HAWAII



Consisting of seven properties on Oahu and one on Molokai, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) encompasses all United States Marine Corps installations in the Hawaiian Islands. MCBH is home to the only Marine Corps training areas and ranges between the West Coast of the United States and Japan. Due to the scarcity of training area in the Hawaiian Islands, MCBH's air station is also heavily used by other Military Services. The installation manages three training areas that provide specific land, air, sea, and amphibious training capabilities



to assist the Marine Corps and U.S. and foreign Military Services in preparing for diverse operations, including large-scale joint operations.

Over 50 percent of the range complex is moderately to severely impacted by encroachment. The urbanization of Oahu and increased pressure to convert agricultural land to residential areas are predicted to lead to incompatible

development, increased noise complaints, and restricted training lands and airspace. Additionally, increased development of wind turbines and solar farms have negatively impacted essential training space and landing zones and lead to aircraft obstacles. Through this REPI project, MCBH aims to improve partnerships with Native Hawaiian organizations, preserve and improve local habitats, and facilitate greater connection with the community in Hawaii. We will strive to prevent further encroachment, reduce noise complaints, and collaborate toward community resiliency efforts to ensure mission capabilities.

MCBH will ensure a holistic approach at encroachment plans through increased education and engagement with encroachment partners, local land planning agencies, and state agencies. This approach will include natural and cultural management efforts to assist in the further protection of endemic and federally-protected species.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Maintains valued community resources
- Provides habitat for endangered species
- Protects working lands that benefit the local economy

### MILITARY

- Reduces the potential for lost test and training days and the need for less-realistic workarounds
- Protects live-fire training capabilities
- Increases operational safety



The top photo shows the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 268 during an aerial refueling exercise out of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. The photo below shows the kōlea or Pacific golden-plover, a small yellow shorebird which winters in the Main Hawaiian Islands and breeds in Siberia and westernmost Alaska. Kōlea are commonly sighted on MCBH as they are very territorial and often return to the same nesting site annually.

## KEY PARTNERS

- State of Hawaii
- North Shore Community Land Trust
- State of Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation
- State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources
- Trust For Public Land

## FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2020

- » Acres preserved: **0**
- » Transactions conducted: **0**
- » Total funds expended: **0**
- » Project status: **Initiated**

## CONTACT

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