

Aquatic Invasive Species in Hawai`i



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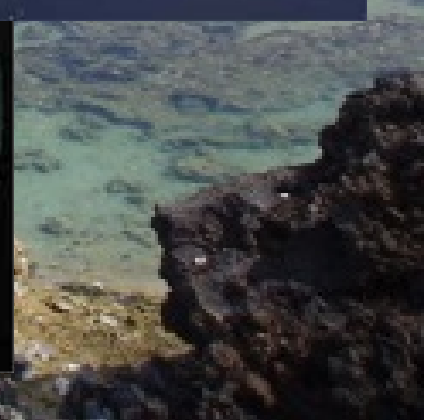
Marine



Estuary



Anchialine Pools



Streams, Rivers, and Lakes



Established Aquatic Invasive Species

- **Fish:** 20 marine species, 41 freshwater
- **Invertebrates:** > 200 species
- **Aquatic Plants:** 28 species
- **Seaweed (Algae):** 14 species

TOTAL= 300+



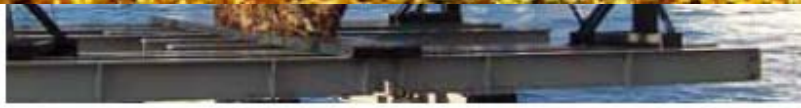
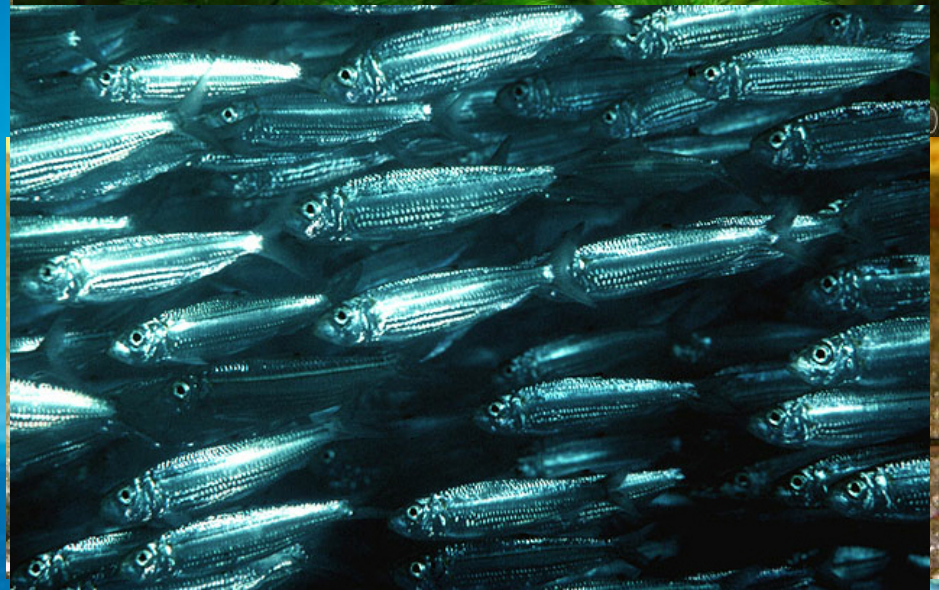
Why should we be concerned?

- Economic
- Ecosystem Health
- Resilience
- Food Security
- Social and Cultural



How Do Introduced Species Get Here?

- Intentional Introductions
- Shipping
- Aquaculture escape
- Aquarium release
- Live bait



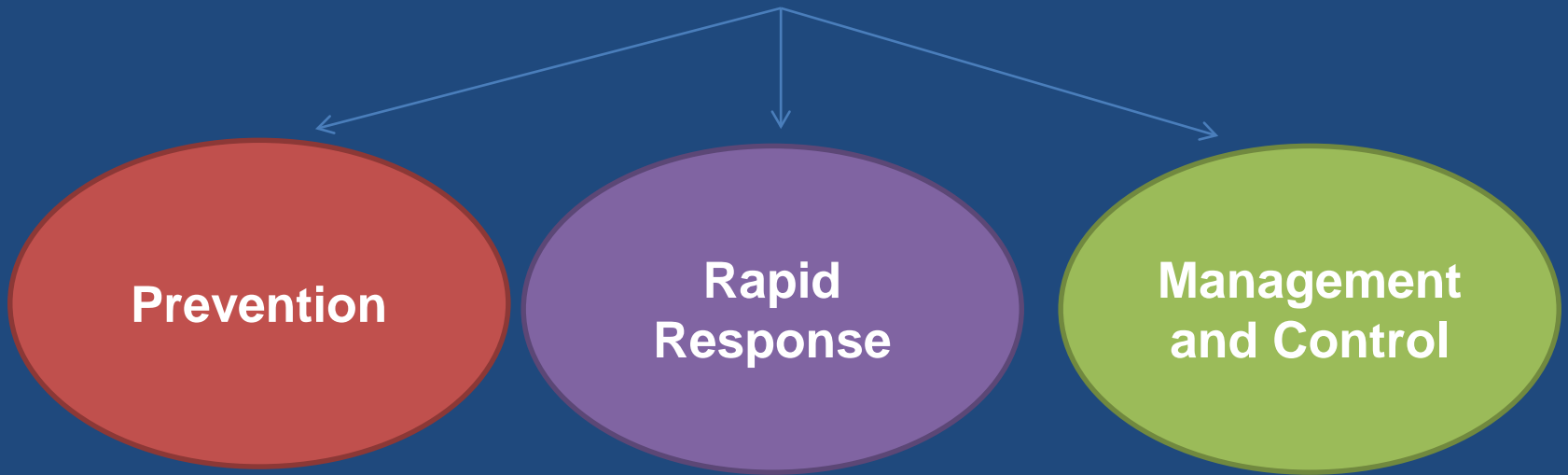
Aquatic Invasive Species Program DLNR-DAR

**GOAL: Minimize Adverse Impacts
from Aquatic Invasive Species**

Prevention

**Rapid
Response**

**Management
and Control**



Super Sucker and Sea Urchin Hatchery

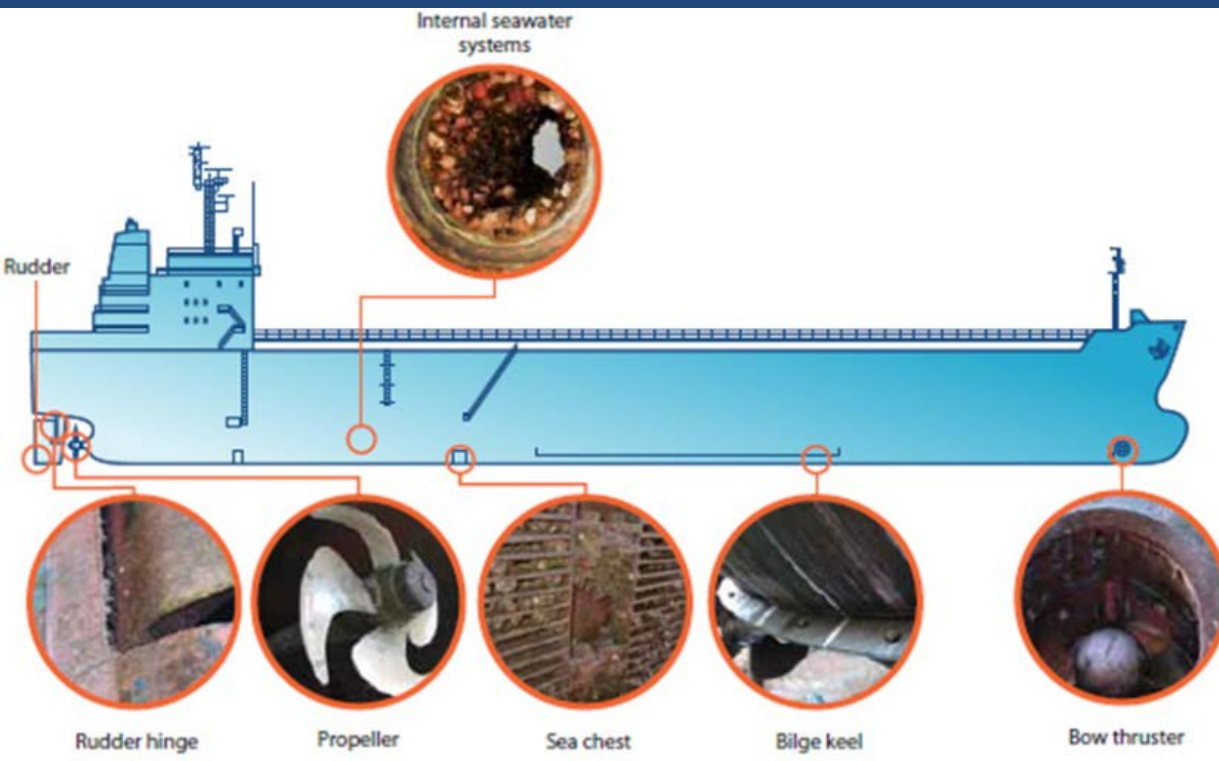
Progress:

- 100 acres of reef cleared
- Produced and outplanted over 280,000 urchins



Hull Fouling and In-Water Cleaning

- **Biofouling Study:** 78% of introduced aquatic species
- **In-water cleaning Study:** In progress



Ballast Water

- Ballast water rule amendment



Program Needs

- Ballast water administrative rule amendment
- Biofouling rule
- In-Water Cleaning policy development
- Long-term capacity for coordinator
- Cost-recovery program



Program Needs

- Continued Support for HISC and DLNR-DAR Aquatic Invasive Species Program
- Increased capacity for work on outer islands
- Support of Policy
 - Regulating sale and distribution of invasive species



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