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DLNR Receives \$1.7 Million from Federal Government to Aid and Protect Hawaii's Endangered Species

Honolulu- The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife, recently received over \$1.7 million in federal grant funds. The appropriations will fund select conservation and restoration projects aimed at protecting Hawaii's endangered species.

"I applaud the Department of Land and Natural Resources for their efforts to preserve our State's natural beauty and endangered wildlife," said Senator Malama Solomon, chair of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. "Funding for these projects will go a long way toward the protection and enhancement of Hawaii's unique environment and ecosystem."

Projects funded under the approved grants include:

- \$578,250 for the purchase and management of Kaluaao Valley in the central Koolau Mountains of Oahu to provide additional public access and conserve and protect endangered species.
- \$248,524 for the establishment of capacity and initial management actions that will lead to the long-term development of self-sustaining population of the critically-endangered Alala.
- \$249,952 for the implementation of conservation and management efforts targeting 41 snail species federally-listed Achatinella genus, as well as five rare species of Amastridae family.

Grant funding was awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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