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Michael G. Buck

Career Summary: Diverse experience creating and implementing a variety of multi-stakeholder natural resource and community development programs at local, state, national and international levels.

- Led one of the nation's most diverse natural resource management agencies as Hawaii State Forester and Wildlife Director for over a decade.
- Drafted and led multi-constituent support for the passage of major Federal (*Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act*) and State (*Natural Area, Endangered Species Recovery, Invasive Species*) legislation.
- Four-time member of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Forum on Forests.
- Served 8 years as Water Commissioner for the State of Hawaii.

Education:

Master of Science. Forest Resources Conservation / Certificate of Tropical Agriculture. Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. 1985

Bachelor of Science. Resources Management. School of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, State University of New York, Syracuse, New York. 1976

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Extensive facilitation and conflict resolution experience dealing with natural resource public policy, water allocation, and traditional indigenous rights issues.
- Knowledge in a diverse range of natural resource fields such as wildlife and watershed management, forest health and sustainability, invasive species, and conservation biology
- Knowledge of Federal and State of Hawaii environmental and natural resource laws and regulations.
- Experience in multi-agency and partnership development in public and private sectors.

Selected Leadership Positions:

▪ 2023-present	President, Malama Honua Public Charter School Foundation
▪ 2015-2023	Commissioner, HI Commission on Water Resource Management
▪ 2015 - present	Member, Hawaii Fresh Water Council
▪ 2007 - present	Board of Directors, Seagull Early Education Schools
• 1996 - present	Board of Directors, National Assoc. of State Foresters Foundation
▪ 1993 - present	Trustee / Treasurer, Aloha Foundation