

Voluntary Codes of Conduct

For Plant Industry



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Voluntary Codes of Conduct for the Plant Industry

Codes adapted from *The St. Louis Declaration on Invasive Plant Species*

(<http://www.centerforplantconservation.org/invasives/cbgN.html>). Questions or comments, email or call Christy Martin at christym@rocketmail.com (808) 722-0995, or Joylynn Paman at miscpr@hawaii.edu (573-6472).

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- Revised with comments 6/27/06
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1. Ensure that invasive potential is assessed prior to introducing and marketing plant species new to Hawaii. Invasive potential should be assessed by the introducer or qualified experts using emerging risk assessment methods that consider plant characteristics and prior observations or experience with the plant elsewhere in the world. Additional insights may be gained through extensive monitoring on the nursery site prior to further distribution.

MALP will support this code by making a good faith effort to use the Hawaii Pacific Weed Risk Assessment (HPWRA) system to screen new plant introductions.

*Note: UH Botany PhD student Shahin Ansari is the WRA screener, she worked for Dr. Daehler as the WRA screener in the past, so has a lot of experience screening plants. Shahin works under the supervision of Lyon Arboretum Interim Director Dr. Cliff Morden. All new plants submitted by Codes of Conduct participants will be screened as a first priority. Submit plant names to Shahin via email at shahin@hawaii.edu, or feel free to call her at (808) 988-2971.

2. Work with regional experts and stakeholders to determine which species in your region are either currently invasive or will become invasive. Identify plants that could be suitable alternatives in your region.



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MALP will support this code by including the Maui Invasive Species Committee in MALP events and the webpage. We will distribute information on invasive plants to our members.

3. Develop and promote alternative plant material through plant selection and breeding.

MALP will support this code by identifying and promoting suitable non-invasive alternatives. We will work with Maui County Department of Water Supply, the Maui Arborists Committee and others to encourage other plant industry professionals to use non-invasive plants.

4. Where agreement has been reached among nursery associations, government, academia and ecology and conservation organizations, phase-out existing stocks of those specific invasive species in regions where they are considered to be a threat.

MALP will discontinue the ordering, growing, and selling of the following plants as soon as possible:

1. Mule's foot fern (*Angiopteris evecta*)
2. Giant reed (*Arundo donax*)
3. Butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*)
4. Smoke bush (*Buddleia madagascariensis*)
5. Cat's claw (*Caesalpinia decapetala*)
6. Fiddlewood (*Citharexylum spinosum*)
7. Pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana* and *C. jubata***)
8. Rubbervine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora* and *C. madagascariensis*)
9. Australian tree fern (*Cyathea cooperi*)
11. Water hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes* and *E. azurea***)
13. Kahili ginger (*Hedychium gardnerianum*)
14. Hiptage (*Hiptage benghalensis*)
15. St. John's wort (*Hypericum canariensis*)
16. Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)
17. Bingabing/Macaranga (*Macaranga mappa* and *M. tanarius*)
18. Medinilla (*Medinilla cumingii* and *M. venosa***)
19. Indian rhododendron (*Melastoma candidum* and *M. sanguineum*)**
20. Tree daisy (*Montanoa hibiscifolia*)**
21. Fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)**
22. New Zealand flax (*Phormium tenax*)
23. Cape pittosporum (*Pittosporum viridiflorum*)
24. Downy rose myrtle (*Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*)**
25. Glorybush (*Tibouchina urvilleana*)**

**denotes plants that are State Noxious Weeds, but are sold at times.



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5. Follow all laws on importation and quarantine of plant materials across political boundaries.

MALP will support this code by making an effort to learn the laws and follow them.

6. Encourage customers to use, and garden writers to promote, non-invasive plants.

MALP agrees to do this wherever possible by promoting education about invasive plants and non-invasive alternatives through our web page, newsletter and annual garden fair.

These codes are voluntary and are agreed upon by the honor of the individual MALP member/business listed on page 1. MALP will try to promote these codes to other businesses as a way to establish an industry standard. The Codes of Conduct will be up for review and revisions on an as needed basis.

Please fill out contact information on page 1 and FAX to Christy Martin at (808) 956-4710, or mail to P.O. Box 61441, Honolulu, Hawaii 96839. MAHALO for your participation.

