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KUA'ĀINA ULU 'AUAMO (KUA) means “grassroots growing through shared kuleana (responsibility).” KUA means *backbone*.

KUA was called into existence in 2012 by a network of community-based natural resource management groups called E ALU PŪ that has met consistently over the past 14 years for learning exchanges and sharing power. The network desired a permanent convener and facilitator to focus on their collective needs and help them build a more equitable environment for their grassroots stewardship work.

Today KUA facilitates three networks...



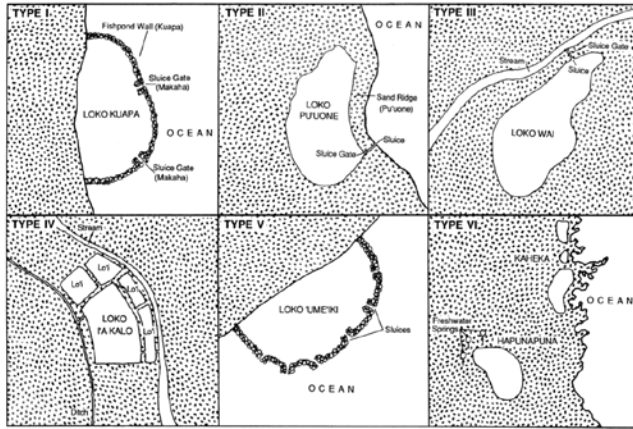


E ALU PŪ



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- **Over 30 communities doing ridge to reef work**
- Focus on transmitting multigenerational knowledge, native rights, nearshore fishery management, fishpond restoration and traditional agriculture & subsistence gathering
- **Current Initiatives**
 - **Lawai‘a Pono (fishing righteously):** Supports education, outreach & advocacy on Community-based Subsistence Fishing Area law(s) and other natural resource regimes that support community marine co-management
- **Governance**
 - ‘Aelike (agreement) that lists network values, signed by all members
 - Led by the E Alu Pū Council and Island Caucuses elected by members
- **Advocacy**
 - Helping move state government in a more supportive capacity through unity and advocacy.



Modified from Apple and Kikuchi (1973) and Costa-Pierce (1987).

HUI MĀLAMA LOKO I‘A

- **Emerging network of over 40 traditional Hawaiian fishpond restoration projects**
 - Gathering opportunistically since 2003
- Diverse participation (cultural groups, conservationists, business interests and landowners);
- Strong youth membership
- Has helped move state in a more supportive capacity (of restoration etc.) through unity and advocacy.

LIMU HUI

- **Network of elder limu (seaweed) gatherers and supporters**
- Born from efforts of founding E Alu Pū members who sought to increase awareness, utilization, and share knowledge on fundamental elements of ocean ecosystems
- **Focus on:**
 - **Preserving, sharing & perpetuating traditional knowledge**
 - **Increasing out-planting efforts for native seaweeds and restoring abundance.**



Convening & Facilitation

- **Annual Gatherings**
 - KUA convenes each network as a full body to learn from and empower each other to perform stewardship
- **Seeking cross sector collaborations & inter/intra network learning opportunities** (capacity building, skills, practices)
- **Direct assistance to individual communities when asked.**
- **Building a more equitable environment for community-based natural resource management efforts.**
 - Building bridges between parties to facilitate collaborative efforts to mālama (care for) Hawai‘i
- **Connecting communities in Hawaii with global peers.**
 - Telling the story of Hawai‘i’s kua‘āina people by connecting with broader state, national and international networks (PIMPAC, ICCA, IUCN)



Organization & Support

- E Alu Pū carried by various efforts (one person) for approximately 10 years through the Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network (HCSN);
- E Alu Pū Advisory Council formed and called for a permanent entity and two staff hired to create what became KUA;
- Funding: majority private grants; general operating support is a priority (allows flexibility and adaptability), plan to develop more non-Hawaii large foundational grants and increase donations;
- Staff: 5 Full time, 2 part time: Executive Director and Deputy Director oversee operations and staff, direction and funding; 1 communications manager, 3 network coordinators; 1 admin/tech person;