E Makaʻala Kākou!

BIO-SECURITY

The term “invasive species” is used in a variety of ways, but in Hawaii this term typically refers to species that are both:

1. harmful to the environment, economy, and/or human health, and

2. not native to Hawaii (i.e., species that were introduced by human assistance rather than by their own means of introduction).
• Inspect gear and equipment before going into the field. Field pests include weed seeds and insects. Clods of dirt or mud often mask these hitchhikers. Clean footwear, socks, pant legs, jackets, rain gear, foodstuffs, tools, packs or other containers with a hose, brush, rag or knife edge.

• Thoroughly wash and dry all swim clothes and gear. Dip snorkel and fins in a light bleach solution. Invasive algae is just as dangerous as terrestrial weeds.

**Today, a new pest reaches Hawaii every 18 days!!!**