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## **HAWAII WILDLIFE REFUGES AND HATCHERIES TO RECEIVE \$8.6 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDING TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION**

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**WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye and Senator Daniel K. Akaka announced today that national wildlife refuges and hatcheries in Hawaii will receive \$8.6 million in stimulus funding through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.**

**“These funds will help protect and preserve irreplaceable, beautiful and unique parts of Hawaii like Kealia Pond, one of the few natural wetlands remaining in the islands and a critical habitat for our endangered wetland birds,” said Chairman Inouye and Senator Akaka. “Our commitment to wildlife conservation will be strengthened by these job creating infrastructure improvements.”**

**The funding will be used for construction, repairs, energy efficiency improvements, habitat restoration and deferred maintenance. The breakdown for Hawaii:**

**Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Maui \$7,300,000**

- **For design and construction of an energy efficient administrative and visitors building that replaces a structure previously destroyed by fire.**

**Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Big Island \$590,000**

- **For replacement of Pua Akala barn with a storage/maintenance building.**

**Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge**

**\$406,000**

- For replacement of a solar energy system and a housing and storage unit at Laysan Island.

**Pacific Islands Coastal Program**

**\$220,000**

- For restoration of Lehua Island native habitat and Mokiio coastal strand on Molokai; cattle and predator control fencing around Nuu Wetland on Maui.

**Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kauai**

**\$120,000**

- For rehabilitation work on Kilauea Point Lighthouse.