

Hawai‘i Management

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Cats, while loved by many, are a leading threat to native species and are threatening biodiversity and the transmission of diseases, especially in island ecosystems. Invasive and owned cats can be a significant part of the landscape, making it difficult to encourage responsible ownership and advance legislative solutions. This problem has persisted for decades, leading to polarization that makes it difficult to address on both fronts. With support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bird Conservancy of the Americas, and the National Science Foundation, we undertook a comprehensive research project to understand the perspectives and experiences of

Over the course of a year, we interviewed key experts, conducted a survey, and hosted a community of people with diverse expertise. Interviews provided important context and aided in the development of a framework that would explore Hawai‘i’s current management and policy challenges, the barriers they encountered, and the solutions indoors or contained within

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