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## Garden Island RC&D 2007 Report

**Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee** (KISC) Coqui News is a weekly update on coqui frog (*Eleutherodactylus coqui*) eradication and control efforts on the island of Kaua'i. These efforts are currently being funded by both the County of Kaua'i and the State and involve crews from the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and KISC working cooperatively to rid Kaua'i of its one known coqui population in Lawai.



*Photos from [http://www.hear.org/kisc/coqui\\_news/](http://www.hear.org/kisc/coqui_news/).*

### State Representatives visit Lawai

13 members of the state House of Representatives were on Kaua'i during the second week in August for a two-day visit to tour agricultural and economic development projects. Part of their tour included a visit to the coqui infestation site in Lawai where they received a briefing from Keren Gundersen of the Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee, a project of GIRC&D, Inc. Activity to battle the frog was recounted starting with the first report in 2001 (when little action was actually taken), the expanding population, USDA's efforts to obtain a label to use citric acid as a pesticide, the formation of the Kaua'i Coqui Frog Working Group and the current efforts at the site. The group also observed the coqui crewmembers in action spraying citric acid in section six as a grounddrench. The highlight of the visit was being shown a live coqui frog and a clutch of eggs that were captured in a PVC refugia trap.

KISC received \$61,000 in 2006 and \$290,967 in 2007 from the County of Kaua'i along with \$50,000 from the State of Hawai'i in 2006.



*Representative Barbara Marumoto, Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, and Agriculture Committee Chair Representative Clift Tsuji getting "up-close and personal" with captured coqui at the Lawai infestation site.*



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**Kaua'i Conservation Conference** became a project of GIRC&D, Inc. in April, 2006 to offer a venue to facilitate cooperative projects and partnerships, exchange information and ideas to enhance the effectiveness of conservation work, while raising awareness in the community about the importance of conservation. More than 200 attendees gathered to hear Chipper Wichman, director of National Tropical Botanical Gardens and Dr. Carlos Andrade of the University of Hawaii, Manoa along with a variety of conservation presentations. The committee is planning its second event for April 11-12, 2008 at Kaua'i Community College. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Wade Davis, Explorer in Residence, National Geographic Society. The two day event will feature several break-out sessions, field trips and other public outreach events with information on conservation issues and projects.

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