

Special Issue

Biocultural Restoration in Hawai'i

Message from the Guest Editors

Hawai'i has been a regional leader in biocultural restoration with many projects restoring the health and function of systems that exist in the confluence of nature and humanity. There exist several multifaceted approaches that aim to facilitate a return to a state of perpetual resource abundance, known in Hawaiian as *'āina momona*, by merging both ancestral and contemporary science, technology, and philosophy, thus informing adaptive practices in multiple fields. This Special Issue solicits papers focusing on biocultural restoration in Hawai'i. We will highlight viable models in the effort to restore *'āina momona*, with some focus on the management of forest, streams, nearshore fisheries, traditional crop diversity, traditional food systems, and health and wellness; as well as the legal and policy steps needed to build a foundation that can facilitate this change. We want to emphasize the biocultural foundation in social-ecological system theory; and the manners in which restoration of biocultural diversity, along with the health/function of social-ecological systems, can be founded in cultural values and aligned with community priorities.

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