

# Survey Questionnaire

The survey instrument used for this study was designed to provide a structured, yet flexible discussion regarding environmental issues in Hawai'i. In particular, the survey instrument was designed to collect general information on the state of Hawai'i's environment and possible solutions, as well as gather more specific recommendations on the best ways for Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation to proceed with an environmental grantmaking strategy.

In collaboration with Foundation staff, forty-eight experts in a wide range of environmental disciplines were identified and surveyed. The interviewees represent a variety of stakeholders including government, not-for-profit, current Foundation grantees, physical scientists, social scientists, practitioners, researchers, and other grantmakers. Survey participants were given the survey instrument in advance of the interviews and thus were given a chance to review questions and were directed to the Foundation website for further information. The survey instrument is presented here in order to provide insight into the type of information gathered.

## Issue Identification

- 1) Considering Hawai'i's unique environment, what are the most relevant and pressing environmental issues facing the state today?

## Solution Framework

- 2) What are the best ways to address the issues you identified?
- 3) What community engagement efforts have been most successful as a method to encourage them to become stewards of their local environments?
- 4) How do you define or measure success in relation to environmental protection?

## Challenges

- 5) What challenges exist that present the greatest resistance to achieving environmental goals?
- 6) What resources are lacking in helping support and promote environmental stewardship?
  - a. Knowledge
  - b. Training
  - c. Funding (at what level)
  - d. Collaboration with state and local agencies
  - e. Environmental data and information
  - f. Other

## Opportunities

- 1) When you think of successful environmental efforts or groups in Hawai'i, what are some common features or traits that you see in those efforts or groups?
- 2) Cross-sector dialogues and exchanges provide valuable opportunities to support environmental activities. What current alliances do you find most successful given the challenges we face in Hawai'i?
- 3) Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation is committed to the children and youth of Hawai'i. What role can children and youth play within environmental initiatives?
- 4) Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation has roughly an \$850,000 annual budget for environmental grants and is interested in issues related to land conservation, marine conservation, or climate change adaptation. What would be your primary recommendation on how the foundation can best impact environmental outcomes in Hawai'i with this level of giving?

## Concluding Questions

- 5) Do you have any cautionary notes or lessons learned that might be helpful to the Foundation?
- 6) Do you have any additional comments, suggestions, or final thoughts that you'd like to add?
- 7) Do you mind if we contact you if we have any further questions?

*Mahalo.*