

Protect Mākua – Stop the Bombing!

KE KANI O KE ONE O MĀKUA - THE RESONATING SANDS OF MĀKUA

Mākua is a *wahi kapu* – a sacred place and a cultural treasure for Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians). Mākua means parents in Hawaiian. It is home to numerous *heiau* (temples) and *ahu* (shrines). The valley is rich with legends, burials, and sacred sites, including references to Mākua in the Pele and Hi‘iaka legends.

Memorial for Bruddah Iz. Photo: Rodrigues



IMPACTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN MĀKUA:

- Bombs desecrate a sacred place and violate *aloha ‘āina*.
- Kanaka Maoli are denied access to traditional cultural resources in Mākua.
- Explosives and live munitions contaminate the land and water with unexploded bombs and toxic chemicals. This threatens the health and safety of the community.
- Military training damages the native ecosystem and threatens nearly thirty endangered species, some of which only live in Mākua.
- The taking of Hawaiian crown and government lands violates the sovereignty of the Hawaiian nation, and the eviction of native tenants by the military violates their human rights.

Unexploded Ordnance. Photo: Greevy



KEY COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. STOP THE BOMBING! Peace for Mākua.
2. CLEAN UP the unexploded ordnance and toxic contamination and restore the native ecosystem.
3. RETURN THE LAND to the original families and the community for social, economic and cultural development.
4. PROVIDE REDRESS to compensate the families who were directly impacted and the community for damages done. Redress can help to stimulate true community-based economic development in Wai‘anae.

WHY WE NEED AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Write or call President Bush and urge him to

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