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 MAUI ISLANDS
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Glimpses of Maui Nui ~ KAHO'OLAWE



First test explosion of *Operation Sailor Hat*, February 6, 1965

Kaho'olawe was settled around 1000 A.D. and by the mid-1600's, the largest population was at Hakioawa on the island's eastern coast. By 1805 the inhabitants had declined to a reported 160, attributed to inter-island warfare, disease from western contact, and general emigration from the island. Through the *Missionary Period* (1825-1853), *Early Ranch Period* (1853-1910), *Forest Reserve Period* (1910-1918), and *Later Ranch Period* (1918-1941), the island continued an environmental decline primarily at the hand of long-term over-grazing. By 1941 it had become almost worthless through erosion and loss of soil. With the attack on Pearl Harbor and the declaration of martial law the history of Kaho'olawe became one of military use. During WWII, the island played a major role as a Navy training site. In 1946 it was reported that 800 ships ranging from destroyer escorts to battle wagons rehearsed for the day they would fire in support of marine landings. The rehearsals prepared Marines for the landings at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and other sites throughout the southwest Pacific.



Hula at Hakioawa Beach

From the *Military Period* (1941-1978) through the active years of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana lawsuit, during cleanup and formal conveyance back to local control, and to the present (1976-2010), the thread of

Native Hawaiian culture binds the contemporary with the ancient, defining Kaho'olawe's importance as a special place, a *wahi pana*, and as a sanctuary, a *pu'u honua*. It remains a place where traditional ceremonies and practices are perpetuated in a continuum of culture.

Smallest of
 the 8 main
 volcanic
 islands in the
 Hawaiian
 chain
 (28,800 acres)

29 miles
 of shore

Highest point
Pu'u O Maa Ula Nui
 1,483 feet

No
 permanent
 residents



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