



HAWAI`I GREEN GROWTH INITIATIVE: SHOWCASING HAWAI`I`S GREEN GROWTH ACTION & COMMITMENT

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AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY

Hawai`i has an unprecedented opportunity to assist the U.S. government to advance regional and international priorities shared by the State Department and Hawai`i's New Day economic plan.

It's not a choice between our environment and our economy; it's a choice between prosperity and decline
– President Barack Obama

Jobs in energy, agriculture and environmental protection will be a cornerstone in a new sustainable economy in Hawai`i
– Governor Neil Abercrombie

As a microcosm for security challenges facing the globe, Hawai`i has a unique opportunity to build a green economy at a manageable scale with an innovative, integrated multi-sector partnership and work with others to adapt to a changing world. The Hawai`i Green Growth Initiative (HGG) brings Hawai`i leaders from energy, food and the environment together to achieve Hawai`i's sustainability goals and be a model for integrated green growth.

The year 2012 is a significant milestone for the global sustainability agenda with the twentieth anniversary of the Earth Summit: UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio. Many other international and regional meetings will highlight green growth progress. Hawai`i could present a unique example of U.S. commitment to integrated green growth, including energy, food and eco-security targets at these events.

Secure & Sustainable: Hawai`i Green Growth Initiative

As the most isolated population on the planet, Hawai`i exemplifies the urgent need for action on the global priority for green growth. Hawai`i's people depend on imports for 95% of their energy and 85-90% of their food, at an estimated annual cost of \$8.6 billion. Hawai`i is also known as a hot spot for biodiversity loss. Like all islands across the Asia Pacific region, Hawai`i will be on the forefront responding to climate change impacts.

Hawai`i is ready to serve as a US example of early action on green growth. In support of the *New Day Hawai`i* plan and the *HI 2050 Sustainability Plan*, the HI Green Growth Initiative set ambitious targets to build a more secure, sustainable and resilient economy for Hawai`i by 2030:

- 70% **clean energy** -- 40% from renewable resources, 30% from conservation
- double **local food** production -- 20-30% of food consumed in Hawai`i is locally produced
- reverse the trend of **natural resource** loss mauka to makai -- more water; more reef fish; more healthy forests, streams & coastlines; no new extinctions of Hawaiian species
- increase local **green jobs and education** to implement these targets

A working group of leaders from private and public entities across Hawai`i are collaborating on three key strategies to develop the state's green economy.

- **Strengthen political support** for action on Hawai`i's emerging green (and blue) growth initiatives at the state, national and international levels
- **Develop multi-sector partnerships** to achieve Hawai`i green growth targets for energy, food and eco-security by 2030
- **Build Hawai`i's "global brand"** as an early example of green growth, ready to learn and share with others around the world.

Hawai'i can showcase a variety of successful large-scale green (and blue) initiatives to support U.S. green growth priorities at international fora, including a world-class marine conservation area and international network, 11 watershed partnerships statewide to manage over 2.2 million acres with more than 60 public and private landowners and managers; multi-agency biosecurity programs; and innovative funding mechanisms to support these programs. Hawai'i's host culture provides guiding principles for collaborative action and self-sufficiency.

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