

Voluntary Codes of Conduct For Plant Industry



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Voluntary Codes of Conduct for the Plant Industry are adapted from The St. Louis Declaration on Invasive Plant Species (<http://www.centerforplantconservation.org/invasives/cbgN.html>). For information about the Hawaii Pacific Weed Risk Assessment (HPWRA) and the Codes project, visit www.lichawaii.com and click on "invasive species". Questions or comments, email or call Christy Martin at christym@rocketmail.com (808) 722-0995.

1. Ensure that invasive potential is assessed prior to introducing and marketing plant species new to Hawaii. Invasive potential should be assessed by the introducer or qualified experts using emerging risk assessment methods that consider plant characteristics and prior observations or experience with the plant elsewhere in the world. Additional insights may be gained through extensive monitoring on the nursery site prior to further distribution.

HILA will support this code by making a good faith effort to use the Hawaii Pacific Weed Risk Assessment (HPWRA) system to screen new plant introductions.

*Note: Submit plant names to be screened by the HPWRA technician, Chuck Chimera, by emailing chimera@hawaii.edu. All new plant names submitted by Codes of Conduct participants will be screened as a first priority. To check the list of plants that have been screened, visit the website at <http://www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/daehler/WRA/>

2. Work with regional experts and stakeholders to determine which species in your region are either currently invasive or will become invasive. Identify plants that could be suitable alternatives in your region.

We will support this code by communicating with resource managers and conservation groups to learn about invasive plants that are/may be used in the plant industry.

We will also support this code by identifying and promoting suitable non-invasive alternatives.

3. Develop and promote alternative plant material through plant selection and breeding.

We will support this code by identifying and promoting suitable non-invasive alternatives. We will encourage other plant industry professionals to use non-invasive plants.

4. Where agreement has been reached among nursery associations, government, academia and ecology and conservation organizations, phase-out existing stocks of those specific invasive species in regions where they are considered to be a threat.

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We will discontinue the ordering, growing, specifying and selling of the following plants as soon as possible:

1. Giant reed (*Arundo donax*)
2. Mule's foot fern (*Angiopteris evecta*)
3. Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*)
4. Smoke bush (*Buddleja madagascariensis*)
5. Cat's claw (*Caesalpinia decapetala*)
6. Fiddlewood (*Citharexylum spinosum*)
7. Pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana* and *C. jubata**)
8. Rubbervine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*, *C. madagascariensis*)
9. Australian tree fern (*Cyathea cooperi*, syn: *Sphaeropteris cooperi*)
10. Water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)
11. Kahili ginger (*Hedychium gardnerianum*)
12. Hiptage (*Hiptage benghalensis*)
13. St. John's wort (*Hypericum canariensis* and *H. perforatum*)
14. Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)
15. Bingabing/Macaranga (*Macaranga mappa*)
16. Parasol tree/Macaranga (*Macaranga tanarius*)
17. Medinilla (*Medinilla cumingii* and *M. venosa*)
18. Indian rhododendron (*Melastoma candidum* and *M. sanguineum*)
19. Tree daisy (*Montanoa hibiscifolia*)
20. Fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)
21. New Zealand flax (*Phormium tenax*)
22. Cape pittosporum (*Pittosporum viridiflorum*)
23. Brassaia, Octopus tree, Umbrella tree (*Schefflera actinophylla*)
24. African tulip tree (*Spathodea campanulata*)
25. Downy rose myrtle (*Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*)
26. Glorybush (*Tibouchina urvilleana**)
27. Mexican Fan palm, Washington palm, Washingtonia palm (*Washingtonia robusta*)

*denotes plants that are State Noxious Weeds, but have been sold at times.

5. Follow all laws on importation and quarantine of plant materials across political boundaries.

We will support this code by making an effort to learn the laws and follow them.

6. Encourage customers to use, and garden writers to promote, non-invasive plants.

We agree to do this wherever possible by: posting literature and flyers about invasive plants/non-invasive alternatives and by otherwise promoting non-invasive plants.

Note: These codes are voluntary and are agreed upon by the honor of the individual HILA member/business listed on page 1. HILA will try to promote these codes to other businesses as a way to establish an industry standard. The Codes of Conduct will be up for review and revisions on an as needed basis.

Please fill out contact information on page 1 and FAX to Christy Martin at (808) 956-4710, or mail to P.O. Box 61441, Honolulu, Hawaii 96839. MAHALO for your participation.