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Nā Koa Manu Conservation Welcomes Maui Invasive Species Committee as New Partner Project

Maui Island, HI — Nā Koa Manu Conservation (NKMC) is proud to announce a new strategic partnership with the **Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC)**, a respected leader in the protection of native Hawaiian ecosystems from the devastating impacts of invasive species. This collaboration marks a powerful step forward in NKMC's mission to protect and recover native Hawaiian bird populations, forests and watersheds through collective and innovative conservation efforts.

As a community-rooted nonprofit organization, NKMC works across landscapes and partners to preserve the unique biodiversity of Hawai'i. The addition of MISC to the NKMC Partner Projects deepens our commitment to collaborative conservation and expands our collective reach to combat invasive species, one of the greatest threats to native wildlife and ecosystems.

"MISC brings invaluable knowledge, dedication, and experience to the table," said Sarah McLane Bryan, President of NKMC. "Their proactive work in identifying and controlling invasive species on Maui has long set the standard for coordinated, community-based response in Hawai'i. We are thrilled to have them join our partner network and look forward to advancing conservation efforts together."

MISC was founded in 1999 to address urgent threats such as the rapid spread of invasive plants, animals, and pathogens such as the Little Fire Ant and Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death. MISC uses science-driven methods to safeguard native species and support healthy ecosystems. Their work directly aligns with NKMC's mission, particularly in the prevention of habitat degradation and the protection of critical areas for Hawai'i's endemic forest birds.

As a Partner Project, MISC will collaborate closely with NKMC and fellow conservation partners to enhance landscape-scale conservation strategies, engage local communities in stewardship, and strengthen biosecurity measures across islands. MISC joins other locally recognizable and impactful Partner Projects: East Maui Watershed Partnership, Kula Community Watershed Alliance, Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project, Maui Mauka Conservation Awareness Training, ReTree Hawai'i and Skyline Conservation Initiative.

"This partnership with NKMC reinforces the importance of unified, local conservation," said Lissa Strohecker, MISC Acting Manager. "We're excited to join forces with an

organization that shares our vision for a resilient, native Hawai'i and will help us accelerate our goal to protect Maui Nui from the harm of invasive species.”

For more information about Nā Koa Manu Conservation and our growing network of conservation leaders, visit www.nkmconservation.org. Learn more about the impactful work of MISC at www.mauinvasive.org.



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