

# Hualalai Community Association

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## Coqui Frog Control Update

Aloha Hualalai Owners,

As you may know, coqui frogs are an invasive species in the State of Hawaii that not only cause environmental and economic harm, but their loud incessant calls, which can reach 100 decibels. This invasive species can be very disruptive to those living nearby.

To address the ever-increasing coqui frog population, the Hualalai Board of Directors have been working diligently on ways to reduce the existing coqui frog population. This includes additional treatment of the existing coqui frog population added to the budget, to perform services on residential lots, serviced in quadrants, in addition to the common areas.

However, in addition to the HCA's efforts to reduce the coqui population, we need help from homeowners themselves. Most of the hot spots we have found are not in the common areas, but in the residential yards. We are asking for assistance from homeowners in engaging your landscaping crews to clear debris and disrupt the coquis habitat, along with being vigilant on not allowing more coquis into the resort. Homeowners must also provide access to their property for recon and treatment if necessary, as the HCA will not access private property without prior approval. Owners should retain his or her own coqui control vendors if they are needing immediate service. It has also been discovered that Off bug spray spray with 25% Deet or higher, as a very effective method of coqui eradication, even if sprayed in the vicinity of coquis.

The HCA efforts to get the coqui population under control, has come with an increased coqui control program this year with a proactive, and aggressive approach using 160 man hours per week from a two man team 20 man hours a week. While the previous program of hand catching did quite the immediate noise, it does not work for the desired long term success. The new multi-phased coqui eradication team has a variety of approaches treating the entire population including:

- Hand Capturing Coqui at night
- Spraying/treating Coqui infested vegetation at 1 pm to 9 pm.
- Reviewing treatments of any plant materials entering the resort.
- Monitoring all of the residential areas looking/listening for Coqui infestations weekday evenings up until 9 PM.

Any information regarding coquis, reporting coquis, or requests for coqui services will go to the coqui control team, via email at: [coquicontrol@hualalaihoa.org](mailto:coquicontrol@hualalaihoa.org).

On behalf of the Hualalai Community Association Board, Mahalo for your kokua and support.

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