

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY HOSTS LECTURE "Volunteer Vacation or Staycation — Perpetuating Maui's Health and Your Own"

Hannah Bernard and Uncle Oliver Dukelow will present their exciting collaborative project that introduces and involves visitors and residents in traditional taro and fish farming. Their Traditional Taro and Fish Farming Project brings volunteers into Maui's mountain rain forest to learn about traditional taro and fish farming practices. Volunteers visit Uncle Oliver and Auntie Valerie Dukelow's remote and "off the grid" farm where they practice traditional management and land-use practices. Hannah is the President and co-founder of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund. She is an award-winning marine biologist with 30 years of experience in conducting research, education and community outreach programs on marine life. She also teaches Marine Naturalist Training through UH Maui College. Oliver Dukelow is a lifelong community organizer, Hawaiian cultural practitioner, hunter, fisherman and taro farmer. At his farm in Kahakaloa, he has hosted youth from area schools and clubs, numerous halau and church groups, and is a Resource Specialist for Ke Kahua in Waiehu.

WHAT: Sanctuary Lecture Series

WHEN: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Kīhei Conference Room, 726 S. Kīhei Rd.

WHO: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai'i through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on <u>Facebook</u>.

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On the Web:

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary: <u>http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov</u> NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: <u>http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov</u> State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources: <u>http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/</u>