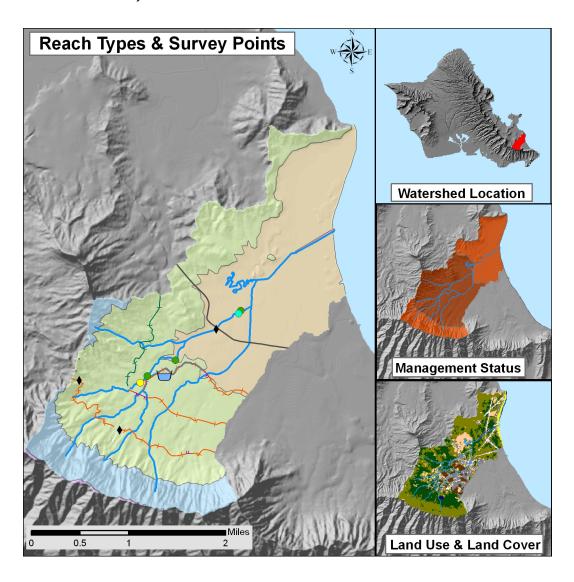
## Waimānalo, Oʻahu



#### **WATERSHED FEATURES**

Waimānalo watershed occurs on the island of Oʻahu. The Hawaiian meaning of the name is "potable water". The area of the watershed is 6.3 square mi (16.2 square km), with maximum elevation of 2575 ft (785 m). The watershed's DAR cluster code is 5, meaning that the watershed is medium size, steep in the upper watershed, and with little embayment. The percent of the watershed in the different land use districts is as follows: 32.4% agricultural, 31.7% conservation, 0% rural, and 36% urban.

Land Stewardship: Percentage of the land in the watershed managed or controlled by the corresponding agency or entity. Note that this is not necessarily ownership.

<u>Military</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>OHA</u>	County	Nature Conservancy	Other Private
0.0	32.5	15.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	51.7

Land Management Status: Percentage of the watershed in the categories of biodiversity protection and management created by the Hawaii GAP program.

Permanent Biodiversity	Managed for Multiple	Protected but	
<u>Protection</u>	<u>Uses</u>	<u>Unmanaged</u>	<u>Unprotected</u>
0.0	0.0	48.3	51.7

Land Use: Areas of the various categories of land use. These data are based on NOAA C-CAP remote sensing project.

	<u>Percent</u>	Square mi	Square km
High Intensity Developed	3.1	0.19	0.50
Low Intensity Developed	10.9	0.68	1.77
Cultivated	3.2	0.20	0.53
Grassland	9.0	0.56	1.46
Scrub/Shrub	43.4	2.72	7.06
Evergreen Forest	27.8	1.74	4.51
Palustrine Forested	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Emergent	0.0	0.00	0.00
Estuarine Forested	0.0	0.00	0.00
Bare Land	1.6	0.10	0.25
Unconsolidated Shoreline	0.2	0.01	0.03
Water	8.0	0.05	0.14
Unclassified	0.0	0.00	0.00

## **STREAM FEATURES**

Waimānalo is a perennial stream. Total stream length is 6.9 mi (11.1 km). The terminal stream order is 3.

Reach Type Percentages: The percentage of the stream's channel length in each of the reach type categories.

<b>Estuary</b>	Lower	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Upper</u>	<u>Headwaters</u>
6.5	0.0	88.7	4.8	0.0

The following stream(s) occur in the watershed: Waimānalo

## **BIOTIC SAMPLING EFFORT**

Biotic samples were gathered in the following year(s):

1971 1997 2002

# Distribution of Biotic Sampling: The number of survey locations that were sampled in the various reach types.

Survey type	<u>Estuary</u>	Lower	Middle	<u>Upper</u>	<u>Headwaters</u>
Damselfly Surveys	0	0	2	0	0
Published Report	0	2	1	0	0
USGS Surveys	0	1	0	0	0

#### **BIOTA INFORMATION**

**Native Species** 

## **Species List**

**Native Species** 

CrustaceansAmphipod sp.InsectsColeoptera sp.Caridina weberiEmpidid sp.Ostracod sp.Limnoxenus sp.FishAwaous guamensisLimonia sp.

Eleotris sandwicensis Megalagrion nigrohamatum

Stenogobius hawaiiensis nigrolineatum

Snails Hydrobiid sp. Megalagrion oceanicum

Worms Oligochaete sp. Orthocladius sp.

## Introduced Species Introduced Species

ClamsCorbicula flumineaInsectsCaenis nigropunctataCrustaceansMacrobrachium larCheumatopsyche analisNeocaridina denticulataChironomid larvaeProcambarus clarkiiTrichoptera larvae

Fish Poecilia reticulata

Tilapia sp.

Xiphophorus helleri

Snails Melanoides tuberculata

Pseudosuccinea columella

Tarebia granifera

Thiarid sp.

#### Species Distributions: Presence (P) of species in different stream reaches.

Scientific Name	<u>Status</u>	<u>Estuary</u>	Lower	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Upper</u> <u>Headwaters</u>
Eleotris sandwicensis	Endemic		Р		
Stenogobius hawaiiensis	Endemic		Р	Р	
Megalagrion nigrohamatum nigrolineatum	Endemic			Р	
Megalagrion oceanicum	Endemic			Р	
Orthocladius sp.	Endemic		Р		
Amphipod sp.	Indigenous		Р		
Caridina weberi	Indigenous		Р		
Awaous guamensis	Indigenous		Р		
Limnoxenus sp.	Indigenous		Р		

Limonia sp.	Indigenous	Р
Corbicula fluminea	Introduced	Р
Macrobrachium lar	Introduced	Р
Neocaridina denticulata	Introduced	Р
Procambarus clarkii	Introduced	Р
Poecilia reticulata	Introduced	Р
Tilapia sp.	Introduced	Р
Xiphophorus helleri	Introduced	Р
Caenis nigropunctata	Introduced	Р
Cheumatopsyche analis	Introduced	Р
Chironomid larvae	Introduced	Р
Trichoptera larvae	Introduced	Р
Melanoides tuberculata	Introduced	Р
Pseudosuccinea columella	Introduced	Р
Tarebia granifera	Introduced	Р
Thiarid sp.	Introduced	Р
Ostracod sp.	Undetermined	Р
Coleoptera sp.	Undetermined	Р
Empidid sp.	Undetermined	Р
Hydrobiid sp.	Undetermined	Р
Oligochaete sp.	Undetermined	Р

#### HISTORIC RANKINGS

Historic Rankings: These are rankings of streams from historical studies. "Yes" means the stream was considered worthy of protection by that method. Some methods include non-biotic data in their determination. See Atlas Key for details.

Multi-Attribute Prioritization of Streams - Potential Heritage Streams (1998): No

Hawaii Stream Assessment Rank (1990): Moderate

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service High Quality Stream (1988): No

The Nature Conservancy-Priority Aquatic Sites (1985): No

National Park Service - Nationwide Rivers Inventory (1982): No

Current DAR Decision Rule Status: The following criteria are used by DAR to consider the biotic importance of streams. "Yes" means that watershed has that quality.

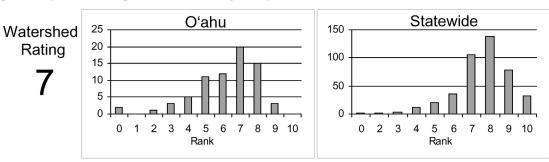
Native Insect Diversity > 19 spp.	Native Macrofauna <u>Diversity &gt; 5 spp.</u>	Absence of Priority 1 Introduced
No	No	No
Abundance of Any <a href="Native Species">Native Species</a>	Presence of Candidate Endangered Species	Endangered Newcomb's Snail Habitat
No	Yes	No

#### **CURRENT WATERSHED AND STREAM RATINGS**

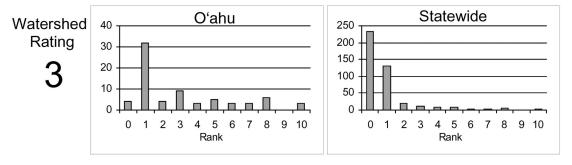
The current watershed and stream ratings are based on the data contained in the DAR Aquatic Surveys Database. The ratings provide the score for the individual watershed or stream, the distribution of ratings for that island, and the distribution of ratings statewide. This allows a better understanding of the meaning of a particular ranking and how it compares to other streams. The ratings are standardized to range from 0 to 10 (0 is lowest and 10 is highest rating) for each variable and the totals are also standardized so that the rating is not the average of each component rating. These ratings are subject to change as more data are entered into the DAR Aquatic Surveys Database and can be automatically recalculated as the data improve. In addition to the ratings, we have also provided an estimate of the confidence level of the ratings. This is called rating strength. The higher the rating strength the more likely the data and rankings represent the actual condition of the watershed, stream, and aquatic biota.

## WATERSHED RATING: Waimānalo, Oʻahu

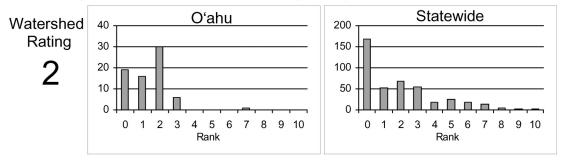
<u>Land Cover Rating</u>: Rating is based on a scoring sytem where in general forested lands score positively and developed lands score negatively.



<u>Shallow Waters Rating</u>: Rating is based on a combination of the extent of estuarine and shallow marine areas associated with the watershed and stream.



<u>Stewardship Rating</u>: Rating is based on a scoring system where higher levels of land and biodiversity protection within the watershed score positively.

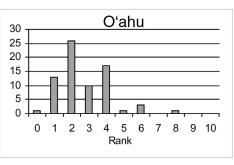


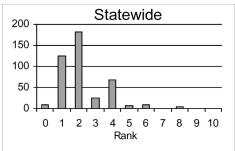
## WATERSHED RATING (Cont): Waimānalo, Oʻahu

<u>Size Rating</u>: Rating is based on the watershed area and total stream length. Larger watersheds and streams score more positively.

Watershed Rating

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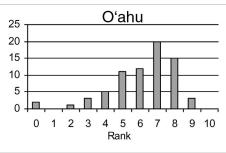


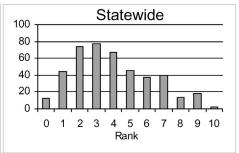


Wetness Rating: Rating is based on the average annual rainfall within the watershed. Higher rainfall totals score more positively.

Watershed Rating

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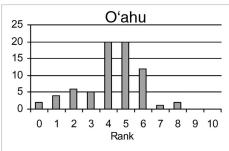


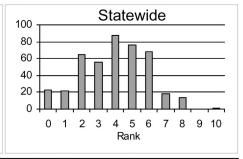


<u>Reach Diversity Rating</u>: Rating is based on the types and amounts of different stream reaches available in the watershed. More area in different reach types score more positively.

Watershed Rating

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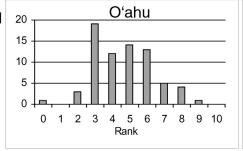


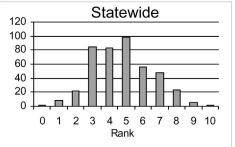


<u>Total Watershed Rating</u>: Rating is based on combination of <u>Land Cover Rating</u>, <u>Shallow Waters Rating</u>, <u>Stewardship Rating</u>, <u>Size Rating</u>, <u>Wetness Rating</u>, and <u>Reach Diversity Rating</u>.

Watershed Rating

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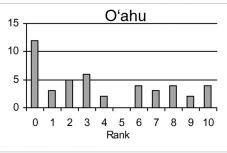


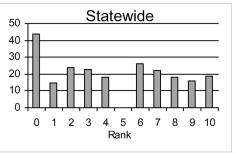
## BIOLOGICAL RATING: Waimānalo, O'ahu

<u>Native Species Rating</u>: Rating is based on the number of native species observed in the watershed.

Stream Rating

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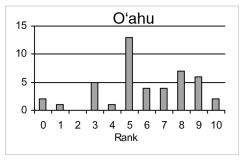


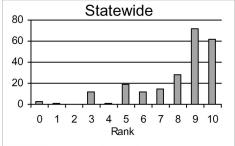


<u>Introduced Genera Rating</u>: Rating is based on the number of introduced genera observed in the watershed.

Stream Rating

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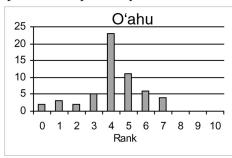


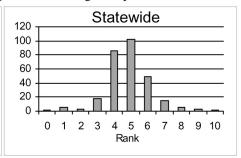


<u>All Species' Score Rating:</u> Rating is based on the Hawaii Stream Assessment scoring system where native species score positively and introduced species score negatively.

Stream Rating

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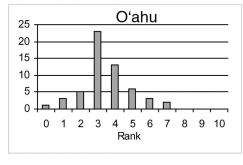


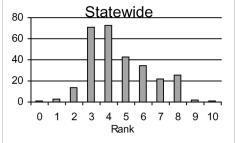


<u>Total Biological Rating</u>: Rating is the combination of the <u>Native Species Rating</u>, <u>Introduced Genera Rating</u>, and the <u>All Species' Score Rating</u>.

Stream Rating

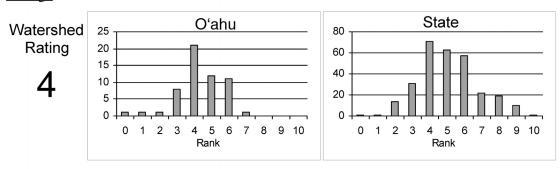
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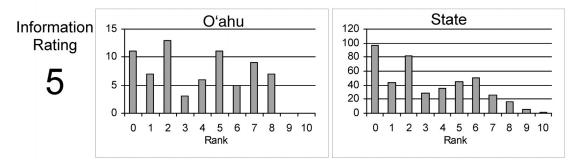
## OVERALL RATING: Waimānalo, Oʻahu

Overall Rating: Rating is a combination of the <u>Total Watershed Rating</u> and the <u>Total Biological Rating</u>.



## RATING STRENGTH: Waimānalo, Oʻahu

<u>Rating Strength:</u> Represents an estimate of the overall study effort in the stream and is a combination of the number of studies, number of different reaches surveyed, and the number of different survey types.



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