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APHIS Seeks Public Comment on the Draft Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Program Environmental Assessment in Hawaii

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Program in Hawaii.

The EA analyzes the potential environmental effects of a cooperative program to prevent or minimize the further spread and establishment of coconut rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*), an invasive species that impacts a variety of palms and crop plants.

Anyone wishing to view or comment on the EA can at www.regulations.gov by typing the [Draft Environmental Assessment for Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Program in Hawaii](#) or Docket # [APHIS-2024-0061](#) in the search bar, or you may obtain a copy from and send comments to USDA-APHIS-PPQ, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 8-120, Box 50002, Honolulu, HI 96850.

The comment period ends **January 10, 2025**. Any comments received will be considered and may result in changes to the proposed project. For general questions concerning the coconut rhinoceros beetle Draft EA please email

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