

Hawaii Symposium Follow-up Underway

The June 1984 symposium on Protection and Management of Terrestrial Hawaiian Ecosystems, attended by representatives from State and Federal agencies, a Hawaiian native group, conservation organizations, the State senate, and others, uncovered a host of questions and set in motion a concerted effort at finding answers.

According to Chuck Stone, research scientist at Hawaii Volcanoes NP, experts in the audience volunteered, in response to attendees' questions, to make available short descriptions of ecosystems and vegetation types in Hawaii. All those in attendance were challenged to list the "top ten" resource problems in terrestrial ecosystems protection and management and to submit them to the Symposium leadership for summary and evaluation. Dr. Frank Howarth of the B.P. Bishop Museum will report on the findings.

An additional attempt to make this invitation as widely representative as possible was made by Stone in a letter to all Symposium participants. The letter asked the receiver to rank 10 issues outlined in the letter and to indicate the receiver's own desired actions. "The emphasis," Stone's letter stated, "is on *specific* management issues and *achievable* goals."

Plans have been made for prompt publication of the Symposium proceedings.