

Dr. Donald Gardner, Research Scientist at the University of Hawaii's CPSU, led a team of three scientists to the Azores and Canary Islands in June 1987, to further study natural enemies of the faya tree. Three potentially useful insects and two fungi were brought back to Hawaii for further biocontrol research in the quarantine facility at Hawaii Volcanoes NP. The faya tree was introduced to Hawaii for reforestation at the turn of the century. In the last 30 years, it has rapidly invaded Hawaii Volcanoes NP and is a threat to Haleakala NP. It ranks as the second highest priority weed management problem in Hawaii's national parks.

The Regional Director's Natural Resources Advisory Group (four resource managers and three research scientists) met with the staff of the Western Regional Office's Division of Natural Resources and Research on Oct. 27-29. Items of discussion included updating natural resources management plans and the regional natural resources assessment and action plan, a definition of natural resources management,

aircraft management, the region's rotating resource base and natural resource cyclic maintenance funding programs, and the relationship between natural resource management and the Service's Maintenance Management System.

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