

Hawaii Book Covers Conservation Biology

Conservation Biology in Hawai'i, a collection of essays edited by Charles P. and Danielle B. Stone, is a 252-page book about Hawaii, by 32 authors, dedicated to recently deceased Hawaii Conservationist Wayne C. Gagne and to the premise that:

"Conservation biology is the combination of art and science, compromise and stubbornness, judgment and serendipity necessary to perpetuate some semblance of natural biological diversity on Planet Earth."

The book begins with Hawai'i's uniqueness, from origin to soils and biota, and describes in detail the plant and animal life – including alien plant and animal organisms and means for preserving and controlling the various species. Biological diversity and special communities, problems and planning, tourism, vegetation mapping, land use priorities, protection of natural habitats, and gene pool conservation are among the topics covered. Five essays look at conservation education – perspectives, history and problems, techniques and targets, classroom needs, and public media. Three essays on values and ethics wind up the volume.

The Stones, a husband/wife team, both work at Hawaii Volcanoes NP. Word from Research Scientist Chuck Stone is that the book will be on sale through the University of Hawaii Press by the time this issue of *Park Science* appears. Cost is \$16.