

# Molokai Land Trust

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## News Release

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### **MOLOKAI RANCH GIFTS 1600 ACRES TO MOLOKA'I LAND TRUST**

#### **Immediate Release**

**Kaunakakai, Molokai, April 14, 2008** — A binding agreement to gift 1,600 acres of some of the most pristine and environmentally-sensitive land on Molokai to the Molokai Land Trust, has been signed by Molokai Properties Limited (MPL) and the Land Trust.

Known as the Mokio parcel, the land stretches along the north shore of Molokai between Mo'omomi and Ilio Point.

The Mokio parcel comprises 5 miles of spectacular, remote and rugged coastline and was nominated by the Environmental Committee of the Enterprise Community (EC) as the most environmentally significant of lands owned by Molokai Ranch.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Land Trust will retain ownership of the land parcel from the State's Ilio Point parcel at Anapuka to Keonelele and the Mo'omomi Preserve boundary.

The Molokai Land Trust has guaranteed to keep the donated parcel in conservation in perpetuity.

The donated Mokio parcel is a significant subsistence gathering site with an extensive tidal pool system as well as numerous koa or fishing shrines intact with offerings. An important, large ancient adze quarry and habitat complex exists at Puu Kaeo. The ecosystem includes many bird nesting locations and nearly an acre of 'ihi 'ihi lauakea, estimated to be the largest growth site of this rare endangered endemic Hawaiian plant in the islands.

“This gift of land to the Trust is evidence of the Ranch's commitment to give back significant legacy lands to the community”, said Colette Machado, President, Board of Trustees, Moloka'i Land Trust.

“Under the proposed Community Based Master Land Use Plan for Molokai Ranch, the Land Trust could be the recipient of an additional 50,000 acres in gifts and easements of premier Native Hawaiian legacy lands. We continue our efforts toward that goal,” she added.

The Moloka'i Land Trust was formed in 2006, and is now recognized by the State of Hawaii and the Federal government as a non-profit organization with the stated mission “to protect and restore land, natural and cultural resources of Moloka'i and to perpetuate the unique Native Hawaiian traditions of the island for the benefit of future generations of all Moloka'i, particularly Native Hawaiians.”

Under the binding agreement, both the Land Trust and the Ranch will undertake the due diligence process required to transfer and register title to the property. This includes a plan for community access and the monitoring, of the cultural and natural resources.

Land Trust President Ms Machado concluded, “We’re working hard on this now for the generations to manage.”

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Photos attached:

- Shoreline up to Mokio Point
- View from Ka’a Hill along Mokio
- Mokio Point