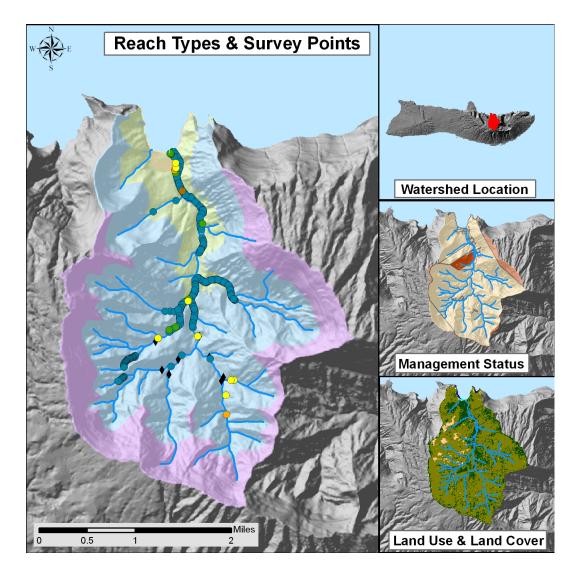
DAR Watershed Code: 41009

# Pelekunu, Moloka'i



# WATERSHED FEATURES

Pelekunu watershed occurs on the island of Moloka'i. The Hawaiian meaning of the name is "smelly (for lack of sunshine)". The area of the watershed is 7.5 square mi (19.5 square km), with maximum elevation of 4875 ft (1486 m). The watershed's DAR cluster code is 4, meaning that the watershed is medium size, steep in the upper watershed, and with embayment. The percent of the watershed in the different land use districts is as follows: 0% agricultural, 100% conservation, 0% rural, and 0% urban.

Land Stewardship: Percentage of the land in the watershed managed or controlled by the corresponding agency or entity. Note that this is not necessarily ownership.

<u>Military</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>OHA</u>	<u>County</u>	Nature Conservancy	Other Private
0.0	0.0	8.1	0.0	0.0	91.6	0.3

Land Management Status: Percentage of the watershed in the categories of biodiversity protection and management created by the Hawaii GAP program.

Permanent Biodiversity	Managed for Multiple	Protected but	
Protection	Uses	<u>Unmanaged</u>	<u>Unprotected</u>
91.6	5.1	3.3	0.0

Land Use: Areas of the various categories of land use. These data are based on NOAA C-CAP remote sensing project.

	Percent	<u>Square mi</u>	<u>Square km</u>
High Intensity Developed	0.0	0.00	0.00
Low Intensity Developed	0.0	0.00	0.00
Cultivated	0.0	0.00	0.00
Grassland	2.4	0.18	0.47
Scrub/Shrub	74.2	5.59	14.49
Evergreen Forest	22.8	1.72	4.45
Palustrine Forested	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Emergent	0.0	0.00	0.00
Estuarine Forested	0.0	0.00	0.00
Bare Land	0.2	0.02	0.04
Unconsolidated Shoreline	0.1	0.01	0.02
Water	0.3	0.02	0.05
Unclassified	0.0	0.00	0.00

## STREAM FEATURES

Pelekunu is a perennial stream. Total stream length is 21.4 mi (34.5 km). The terminal stream order is 4.

# **Reach Type Percentages: The percentage of the stream's channel length in each of the reach type categories.**

<u>Estuary</u>	Lower	Middle	<u>Upper</u>	Headwaters				
0.0	0.0	26.7	69.1	4.2				
The follo	The following stream(s) occur in the watershed:							
Ka'ili'ili		Kapuhi		Kawai Iki	Kawailena	Kawainui		
Kawaipo	oko	Lanipuni		Pelekunu	Pilipililau			

#### **BIOTIC SAMPLING EFFORT**

Biotic samples were gathered in the following year(s):						
1956	1966	1979	1980	1986	1987	1989
1990	1991	1992	1995	1997	1999	2000
2001	2002	2005				

<u>Survey type</u>	<u>Estuary</u>	Lower	Middle	<u>Upper</u>	Headwaters
Damselfly Surveys	0	6	2	7	0
DAR General Surveys	0	4	5	3	0
DAR Point Quadrat	0	41	373	60	0
HDFG	0	1	0	1	0
Published Report	0	5	2	2	0
Unpublished Report	0	0	1	0	0

**Species List** 

Distribution of Biotic Sampling: The number of survey locations that were sampled in the various reach types.

# **BIOTA INFORMATION**

Native Species		Native Species		
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Crustaceans	Atyoida bisulcata	Insects	Anax junius	
	Macrobrachium grandimanus		Anax sp.	
Fish	Awaous guamensis		Anax strenuus	
	Eleotris sandwicensis		Campsicnemus ridiculus	
	Gobiid sp.		Campsicnemus sp.	
	Kuhlia sandvicensis		Chironomus hawaiiensis	
	Kuhlia xenura		Dasyhelea hawaiiensis	
	Lentipes concolor		Dasyhelea platychaeta	
	Mugil cephalus		Dasyhelea sp.	
	Sicyopterus stimpsoni		Dolichopodid sp.	
	Stenogobius hawaiiensis		Ephydrid sp.	
Snails	Clithon cariosus		Eurynogaster sp.	
	Erinna aulacospira		Hydroptila sp.	
	Ferrissia sharpi		Hyposmocoma sp	
	Neritina granosa		Limonia jacobus	
			Megalagrion blackburni	
			Megalagrion calliphya	
			Megalagrion hawaiiense	
			Megalagrion nigrohamatum nigrohamatum	
			Megalagrion pacificum	
			Megalagrion sp.	
			Megalagrion xanthomelas	
			Microvelia vagans	
			Notiphilia insularis	
			Procanacae acuminata	
			Procanace confusa	
			Procanace sp.	
			Procanace wirthi	
			Pseudosmittia paraconjugata	
			Saldula exulans	
			Scatella cilipes	
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Scatella clavipes Scatella hawaiiensis Scatella sp. Scatella warreni Sigmataneurum sp. Telmatogeton torrenticola Thambemyia acrosticalis Tipulid sp.

#### Introduced Species

Crustaceans Snails Macrobrachium lar Melania sp. Melanoides tuberculata

#### **Introduced Species**

Insects

Cheumatopsyche analis Cheumatopsyche pettiti Chironomid larvae Chrysotus longipalpus Condylostylus longicornis Cricotopus bicinctus Dolichopus exsul Donaceus sp. Erioptera bicornifer Ischnura posita Ischnura ramburi Limonia advena Mesovelia amoena Orthemis ferruginea Pantala flavescens Paraphrosylus Telmatogeton japonicus

#### Species Size Data: Species size (inches) observed in DAR Point Quadrat Surveys.

Scientific Name	<u>Status</u>	<u>Minimum Size</u>	<u>Maximum Size</u>	Average Size
Atyoida bisulcata	Endemic	0.5	1.25	1.0
Macrobrachium lar	Introduced	0.5	7	3.2
Eleotris sandwicensis	Endemic	1	8	2.9
Kuhlia xenura	Endemic	0.5	5	1.5
Lentipes concolor	Endemic	0.3	5	1.6
Sicyopterus stimpsoni	Endemic	0.5	7	2.4
Stenogobius hawaiiensis	Endemic	0.5	2.5	1.3
Awaous guamensis	Indigenous	0.5	12	3.1
Gobiid sp.	Indigenous	0.5	0.75	0.6
Neritina granosa	Endemic	0.25	2.25	1.2
Melania sp.	Introduced	0.75	0.75	0.8

Average Density: The densities (#/square yard) for species observed in DAR Point Quadrat Surveys averaged over all sample dates in each reach type.

Scientific Name	<u>Status</u>	<u>Estuary</u>	Low	Mid	Upper Headwaters
Atyoida bisulcata	Endemic			0.01	19.3
Eleotris sandwicensis	Endemic		0.16	0.13	0.11

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Endemic	1.43	0.13	
Endemic	0.12	1.79	1.5
Endemic	2.27	1.85	2.1
Endemic	2.4	3.15	0.27
Endemic	0.19	0.16	
Indigenous	1.71	1.36	2.1
Indigenous		0.02	
Introduced	0.16	1.21	1.04
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# Species Distributions: Presence (P) of species in different stream reaches.

Scientific Name	<u>Status</u>	<u>Estuary</u>	Lower	Middle	Upper Headwaters
Atyoida bisulcata	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Macrobrachium grandimanus	Endemic		Р		
Eleotris sandwicensis	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Kuhlia xenura	Endemic		Р	Р	
Lentipes concolor	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Sicyopterus stimpsoni	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Stenogobius hawaiiensis	Endemic		Р	Р	
Anax strenuus	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Campsicnemus ridiculus	Endemic		Р		Р
Hyposmocoma sp	Endemic		Р	Р	
Megalagrion blackburni	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Megalagrion hawaiiense	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Megalagrion nigrohamatum nigrohamatum	Endemic		Р	Р	
Megalagrion pacificum	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Megalagrion sp.	Endemic		Р		
Megalagrion xanthomelas	Endemic		Р	Р	
Microvelia vagans	Endemic			Р	
Procanacae acuminata	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Saldula exulans	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Scatella clavipes	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Telmatogeton torrenticola	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Neritina granosa	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Awaous guamensis	Indigenous		Р	Р	Р
Gobiid sp.	Indigenous		Р	Р	Р
Kuhlia sandvicensis	Indigenous		Р		
Mugil cephalus	Indigenous		Р		
Anax junius	Indigenous		Р		
Anax sp.	Indigenous				Р
Campsicnemus sp.	Indigenous			Р	
Procanace sp.	Indigenous			Р	

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# **HISTORIC RANKINGS**

Historic Rankings: These are rankings of streams from historical studies. "Yes" means the stream was considered worthy of protection by that method. Some methods include non-biotic data in their determination. See Atlas Key for details.

Multi-Attribute Prioritization of Streams - Potential Heritage Streams (1998): Yes Hawaii Stream Assessment Rank (1990): Outstanding U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service High Quality Stream (1988): No The Nature Conservancy- Priority Aquatic Sites (1985): Yes National Park Service - Nationwide Rivers Inventory (1982): No

Current DAR Decision Rule Status: The following criteria are used by DAR to consider the biotic importance of streams. "Yes" means that watershed has that quality.

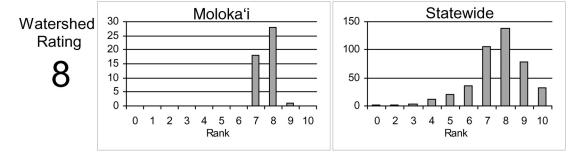
Native Insect Diversity	Native Macrofauna	Absence of Priority 1
<u>&gt; 19 spp.</u>	<u>Diversity &gt; 5 spp.</u>	Introduced
Yes	Yes	Yes
Abundance of Any	Presence of Candidate	Endangered Newcomb's
<u>Native Species</u>	Endangered Species	<u>Snail Habitat</u>
No	Yes	No

#### **CURRENT WATERSHED AND STREAM RATINGS**

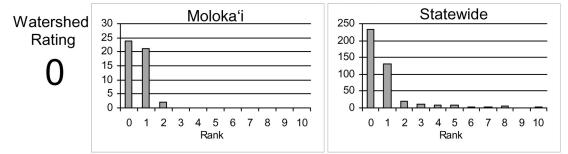
The current watershed and stream ratings are based on the data contained in the DAR Aquatic Surveys Database. The ratings provide the score for the individual watershed or stream, the distribution of ratings for that island, and the distribution of ratings statewide. This allows a better understanding of the meaning of a particular ranking and how it compares to other streams. The ratings are standardized to range from 0 to 10 (0 is lowest and 10 is highest rating) for each variable and the totals are also standardized so that the rating is not the average of each component rating. These ratings are subject to change as more data are entered into the DAR Aquatic Surveys Database and can be automatically recalculated as the data improve. In addition to the ratings, we have also provided an estimate of the confidence level of the ratings. This is called rating strength. The higher the rating strength the more likely the data and rankings represent the actual condition of the watershed, stream, and aquatic biota.

#### WATERSHED RATING: Pelekunu, Moloka'i

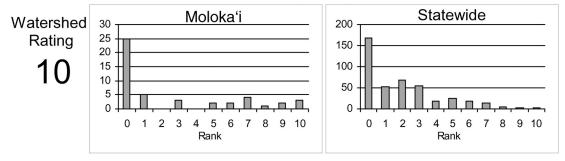
Land Cover Rating: Rating is based on a scoring sytem where in general forested lands score positively and developed lands score negatively.



<u>Shallow Waters Rating</u>: Rating is based on a combination of the extent of estuarine and shallow marine areas associated with the watershed and stream.

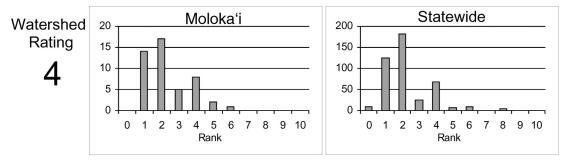


<u>Stewardship Rating</u>: Rating is based on a scoring system where higher levels of land and biodiversity protection within the watershed score positively.

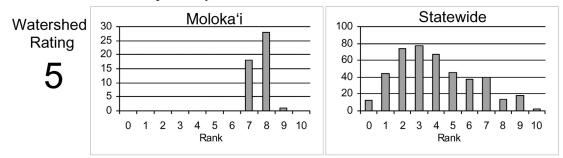


# WATERSHED RATING (Cont): Pelekunu, Moloka'i

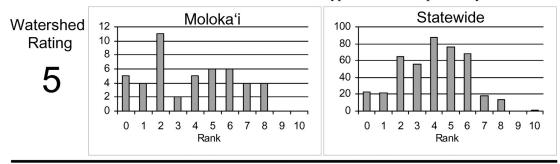
<u>Size Rating</u>: Rating is based on the watershed area and total stream length. Larger watersheds and streams score more positively.



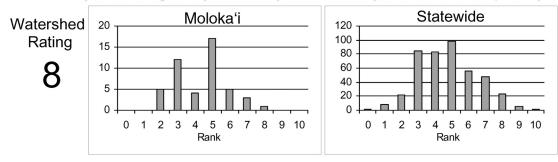
Wetness Rating: Rating is based on the average annual rainfall within the watershed. Higher rainfall totals score more positively.



<u>Reach Diversity Rating</u>: Rating is based on the types and amounts of different stream reaches available in the watershed. More area in different reach types score more positively.

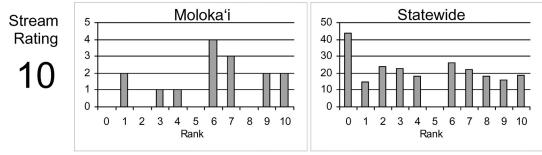


<u>Total Watershed Rating</u>: Rating is based on combination of <u>Land Cover Rating, Shallow</u> <u>Waters Rating, Stewardship Rating, Size Rating, Wetness Rating</u>, and <u>Reach Diversity Rating</u>.

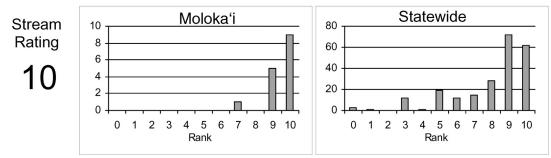


#### BIOLOGICAL RATING: Pelekunu, Moloka'i

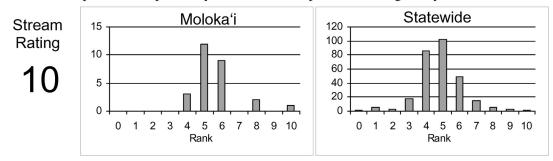
Native Species Rating: Rating is based on the number of native species observed in the watershed.



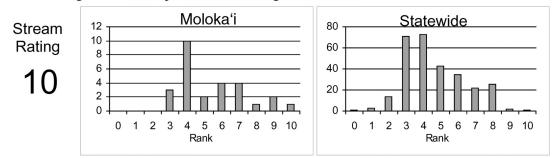
Introduced Genera Rating: Rating is based on the number of introduced genera observed in the watershed.



<u>All Species' Score Rating:</u> Rating is based on the Hawaii Stream Assessment scoring system where native species score positively and introduced species score negatively.

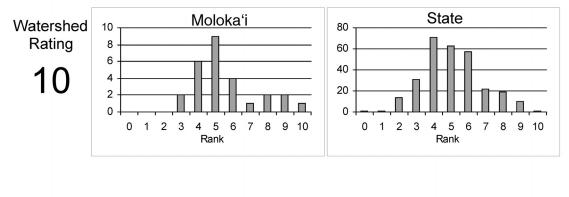


<u>Total Biological Rating</u>: Rating is the combination of the <u>Native Species Rating</u>, <u>Introduced</u> <u>Genera Rating</u>, and the <u>All Species' Score Rating</u>.



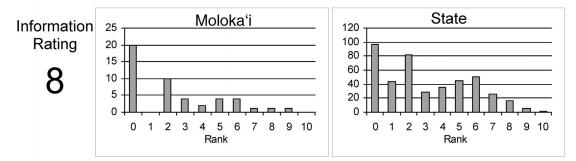
#### **OVERALL RATING: Pelekunu, Moloka'i**

Overall Rating: Rating is a combination of the <u>Total Watershed Rating</u> and the <u>Total Biological</u> <u>Rating</u>.



## RATING STRENGTH: Pelekunu, Moloka'i

<u>Rating Strength</u>: Represents an estimate of the overall study effort in the stream and is a combination of the number of studies, number of different reaches surveyed, and the number of different survey types.



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