

## **Kūlana Noi‘i: A process for establishing equitable relationships between researchers & communities**

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Across the Hawaiian Islands, hundreds of research projects focusing on coastal and marine resources and processes are conducted each year. These resources are integral to the livelihoods and cultural practices of Native Hawaiians. However, too often the communities that care for and utilize natural resources are not involved in research decision making processes. This talk will focus on best practices for building and sustaining long-term relationships between researchers and community with a focus on the perspectives of Native Hawaiian communities.