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the Haleakalā High Altitude Observatories
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II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has authorized the development of the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST), previously known as the Advanced Technology Solar Telescope (ATST)) within the 18-acre University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy High Altitude Observatories (HO) site. The DKIST represents a collaboration of 22 institutions, reflecting a broad segment of the solar physics community. The DKIST project will be the largest and most capable solar telescope in the world. It will be an indispensable tool for exploring and understanding physical processes on the Sun that ultimately affect Earth. The DKIST Project will be contained within a 0.74 acre site footprint in the HO site. An Environmental Impact Statement was completed for the DKIST project (NSF 2009), and the NSF issued a Record of Decision in December of 2009.

The Haleakalā National Park (HALE) Road Corridor is being used for transportation during construction and use of the DKIST. The HO and HALE road corridor contain biological ecosystems that are both unique and fragile. The landscape at HO is considered to be an alpine dry shrubland vegetation type and resources along the Park road corridor are

grouped into alpine and subalpine shrubland habitat zones, depending upon the elevation. These habitats contain several native and non-native species of plants, animals, and arthropods. While the overall impacts on Hawaiian native arthropod resources within the Park road corridor during the construction phase would be considered minor, NSF has committed to several mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to these biological resources, including programmatic monitoring for active preservation of invertebrates before, during and after construction of the DKIST Project.

After preliminary sampling near the HALE Entrance Station and at the DKIST site in 2009, Programmatic Arthropod Monitoring and Assessment at the Haleakalā High Altitude Observatories and Haleakalā National Park was initiated with two sampling sessions in 2010. Monitoring is being conducted twice a year during the construction phase of the DKIST which began in December 2012. Semi-annual monitoring has occurred in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

This report presents the results of the Winter 2015 sampling. The goal is to monitor the arthropod fauna at the DKIST

IV. QUESTIONS OF INTEREST

Important Questions of Interest are those with answers that can be efficiently estimated and that yield the information necessary for management decision-making. The following Questions of Interest were developed for Programmatic Monitoring and are the focus of this report.

Question 1

What are the characteristic arthropod populations at the DKIST site, the larger HO site (excluding the Air Force site), and along selected areas of the HALE Road Corridor?

Justification:

Programmatic Monitoring will yield a comprehensive list of the characteristic arthropod fauna at the DKIST site, developed and undeveloped areas of the HO site, and along selected areas of the HALE Road Corridor.

Monitoring goals:

- 1) To describe the characteristic arthropod populations at the DKIST site, the larger HO site, and along the HALE Road Corridor,
- 2) To provide historical records of change in native arthropod species population attributes, and characteristics.

The results of this sampling are combined with information gathered during previous studies to develop a comprehensive list of arthropods at the Astronomy High Altitude Observatories (HO) site, the DKIST site, and along selected areas of the HALE Road Corridor, and a qualitative description of seasonal variations in their abundance.

Question 3

What non-indigenous invasive arthropod species, if any, are detected at the DKIST site, the larger HO site (excluding the Air Force site), and along selected areas of the HALE Road Corridor during DKIST construction?

Justification:

Programmatic Monitoring for non-indigenous invasive arthropod species will detect potential threats to the nearby native ecosystems before they have an opportunity to establish resident populations. Early detection will allow implementation of control measures to eradicate invasive arthropod species (e.g. ants and spiders) before they can damage the nearby native ecosystems.

Monitoring goals:

- 1) To detect non-indigenous invasive arthropod species at the DKIST site, the larger HO site, and along selected areas of the HALE Road Corridor during construction of the DKIST.

If any invasive arthropod species (e.g. ants and spiders) are detected, eradication measures will be implemented to prevent these species from establishing resident populations.

VI. RESULTS and DISCUSSION

HO SITE

The HO site covers about 18 acres and contains observatory facilities. Several areas of the site are being used to store materials and equipment. Twenty-two species of arthropods were detected at the HO site (excluding the Air Force Facility and the DKIST site). The species included eleven endemic species, six non-indigenous species, and five of unknown status.

Spiders and Mites - Arachnida

Abundant juvenile and adult Lycosid spiders, *Lycosa hawaiiensis* Simon, occurred in pitfall traps, and were actively foraging among rocks. In one of the pitfall traps, in which all water had evaporated, an adult Lycosid was captured with numerous juvenile crawling on its back. Wolf spiders often carry their eggs in an egg sac attached to the spinnerets at the end of the abdomen. The abdomen is held in a raised position to keep the egg case from dragging on the ground. The adult Lycosid is not handicapped by this burden, and is still capable of hunting. When the juveniles emerge from their protective silken case, they climb up their mother's legs onto her abdomen.

Small red mites were observed, commonly occurring in leaf litter under vegetation.

Beetles - Order Coleoptera

Three beetle species were observed at the HO site. The non-indigenous seven-spotted lady bird beetle (*Hippodamia convergens* Guerin-Meneville) was infrequent at the site, found on vegetation. A single specimen of the non-indigenous vegetable weevil, *Listroderes costirostris* Schonherr, was found on *Dubautia*. A small rove beetle (family Staphylinidae) was collected in a pitfall trap.

Collembola - Springtails

At least one species of Collembola was observed at the HO site. These small insects were common in leaf litter under plants.

Flies - Order Diptera

Four species of flies were detected at the HO site. Two species were indigenous, a fungus gnat and a humpedback fly. The two non-indigenous species included a blowfly and a flesh fly, both common flying around vegetation and rocks.

DKIST SITE

Construction was started on the DKIST in December 2012 and was ongoing during the winter 2015 sampling session. The excavation for the DKIST foundation resulted in the removal of much of the vegetation at the site. Vegetation is now limited to the area surrounding the excavation and is mostly undisturbed.

Twenty-seven species of arthropods were collected at the DKIST site during the winter 2015 sampling session. The species included fifteen endemic Hawaiian arthropods, eight non-indigenous arthropods, and four species of unknown status.

Spiders and Mites - Arachnida

Juvenile and adult Lycosid spiders, *Lycosa hawaiiensis* Simon, occurred in pitfall traps at the DKIST site, but only juveniles were seen actively foraging among rocks.

Small red mites were observed, commonly occurring in leaf litter under vegetation.

Collembola - Springtails

At least one species of Collembola was observed at the DKIST site. These small insects were common in leaf litter under plants.

Flies - Order Diptera

Six species of flies were detected at the DKIST site. They include blowflies, a midge, two syrphids, a humpbacked fly, and a small gnat. The humpbacked fly, and the small gnat indigenous. No endemic fruit flies (family Tephritidae) were observed.

True Bugs - Orders Heteroptera and Homoptera

Six species of true bugs (Order Heteroptera) were observed at the DKIST site, including five endemic species. Adults and nymphs of two species of the Hawaiian endemic seed bug genus *Nysius* (*N. coenosulus* Stål and *N. communis* Usinger) were abundant on *Dubautia* and *pukiawe*. A third species of this genus (*N. lichenicola* Kirkaldy) was found in leaf litter under plants. The abundance of this species was infrequent. A single specimen of the non-indigenous *Geocoris pallens* Stål was also collected in a pitfall trap.

Adults and nymphs of two plant bugs (family Miridae) were also observed. *Engytates hawaiiensis* (Kirkaldy) is uncommon, found on *Dubautia*, and *Trigonotylus hawaiiensis* (Kirkaldy), is found only on grasses. Both are endemic species.

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Beetles - Order Coleoptera

Two species of beetles were observed, including the non-indigenous ground beetle *Trechus obtusus* Erichson, and an unknown rove beetle (family Staphylinidae). Both were infrequent.

Flies - Order Diptera

Four species of flies were seen at the HALE ES, all non-indigenous species from the families Calliphoridae, Muscidae, Tachinidae.

True Bugs - Orders Heteroptera and Homoptera

Two species of true bugs (Heteroptera) were found, both from the family Miridae. *Orthotylus coprosiphila* Polhemus was common on *Coprosma*, and *Orthotylus sophoroides* Polhemus was abundant on *manane*.

One species of Homoptera was observed. This species, from the indigenous genus *Nesophrosyne* (family Cicadellidae), was uncommon on vegetation.

Bees and Wasps - Order Hymenoptera

The seven species of Hymenoptera found near the HALE Entrance Station included honey bees uncommon on *manane* and *pukiawe*, a parasitoid (family Eurytomidae), one species of Ichneumonidae, one invasive ant, *Linepithema humile* (Mayr), and three

species of indigenous yellow-faced bee (*Hylaeus nivicola* Meade Waldo, *H. difficillis* (Perkins), and *H. volitilis* (F. Smith)). The yellow-faced bees were abundant on sunny days, foraging on *pukiawe*, or flying along the ground. All Hymenoptera observed have been previously reported from Haleakalā.

Butterflies and Moths - Order Lepidoptera

Five species of Lepidoptera were observed or captured during this study at the HALE ES. The list includes three endemic species and two non-indigenous species. Endemic species of microlepidoptera, a Cosmopterigidae, a Crambidae, and a Tortricidae were observed. The introduced Lantana moth was also present, along with a large orange sulphur (*Phoebis agarithe* (Boisduval)).

Other Observations

Four other arthropods were observed at the HALE ES, including a centipede, a millipede, a Pscoptera, and a sowbug.

A complete list of arthropods observed during this sampling session at the HALE ES site can be found in Appendix C at the end of this report. No new invasive species were observed that could impact native arthropod species. The species of indigenous arthropods

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APPENDIX A HO ARTHROPOD SPECIES LIST

A list of Arthropod species detected during the Winter 2015 sampling at the HO site.

Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Authority	Status
Arachnida	Acari	mite				unknown
Arachnida	Araneae	Lycosidae	Lycosa	hawaiiensis	simon	endemic
Chilopoda	Lithobiomorpha	Henicopidae	Lamyctes	emarginatus	Newport	non-indigenous
Collembola	Entomobriidae					endemic
Insecta	Coleoptera	Coccinellidae	Coccinella	septempunctata	Linnaeus	non-indigenous
Insecta	Coleoptera	Curculionidae	Listroderes	costirostris	Schonherr	non-indigenous
Insecta	Coleoptera	Staphylinidae				unknown
Insecta	Diptera	Calliphoridae	Calliphora	vomitorea	(Linnaeus)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Diptera	Phoridae				endemic
Insecta	Diptera	Sarcophagidae				non-indigenous
Insecta	Diptera	Sciaridae				endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Nysius	coenosulus	Stål	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Nysius	communis	Usinger	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Nysius	lichenicola	Kirkaldy	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Nysius	terrestris	Usinger	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Miridae	Engytates	hawaiiensis	(Kirkaldy)	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Miridae	Trigonotylus	hawaiiensis	(Kirkaldy)	endemic
Insecta	Homoptera	Delphacidae	Nesosydne	sp. 1		endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Agrotis	baliopa	Meyrick	endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Agrotis	epicremna	Meyrick	endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Agrotis	mesotoxa	Meyrick	endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	larvae			unknown
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Pseudaletia	unipunctata	(Haworth)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Oecophoridae	Thryocopa	apatela	(Walsingham)	endemic

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APPENDIX B DKIST ARTHROPOD SPECIES LIST

A list of Arthropod species detected during the Winter 2015 sampling at the DKIST site.

Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Authority	Status
Arachnida	Acari	mite				unknown
Arachnida	Araneae	Lycosidae	Lycosa	hawaiiensis	simon	endemic
Collembola	Entomobriidae					endemic
Insecta	Diptera	Calliphoridae	Calliphora	vomitorea	(Linnaeus)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Diptera	Chironomidae				unknown
Insecta	Diptera	Phoridae				endemic
Insecta	Diptera	Sciaridae				endemic
Insecta	Diptera	Syrphidae	Allograpta	exotica	(Weidemann)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Diptera	Syrphidae	Eristalis	tenax	(Linnaeus)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Geocoris	pallens	Stål	non-indigenous
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Nysius	coenosulus	Stål	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Nysius	communis	Usinger	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Lygaeidae	Nysius	lichenicola	Kirkaldy	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Miridae	Engytates	hawaiiensis	(Kirkaldy)	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Miridae	Trigonotylus	hawaiiensis	(Kirkaldy)	endemic
Insecta	Homoptera	Aphididae				non-indigenous
Insecta	Homoptera	Cicadellidae	SP1			unknown
Insecta	Homoptera	Delphacidae	Nesosydne	sp. 1		endemic
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Apidae	Apis	mellifera	Linnaeus	non-indigenous
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Colletidae	Hylaeus	nivicola	Meade-Waldo	endemic
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Eurytomidae				non-indigenous
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Agrotis	baliopa	Meyrick	endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Agrotis	epicremna	Meyrick	endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Agrotis	mesotoxa	Meyrick	endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	larvae			unknown
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Noctuidae	Pseudaletia	unipunctata	(Haworth)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Oecophoridae	Thryocopa	apatela	(Walsingham)	endemic

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APPENDIX B HALE ES ARTHROPOD SPECIES LIST

A list of Arthropod species detected during the Winter 2015 sampling at the
HALE Entrance Station.

Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Authority	Status
Arachnida	Acari					unknown
Arachnida	Araneae	Thomisidae				endemic
Arachnida	Araneae	Unknown 2				unknown
Chilopoda	Lithobiomorpha	Henicopidae	Lamyctes	emarginatus	Newport	non-indigenous
Collembola	Entomobriidae					endemic
Crustacea	Isopoda	Porcellionidae	Porcellio	scaber	Latreille	non-indigenous
Diplopoda	Julida	Julidae	Allajulus	latistriatus	(Curtis)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Coleoptera	Carabidae	Trechus	obtusus	Erichson	non-indigenous
Insecta	Coleoptera	Staphylinidae				unknown
Insecta	Diptera	Calliphoridae	Calliphora	vomitorea	(Linnaeus)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Diptera	Muscidae	Haematobia	irritans	(Linnaeus)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Diptera	Tachinidae	SP1			non-indigenous
Insecta	Diptera	Tachinidae	SP2			non-indigenous
Insecta	Heteroptera	Miridae	Orthotylus	coprosomophila	Polhemus	endemic
Insecta	Heteroptera	Miridae	Orthotylus	sophoriodes	Polhemus	endemic
Insecta	Homoptera	Cicadellidae	Nesophrosyne	sp.		endemic
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Apidae	Apis	mellifera	Linnaeus	non-indigenous
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Colletidae	Hylaeus	nivicola	Meade-Waldo	endemic
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Collitidae	Hylaeus	difficillis	(Perkins)	endemic
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Collitidae	Hylaeus	volatilis	F. Smith	endemic
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Eurytomidae				non-indigenous
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Formicidae	Hypoconera	opaciceps	(Mayr)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Hymenoptera	Ichneumonidae	Echthromorpha	agrestoria	(Fabricius)	endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Cosmopterigidae	Hyposmocoma	sp. 1		endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Crambidae	Omiodes	sp.		endemic
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Pieridae	Phoebis	agarithe	(Boisduval)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Pterophoridae	Stenoptilodes	littoralis	(Meyrick)	non-indigenous
Insecta	Lepidoptera	Tortricidae	Cydia	plicata	(Walsingham)	endemic
Insecta	Pscoptera					unknown