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Education: Bachelor of Forestry, Oregon State University – 1965

Employment: State of Hawaii  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry & Wildlife  
37 ½ years  
Highest Position – District Manager / Maui County

#### Botanical Experience

- Exposure to a distinguished botanist at the age of 15 (1957) where I developed a personal interest in plants.
- Undergraduate courses in botany in college.
- Worked with and managed forest resources throughout my career with special focus on native and Endangered species and their ecosystems, watershed management, timber species, invasive weeds and plant pests and disease management
- Collaborated with sister resource management agencies and organizations, universities, museums and visiting scientists.
- Made extensive collections of plants for the Bishop Museum and other institutions documenting native plants and weeds and their distribution. Discovered twelve new species of native plants, two of which I described in scientific publications and five of which were named after me by other botanists.
- Serving on the Maui County Arborist Advisory Committee for over 30 years.
- Serving on the Board of Directors of the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens
- Served on a Federal Weed Risk Assessment advisory committee
- Serving on the Maui Invasive Species Committee since 1991
- Opened an environmental consulting business in 2004, specializing in flora and fauna surveys, wetland surveys and site evaluations.

#### Wildlife experience

- Worked alongside professional wildlife biologists throughout my career, participating in game species census and forest bird surveys.
- Worked alongside entomologists, malacologists, and aquatic and marine biologists doing species documentation and making habitat assessments.
- Administered public hunting programs, pest species eradication programs and forest bird and Endangered Species habitat management and recovery programs.

#### Other

- Have personal expertise in all the islands in Maui County with regard to names, places, terrain, natural resources, land ownership and people.
- Am familiar with government systems, jurisdictions and people.
- Have experience in public relations, collaboration, consensus building and conflict management
- Am familiar with environmental Laws and rules and their application.