

Invasive Plant Eradication and Native Plant Restoration Project



Friends of Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge (FOMA) and Biological Conservation Assistance Program (BCAP) are working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, to control invasive plants and re-establish native vegetation in critical wildlife habitat. Volunteers will be sent to Midway Atoll specifically to remove *Verbesina encelioides* (a fast-growing, invasive shrub) and to plant native vegetation in areas where *Verbesina* has been removed. During their time on Midway Atoll, volunteers will also participate in the development of educational materials about invasive species. After leaving Midway Atoll, volunteers will communicate their experiences and what they've learned about invasive species to their communities and beyond.

Volunteers will be provided with:

- airfare from their home to Honolulu, Hawaii
- airfare from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Midway Atoll
- food and lodging while on the island
- transportation (bicycle) and miscellaneous expenses (i.e. laundry) while on the island

Please visit <http://www.fws.gov/midway/> for more information about Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge.

Return applications or address any questions to:

BCAP

P.O. Box 203, Orono, ME 04473-0203

or submit electronically to christy.finlayson@umit.maine.edu.

Upon receipt of your application, you will be sent additional information regarding insurance, requirements for travel to Midway Atoll, amenities available while on Midway Atoll, and details regarding the required Volunteer Service Agreement. You may also request these items before submitting your application.

This project is supported by:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Pulling Together Initiative (www.nfwf.org/programs/pti.cfm)

US Fish and Wildlife Service, Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge (www.fws.gov/midway)

Friends of Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge (www.friendsofmidway.org)

Biological Conservation Assistance Program

Application form

Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge/BCAP/FOMA

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Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I would like to serve:

on a crew of 3 volunteers from mid-November 2006 to mid-January 2007 (a 60-day commitment each).

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: September 15, 2006.

on crew of 6 volunteers during March 2007 (a 30-day commitment each).

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: January 8, 2007.

on a future trip (If you are unable to serve during the periods listed above, please indicate if you are interested in serving on a future crew. We are currently working to acquire funds to extend this program through at least 2011).

Volunteers must be in good physical condition, have no significant medical issues, and be able to ride a bike, walk up to 3 miles a day in the sand, and lift 40 pounds. Volunteers must be able to get along well with others in a remote environment while conducting grueling work in a variety of weather conditions (heat, humidity, rain). Are you willing and able to commit the time and energy necessary to work 8-hour days in weed eradication (growing plants in the greenhouse, outplanting plants, and hand-pulling *Verbesina*)?

While this will not be used as a decision criterion, please indicate if you can provide for your own transportation from your home to Honolulu. Yes No

Please address the following on a separate page(s):

- Are there any medical issues that are relevant to living and working in a remote area for extensive periods? Please list.
- Please list background experience/education relevant to the tasks outlined in the project description.
- Are there special qualifications or skills that you have to offer to the success of this project?
- In what ways will you contribute to the outreach and education aspects of this project once back in your community?
- Please provide the title, name, address, phone number, email, and relationship of two references familiar with your ability to serve in this position.