

## What is a Watershed?

A watershed collects and delivers water to the land. In Hawai'i, an ahupua'a is a land divided watershed and a unique part of our landscape. All watershed processes start from Mauka and flow Makai. Healthy native forests capture fresh water. Unfortunately, our native forests are being threatened by human impacts and invasive species. How can you help your watershed?

Parts of an Ahupua'a Wao Kanaka (where we live) Kahawai (stream) - 'O'opu 'Ŏhi'a -Koa - Kāhuli snail 'Elepaio - Feral pig 'Ao (cloud) - Schefflera

Now, draw where you live in the watershed!

## About Koʻolau Mountains Watershed Partnership

KMWP recognizes that the Ko'olau Mountains watershed is an invaluable resource for the island of O'ahu. It is integral to the island's present and future water supply. Proper management of the forested watershed is needed to preserve and protect the usefulness and value of the watershed perpetuity.

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