

designates critical habitat for one additional population. We excluded the proposed critical habitat on Kamehameha Schools lands in Hawaii G because the benefits of excluding these lands outweighed the benefits of including them in critical habitat (see “Analysis of Impacts Under Section 4(b)(2)”). Those excluded lands provide habitat for recovery populations of *Phyllostegia racemosa* and *Phyllostegia velutina*, as detailed below.

The area designated as critical habitat for the nine island-endemic species provides habitat for 2 populations of *Argyroxiphium kauense*, 6 populations of *Cyanea platyphylla*, 4 populations of *Cyanea shipmanii*, 6 populations of *Cyanea stictophylla*, 7 populations of *Cyrtandra giffardii*, 5 populations (in combination with Kamehameha Schools lands) of *Phyllostegia racemosa*, 6 populations (in combination with Kamehameha Schools lands) of *Phyllostegia velutina*, 3 populations of *Plantago hawaiiensis*, and 10 populations of *Sicyos alba* within their historical ranges. The area designated as critical habitat for the two multi-island species provides habitat for four populations each of *Clermontia lindseyana* and *Clermontia peleana* within their historical ranges. Critical habitat for two populations of *Clermontia lindseyana* was designated on Maui (68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003) and is designated for a total of eight populations in this rule. *Clermontia peleana* has critical habitat designated for a total of 10 populations in this rule.

These modifications resulted in the reduction from 32,286 ha (79,781 ac) to 20,261 ha (50,066 ac). This unit was renamed Hawaii 29—*Clermontia peleana*—c, Hawaii 29—*Cyanea platyphylla*—b, Hawaii 29—*Cyrtandra giffardii*—b, Hawaii 29—*Cyrtandra tintinnabula*—b, Hawaii 30—*Argyroxiphium kauense*—d, Hawaii 30—*Clermontia lindseyana*—c, Hawaii 30—*Cyanea shipmanii*—b, Hawaii 30—*Cyanea shipmanii*—c, Hawaii 30—*Cyanea stictophylla*—d, Hawaii 30—*Cyrtandra giffardii*—c, Hawaii 30—*Phyllostegia hawaiiensis*—c, Hawaii 30—*Phyllostegia racemosa*—c, Hawaii 30—*Phyllostegia velutina*—b, and Hawaii 30—*Sicyos alba*—a.

Hawaii H

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for four island endemic species: *Argyroxiphium kauense*, *Phyllostegia racemosa*, *Plantago hawaiiensis*, and *Silene hawaiiensis*. Modifications were made to this unit to exclude areas that do not contain the primary constituent elements for these species or were considered not essential to the

conservation of these species. Some portions eliminated from this final rule were not essential to the conservation of these species because they have a lower proportion of associated native species than other areas we consider to be essential to the conservation of these species, and there are at least 8 other locations that have been designated or are designated in this rule to meet the recovery goal of 8 to 10 populations throughout their historical ranges on the island of Hawaii.

We eliminated the proposed critical habitat for the endemic species *Phyllostegia racemosa* in Hawaii H. The area proposed for this species was eliminated from this final rule because it is not essential to the conservation of this species. We have designated habitat within this species' historical range in three other units, providing habitat for 10 populations on the island of Hawaii. The area designated as critical habitat for the other three island-endemic species provides habitat for one population of *Argyroxiphium kauense*, four populations of *Plantago hawaiiensis*, and one population of *Silene hawaiiensis* within their historical ranges.

These modifications resulted in the reduction from 5,322 ha (13,151 ac) to 2,433 ha (6,011 ac). This unit was renamed Hawaii 25—*Argyroxiphium kauense*—c, Hawaii 25—*Plantago hawaiiensis*—b, and Hawaii 25—*Silene hawaiiensis*—a.

Hawaii I

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for two island-endemic species: *Hibiscadelphus giffardianus* and *Melicope zahlbruckneri*. Modifications were made to this unit to exclude areas that do not contain the primary constituent elements for these species. The area designated as critical habitat for these endemic species provides habitat for one population of *Hibiscadelphus giffardianus* and two populations of *Melicope zahlbruckneri* within their historical ranges.

These modifications resulted in the reduction from 522 ha (1,290 ac) to 497 ha (1,228 ac). This unit was renamed Hawaii 26—*Hibiscadelphus giffardianus*—a and Hawaii 26—*Melicope zahlbruckneri*—b.

Hawaii J

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for *Adenophorus periens*. Modifications were made to this unit to exclude areas that do not contain the primary constituent elements for this species. The area designated as critical habitat for this multi-island species provides habitat within its historical

range for one population of *Adenophorus periens*. We have designated critical habitat for this species for four populations on Kauai, one population on Oahu, and four populations on Molokai, in addition to the habitat for one population designated in this rule (68 FR 9116, February 27, 2003; 68 FR 35949, June 17, 2003; 68 FR 12982, March 19, 2003).

These modifications resulted in the reduction from 5,065 ha (12,516 ac) to 2,733 ha (6,754 ac). This unit was renamed Hawaii 28—*Adenophorus periens*—a.

Hawaii K

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for seven species: *Argyroxiphium kauense*, *Asplenium fragile* var. *insulare*, *Clermontia lindseyana*, *Cyanea stictophylla*, *Melicope zahlbruckneri*, *Plantago hawaiiensis*, and *Phyllostegia velutina*. Modifications were made to this unit to exclude areas that do not contain the primary constituent elements for these species. Some portions eliminated from this final rule were not essential to the conservation of these species because they have a lower proportion of associated native species than other areas we consider to be essential to the conservation of these species.

We eliminated the proposed critical habitat in Hawaii K for *Clermontia lindseyana*. The area proposed for this species was eliminated from this final rule because it is not essential to the conservation of this species because it has a lower proportion of associated native species than other areas we consider to be essential to the conservation of *Clermontia lindseyana*, and there are at least 10 other locations for this species designated elsewhere on the islands of Hawaii and Maui within its historical range. Critical habitat for two populations was designated on Maui (68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003) and habitat for eight populations is designated in this rule.

The area designated as critical habitat for the five island-endemic species provides habitat for four populations of *Argyroxiphium kauense*, two populations of *Cyanea stictophylla*, one population of *Melicope zahlbruckneri*, four populations of *Phyllostegia velutina*, and three populations of *Plantago hawaiiensis* within their historical ranges. The area designated as critical habitat for the multi-island species provides habitat for one population of *Asplenium fragile* var. *insulare* within its historical range.

These modifications resulted in the reduction from 15,294 ha (37,792 ac) to 10,961 ha (27,085 ac). This unit was