

renamed Hawaii 24—*Argyroxiphium kauense*—b, Hawaii 24—*Asplenium fragile* var. *insulare*—a, Hawaii 24—*Cyanea stictophylla*—c, Hawaii 24—*Melicope zahlbruckneri*—a, Hawaii 24—*Phyllostegia velutina*—a, and Hawaii 24—*Plantago hawaiiensis*—a.

#### Hawaii L

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for five species: *Ischaemum byrone*, *Pleomele hawaiiensis*, *Portulaca sclerocarpa*, *Sesbania tomentosa*, and *Silene hawaiiensis*. Modifications were made to this unit to exclude areas that do not contain the primary constituent elements for these species. In addition, some portions eliminated 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.

The area designated as critical habitat for the two island-endemic species provides habitat for five populations of *Pleomele hawaiiensis* and one population of *Silene hawaiiensis* within their historical ranges. The area designated as critical habitat for the three multi-island species provides habitat for two populations each of *Ischaemum byrone* and *Sesbania tomentosa* and five populations of *Portulaca sclerocarpa* within their historical ranges. We designated critical habitat for *Ischaemum byrone* on Kauai (habitat for three populations), Molokai (habitat for two populations), and Maui (habitat for two populations) (68 FR 9116, February 27, 2003; 68 FR 12982, March 19, 2003; 68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003). We are designating habitat for a total of three populations on the island of Hawaii in this rule. *Portulaca sclerocarpa* is currently found on the islands of Lanai and Hawaii, and critical habitat for one population was designated on Lanai (68 FR 1220, January 9, 2003). This rule designates critical habitat for a total of five populations. There is habitat for four other populations on lands excluded from this final rule in PTA (see “Analysis of Impacts Under Section 4(b)(2)”). We have designated critical habitat for *Sesbania tomentosa* on Nihoa (habitat for one population), Necker (habitat for one population), Kauai (habitat for two populations), Oahu (habitat for two populations), Molokai (habitat for two populations), and Maui (habitat for two populations) (68 FR 28054, May 22, 2003; 68 FR

9116, February 27, 2003; 68 FR 35949, June 17, 2003; 68 FR 12982, March 19, 2003; 68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003). In this rule, we are designating habitat for two populations of *Sesbania tomentosa*.

These modifications resulted in the reduction from 15,294 ha (37,792 ac) to 14,841 ha (36,674 ac). This unit was renamed Hawaii 20—*Sesbania tomentosa*—a, Hawaii 21—*Ischaemum byrone*—a, Hawaii 23—*Pleomele hawaiiensis*—d, Hawaii 23—*Sesbania tomentosa*—b, Hawaii 27—*Portulaca sclerocarpa*—a, and Hawaii 27—*Silene hawaiiensis*—b.

#### Hawaii M1

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for one multi-island species, *Ischaemum byrone*. The entire area proposed for this species was eliminated. This area 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 this species, and there are 10 other locations that have been designated to meet the recovery goal of 8 to 10 populations throughout its historical range on this and other islands. We have designated critical habitat for this species on Kauai (for three populations), and Maui (for two populations) (68 FR 35949, June 17, 2003; 68 FR 9116, February 27, 2003; 68 FR 12982, March 19, 2003; 68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003). In this rule we are designating habitat for three populations. Exclusion of this unit from critical habitat for *Ischaemum byrone* resulted in the overall reduction of 19 ha (46 ac) of critical habitat on the island of Hawaii.

#### Hawaii M2

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for one multi-island species, *Ischaemum byrone*. The entire area proposed for this species was eliminated. This area 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 this species, and there are 10 other locations that have been designated to meet the recovery goal of 8 to 10 populations throughout its historical range on this and other islands. We have designated critical habitat for this species on Kauai (for three populations) and Maui (for two populations) (68 FR 35949, June 17, 2003; 68 FR 9116, February 27, 2003; 68 FR 12982, March 19, 2003; 68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003). In this rule, we are designating habitat for three populations. Exclusion of this unit from

critical habitat for *Ischaemum byrone* resulted in the overall reduction of 133 ha (328 ac) of critical habitat on the island of Hawaii.

#### Hawaii M3

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for one multi-island species, *Ischaemum byrone*. The entire area proposed for this species was eliminated. This area 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 this species, and there are 10 other locations that have been designated to meet the recovery goal of 8 to 10 populations throughout its historical range on this and other islands. We have designated critical habitat for this species on Kauai (for three populations) and Maui (for two populations) (68 FR 35949, June 17, 2003; 68 FR 9116, February 27, 2003; 68 FR 12982, March 19, 2003; 68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003). In this rule, we are designating habitat for three populations. Exclusion of this unit from critical habitat for *Ischaemum byrone* resulted in the overall reduction of 141 ha (349 ac) of critical habitat on the island of Hawaii.

#### Hawaii M4

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for one multi-island species, *Ischaemum byrone*. The entire area proposed for this species was eliminated. This area 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 this species, and there are 10 other locations that have been designated to meet the recovery goal of 8 to 10 populations throughout its historical range on this and other islands. We have designated critical habitat for this species on Kauai (for three populations) and Maui (for two populations) (68 FR 35949, June 17, 2003; 68 FR 9116, February 27, 2003; 68 FR 12982, March 19, 2003; 68 FR 25934, May 14, 2003). In this rule we are designating habitat for three populations. Exclusion of this unit from critical habitat for *Ischaemum byrone* resulted in the overall reduction of 141 ha (348 ac) of critical habitat on the island of Hawaii.

#### Hawaii M5

This unit was proposed as critical habitat for one species, *Ischaemum byrone*. Modifications were made to this unit to exclude areas that do not contain the primary constituent elements for