

‘AWA AND CONSERVATION IN BOTANICAL GARDENS

Ethnobotany of ‘awa

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Limahuli Garden

- restoration of native vegetation
- ahapua’a system

Different Mindsets

- Hawaiian - let the teacher guide you; passive
- Academic - ask questions, active

‘awa, food for the gods

- Handy² - 14 varieties
- Winter’s research - up to 40 varieties
 - Plant diversification
 - Differences in culture, medicine, offering, beverage

Differences in Hawaiian Traditions

- Clapping of hands not in Hawai’i
- Women
- Available to all
 - Some varieties only for ali’i

Kava Bars

‘ōlelo no’eau (wise, traditional sayings)

Conservation in Limahuli Valley (recognitions since the video was made)

- Honolulu Advertiser, Sept. 10, 2007 feature story in the first *Business Today* tabloid, *Kauai Garden takes you on a trip through time*, by Robbie Dingeman:
<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2007/Sep/10/bz/hawaii709100301.html>
- Selected by the American Horticultural Society as the best natural botanical garden in the United States; praised for sound environmental practices of water, soil, and rare plant conservation in an overall design.
- Hawai’i Tourism Authority 2007 top *Keep it Hawai’i* recognition award.

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² Handy, E. S. Craighill. 1940. *The Hawaiian Planter* volume 1: his plants, methods and areas of cultivation. Honolulu, Bernice P. Bishop Museum bulletin 161:202-3.