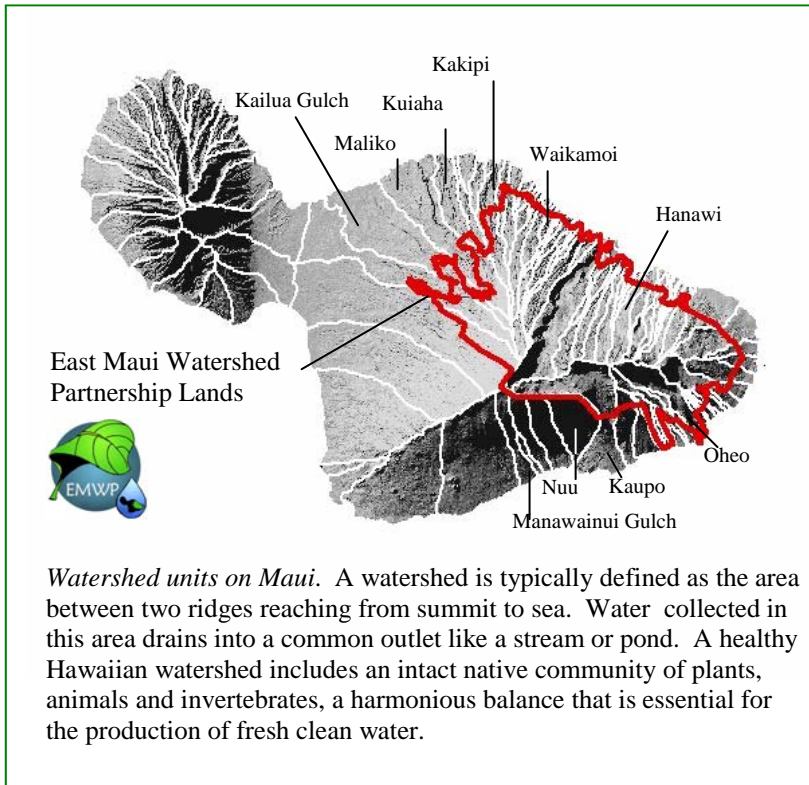


# The East Maui Watershed



Watersheds are our source of life, culture, and biodiversity. Within a watershed, you will find plants, animals, invertebrates and humans that are interdependent, all of us connected to the water that runs from summit to sea. Yet many of us do not even know what a watershed is. Which watershed do you live in? Are our watersheds healthy? What *makes* a watershed healthy and how do we keep it that way?

One of East Maui Watershed Partnership's goals is to help you find answers to these questions. We aspire to educate the adult and student communities of Maui about the importance and value of a native intact watershed so that we can all make informed choices and take responsible actions to help protect the island's environmental integrity.

EMWP's main purpose is to protect and preserve the native Hawaiian forested watershed of East Maui through natural resource management as well as outreach and education. The Partnership's ungulate monitoring program, invasive species control and extensive fenced exclosures work together to help keep our watersheds an intact native Hawaiian ecosystem. The Partnership's land encompasses over 100,000 acres and spans across 76 watershed units, from Kakipi east all the way to Nu'u, including Manawainui Gulch and the upper portions of Waiakoa, Kalialinui, Kailua Gulch, Maliko and Kuiaha.

The East Maui Watershed is one of the largest intact native Hawaiian watersheds in the state. What can *you* do to help protect these last remaining strongholds of native ecosystems? You can start by educating yourselves and sharing that knowledge. Log onto <http://www.eastmauiwatershed.org> to learn about the functions of a watershed, get to know some native plants and birds, or sign up for a free classroom presentation and field trip. You can also help support EMWP by donating online via our Adopt-a-Fence program – we won't make you fly in and kill weeds along the fenceline, but you will know that your money is going to help protect the watershed in your own backyard, for you and for our island's future.

