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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Measuring What Matters for Kaua'i 2006

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Biological Diversity

INDICATOR TREND:

A significant share of flora and fauna are threatened or endangered

Description and Relevance

The number of plant and animal species threatened with extinction is one measure of environmental quality.

The Federal government compiles statistics on endangered species, and these counts are regularly updated and available online.

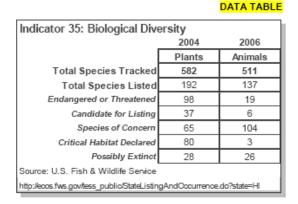
The 2004 list of plants and 2006 list of animals, including vertebrates and invertebrates, were used for this indicator. Various designations are used, dependent upon the level of threat to the species.

How is Kaua'i doing?

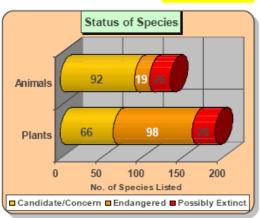
Of the 582 plant species tracked in 2004, 192 were listed, including 98 species that are endangered or threatened and 28 that are possibly extinct.

Of the 511 animal species tracked in 2006, 137 were listed including 19 that are endangered or threatened and 26 that are possibly extinct.

One-third (33%) of plant species and 27% of animal species on Kaua'i are listed.



INDICATOR CHART



STATUS CHART

