

Protect our palms
from the invasive...

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB)



Join our efforts in
eradicating the
CRB before our
palms are gone!

Report any CRB activity!
Call/Text: 643-PEST (7378)

Email:

BeetlebustersHI@gmail.com

Where are CRB ?

- They are found only on O’ahu . . . so far.
- Traps hang in trees all around the island. Traps are designed to contain, not kill the beetle.
- Traps are checked monthly, though in target zones, they are checked weekly to locate breeding areas.
- High risk zones of CRB are currently Waiawa, ‘Ewa, Waipahu, Pearl City, and Waipi’o.

CRB History & Damage

- The CRB was accidentally introduced to Hawai’i in 2013, though it is a problem throughout the Pacific. It is native to Southeast Asia, Africa, China, and India.
- The CRB’s preferred host is the coconut palm.
- Adult beetles are active at night, boring holes through young fronds, creating distinct “V-cuts” in the leaves.
- CRB eggs are laid in green waste and larvae breed in mulch piles.

CRB Impacts

- In addition to palms, CRB damage has been found on pineapple, agave, cacao, papaya, sugarcane, hala, loulu, and both dry and wetland taro.
- CRB will hurt Hawai’i’s agriculture, environment, culture, and economy. Let’s keep it away!

