

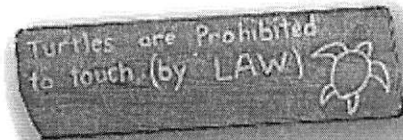
Review of Amber Pitt's: Community conservation of basking green sea turtles: recommendations for Punalu'u Hawaii.

She introduced Punalu'u similar to her abstract. She quoted the legend of Kauila, but the reference she gave was not local to Hawaii. She mentioned the volunteers "monitoring" the beach were volunteers that were there specifically to monitor hawksbill nesting activity (if any) and from the way she wrote it seems like they took in upon themselves, on the side, to admonishing tourist regarding not riding or hitting turtles. Just the way she wrote it made it sound like it was such a chore that they had to be up during the day to "scold" visitors after they've been out all night patrolling the beach for nests. She also mentioned local involvement in the "scolding" of tourists.

In her paper, she talked about the signs already posted in the area, but mentioned most people don't look at them and just rush down to the turtles - She



had small pictures



of the signs in area (including the basking turtle sign put up by yourself via Marc Rice and/or UH Hilo MOP, the wooden no touching sign (above), and Dale Zarella's Kauila sculpture (left). These look like they had been taken off one of the websites she must have looked at (e.g. The pictures I've included here were the exact same pictures on her posters, and I got them from the web site <http://www.konaweb.com/features/punaluu/index.shtml>).

It seems like a lot of her quotes were also from this web site. (e.g. "The word "Punalu'u" actually means "diving spring"', and the legend of Kauila quote seemed almost exactly word for word to me).

She then goes into the 5 actions she thinks would help – same as those outlined in abstract. (haven't a few of these already been done by yourself and UH Hilo MOP people – contacting hotels etc, asking tour bus drivers to specifically mention not to touch baskers, etc..).

I can't remember the exact closing but mainly going on about how more needs to be done in getting the word out to protect the turtles at Punalu'u. She made no mention of the work done there by yourself and UH Hilo (although if she had done a web search she would have come up with a ton of examples). And in the acknowledgements she thanks Larry Katahira for allowing them to volunteer with the Hawksbill program at Volcanoes. But didn't state any University of Florida affiliation I can recall. The poster was suppose to be in the education and policy section.