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Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 6:52 AM
Subject: Towards Sustainable Native Hawaiian Access to a Honu Harvest

Aloha ~400 Oceania-Pacific Islands Mail Group Recipients: I share with you here a message distributed this morning on the Cturtle List Serve to over 2000 folks globally. Some of you are subscribers to Cturtle so will be seeing this twice- Thank you kindly for taking a second look. In recent months there has been considerable raising of awareness on Cturtle (and other Mail Groups) by numerous individuals on the topic of diverse world views for conservation- with emphasis on racism, inequities, post-colonial dominance by western traditions, and exclusivity in the sea turtle community. As we continue this enlightening conversation, I ask that we turn meaningful words into.. meaningful action. The proposal below is one of the many ways this can and should be done.

Respectfully, George

From: Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation <CTURTLE@LISTS.UFL.EDU> on behalf of honu world <itsahonuworlindhawaii@HOTMAIL.COM>
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Subject: [CTURTLE] Towards Sustainable Native Hawaiian Access to Green Sea Turtle Harvest

With the closing today of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month May 2021, now would be a good time to reflect again upon injustices and consider creative ways that native resources can be transferred back into the hands of native people. Such as here in Hawaii and at other post-Colonial USA islands of Oceania. Please see the link below (or the attached pdf) to read a thoughtful 2020 proposal by Colin Goodbred of Dartmouth College.

[Goodbred \(2020\) Towards Sustainable Native Hawaiian Access to Green Sea Turtle Take. Marine & Conservation Policy Research Group, Williams College-Mystic Seaport Maritime Studies Program. Dartmouth College.](#)

Here is an excerpt of the last paragraph:

"Ultimately, amending the ESA and associated state law would offer key cultural benefits to Native Hawaiians who have long been marginalized communities on their own land, subject to regulations for a population decline that they did not cause. In restoring their access to harvesting honu, policymakers would be upholding respect for Native cultures and traditions without seriously harming populations."

It is my understanding that our new Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland,- the first Native American Cabinet Secretary in USA history,- has shown interest in this proposal through channels of the US Fish and Wildlife Service that she oversees.

Sincerely, George Balazs

