

Ōhāhā Mahi 'Ai

Agricultural Training and Education Program

February 26–April 16, 2022 • On-farm and live online instruction



Hawai'i Island farmers and gardeners interested in deepening their kinship with 'āina and 'ike Hawai'i are invited to apply for The Kohala Center's Ōhāhā Mahi 'Ai program. Emphasizing traditional Hawaiian knowledge and practices while also incorporating regenerative western approaches, Ōhāhā Mahi 'Ai focuses on creating and strengthening conditions for 'āina momona by nourishing soil, learning about native crops and diverse cropping systems, observing and adapting to the natural world, and promoting mahi 'ai health and well-being.

On-farm sessions in Honoka'a

Saturdays February 26–April 2, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

- Engage with 'āina through hana, 'ike kūpuna, and appropriate cultural protocols
- Learn about kilo (environmental observation), kaulana mahina (Hawaiian moon calendar), lā'au lapa'au (medicinal plants), seed saving and production, plant nutrition, traditional planting methods, and soil health
- Deepen understanding of fulfilling kuleana to 'āina, 'ohana, and lāhui

Virtual sessions on Zoom

Wednesdays March 2–April 6, 5–6:30 p.m.

- Kānaka 'Ōiwi agriculture: Past and present
- Community agricultural initiatives
- Mana'o of mahi'ai and mo'olelo pōkole
- Restoring 'āina through 'ike kūpuna
- Traditional gathering and cooking methods
- Trends in Hawai'i agriculture
- Microloan programs and financing strategies

Huaka'i to traditional agricultural sites in Kohala and Hāmākua on Saturdays, April 9 and 16

There is no cost to enroll, but space is limited.

To learn more and apply, visit koha.la/ohaha-mahiai
or contact Dr. Melanie Willich at mwillich@kohalacenter.org or 808-887-6411.



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