## **Could native plants help save our coral reefs?**

## Free online webinar Thursday, September 23 • 1 to 3 p.m. HST

Learn more about the promising results from an applied research project conducted by **The Kohala Center** in partnership with **Roth Ecological Design International** and **Terraformation**. Prior research has shown that nitrogen entering coastal environments from cesspools and stormwater runoff can contribute to increased algae blooms that inhibit coral growth and vitality.



'Ahu'awa and 'aka'akai, two plants native to the Hawaiian Islands, uptook and reduced nitrogen levels in salt water in the research study, suggesting that planting them in nearshore environments could help reduce a key coral stressor. Please join and learn with us about this innovative approach to reef conservation.

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