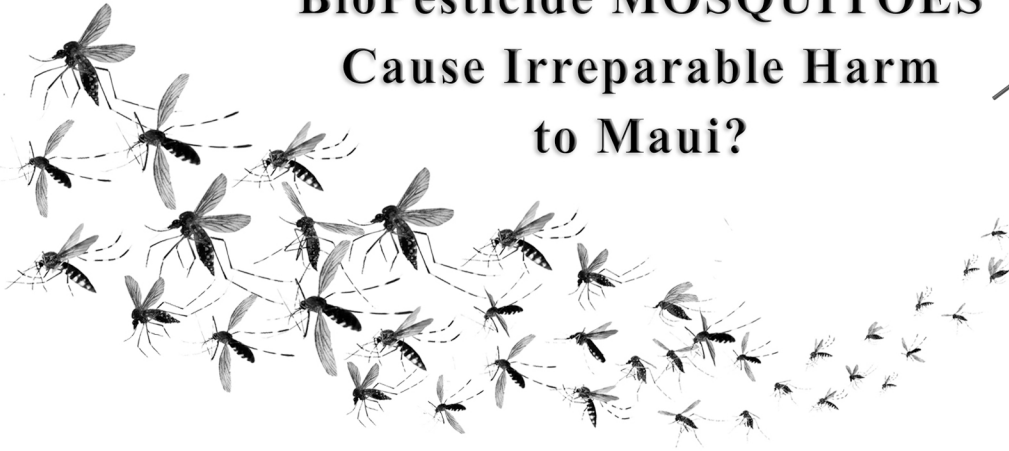


# Will BILLIONS of BioPesticide MOSQUITOES Cause Irreparable Harm to Maui?



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“If you think you’re too small to make a difference, try spending the night with a mosquito”  
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- The State of Hawaii and its multi-agency partnership plan to release up to **775,992,000 lab-bred mosquitoes per week** on Maui. This project would continue for at least **20 years**.
- This **mosquito experiment** is an effort to save endangered native birds from avian malaria. Federal documentation confirms that the outcome is unknown - **this plan may not even work !**
- These mosquitoes will be infected with a different strain of *Wolbachia* bacteria, which could cause them to become more capable of spreading diseases like **avian malaria** and **West Nile virus (bird and human)**.
- While state agencies and wildlife officials are hoping this novel strategy will prevent extinction of native birds, **it may cause their extinction**, and it **could impact human health**.
- Tropical disease expert Dr. Lorrin Pang (private citizen) has expressed concerns about **horizontal transmission** of the lab bacteria to wild mosquitoes and other **insect vectors of disease**.
- “Hawaii has a bad history of **invasive species** entering and spreading unabated, including their spread of **infectious diseases**....How is this supposed to be self-contained?” - Dr. Pang
- Scientific studies document the risks of horizontal transmission, **increased pathogen infection**, evolutionary events, **population replacement**, and **accidental release of females (who bite and breed)**.
- **BioPesticide Mosquitoes** for this project originate from **Palmyra Atoll**. *Wolbachia* bacteria for the project originates from **Kuala Lumpur**. Mosquito lab Verily Life Sciences is a subsidiary of Alphabet (**Google**).
- This technique has **never been used in Hawaii**. At least one strain of *Wolbachia* planned for import does not exist on these islands. Once this plan starts, it is **irreversible**.
- An **Environmental Risk Assessment** for this biopesticide has not been conducted by the EPA. An **Environmental Impact Statement** has not been completed by state agencies or partners.