

# STOP the Release of Bacteria-Infected MOSQUITOES on Maui

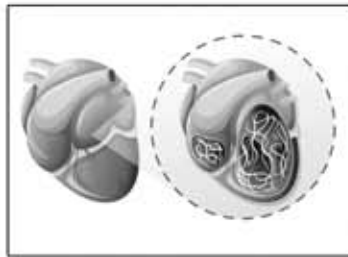
## Southern House Mosquitoes Transmit Diseases

- Avian malaria
- Avian pox
- Heartworm
- Elephantiasis
- West Nile virus
- Western equine encephalitis
- St. Louis encephalitis
- Potential vector of Zika virus

Strains of *Wolbachia* in parasitic worms play a role in elephantiasis, heartworm, and river blindness



ELEPHANTIASIS



HEARTWORM

*Wolbachia* bacteria can cause mosquitoes to become more capable of transmitting

AVIAN MALARIA



WEST NILE VIRUS  
(bird and human)



Pathogen screenings of lab mosquitoes unknown

Females bite, breed, and spread disease

Males transmit bacteria and pathogens to females

No documented biosecurity protocols

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- This lab-infected mosquito release plan may spread disease to people and animals, and it could cause the extinction of endangered native birds
- *Wolbachia* bacteria can transmit to wild mosquitoes and other insect vectors of disease
- Assertions of no human health risks are based on unsound science discredited by the EPA
- Up to 775,992,000 mosquitoes per WEEK would be released for at least 20 years
- Southern house mosquitoes have never been documented as used for *Wolbachia* stand-alone field release
- The 64,666-acre East Maui project area is the largest *Wolbachia* mosquito release of any kind globally to date (the prior largest releases were in Texas and Florida)



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