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About:
OHA's Kīpuka Database is an oasis of geographically linked ʻike (knowledge) that links historic data sets to geographic locations perpetuating the concept of information embedded in the ʻāina (land) and encoded in wahi inoa (place names).

Kīpuka utilizes the latest mapping technologies to provide a window into Native Hawaiian land, culture, and history.

Mission:
The mission of Kīpuka is to emerge as a repository of knowledge where geographically linked information about Hawaiʻi's land, culture, and history can be easily accessed, to provide a virtual moʻokūʻauhau (genealogy) of land tenure in Hawaiʻi and to open new pathways for individuals to forge relationships between themselves and the ʻāina that is most important to them.
The Kīpuka Database is a technological oasis of geographical data, where resources for research and education can be accessed. It is hoped that the database will be a source of legacy information that will help to perpetuate Hawaiʻi’s land, culture, and history.
The Kīpuka database can be a useful tool for elementary students, researchers, environmental professionals and anyone interested in traditional land management systems.

Users can:

- **Research Traditional Land boundaries:** Explore maps, identifying Moku, Ahupua‘a and ‘Ili across the entire archipelago.
- **Conduct Genealogy:** Search family names, place names and historic Land Award numbers.
- **Access digitized source documents:** Click to view and download Land Commission Awards, Royal Patent grants, Native Testimonies, Boundary Certificates, Historic newspapers and more.
- **Analyze:** Compare traditional land use patterns in relationship to current land designations. Use analysis tools to measure distance and area, and identify Historic Sites, Land Awards and traditional place names, near a point of interest.
- **Participate:** Add comments, suggestions or robust data to become a part of the Kīpuka database.
These layers are the dynamic data that the application will use to display over the base maps. The available data layers are:

- **KĪPUKA DATA Moku**
  This layer represents large districts in Hawaiʻi. There are multiple ahupuaʻa in each moku. The boundaries of the moku are taken from Government Survey and registered maps and the accuracy of these sources may vary.

- **Ahupuaʻa**
  The "Ahupuaʻa" layer depicts the political land divisions utilized for land management by Native Hawaiians. Ahupuaʻa typically stretch from the mountains to the sea and include all of the resources within. All of the ʻili, land awards, historic sites and relevant maps and documents within each ahupuaʻa are provided for each feature. The boundaries of the ahupuaʻa are mostly taken from Government Survey and registered maps but the accuracy of these sources varies.

- **Government Lands:**
  This layer was modified from the State GIS "Government Land Ownership" layer and includes public lands in Hawaiʻi designated as Federal, State, or Hawaiian Homelands. The name and managing agency for the areas are included.

- **Crown Lands:**
  The Crown Lands include those lands belonging to the Monarch of Hawaiʻi. This layer was compiled from the Crown Lands Report of 1893 and Hawaiian Government Survey Maps. A description of the land, the acreage and the source is included with each feature, as well as links to the relevant registered maps.

- **Historic Sites:**
  Data for the “Historic Sites” layer is compiled from the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and also includes data compiled by OHA from various public records. This layer includes site number, name, description, form, function, and status, if available.

- **Land Awards:**
  Data for the “Land Commission Awards” layer includes both granted and un-granted land awards, Royal Patent Grants, Land Patent Grants and other awards. Shapes of awards come from various sources, including Land Commission records and Registered Maps. Details include claimant, claim number (Helu), source, and descriptions, where available.

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Participate: Add Data to KIPUKA
Select A Shape Type And Draw Your Feature On The Map To Contribute Data To Kipuka