End Rimpac

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What is RIMPAC?

The Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) is held every other year (on years ending in an even number) and involves foreign militaries gathering in and around Hawai’i to conduct military exercises with the United States Armed Forces.

RIMPAC embodies and is connected to several of the problems that Hawai’i faces because of the US
SHAME
These countries support continued US Occupation of Hawai‘i and militarization and bombing of our NEUTRAL country.
No honor!
2022 RIMPAC includes military forces from

Australia,
Brunei,
Canada,
Chile,
Colombia,
Denmark,
Ecuador,
France,
Germany,
India,
Indonesia,
Israel,
Japan,
Malaysia,
Mexico,
Netherlands,
New Zealand (Aotearoa),
Peru,
the Republic of Korea,
Republic of the Philippines,
Singapore,
Sri Lanka,
Thailand,
Tonga, (et tu, Tonga!)
United Kingdom (once our closest ally!)
and the United States.

RED = NATO
or NATO Partner
North Atlantic Treaty Organization - an aggressive international military org that has been at the root of a lot of war, such as the current war in Ukraine.

Blue = Ally/Treaty w Hawai‘i
Hawai‘i, a well-recognized neutral, independent country, has binding treaties with many of the countries bombing our ocean and blasting our land right now as part of RIMPAC.

Purple = both

BOLD = Major Ongoing Human Rights Violator
(note: there may be some serious violations in the others too. Such as RIMPAC participation!)
Theae are just a few of the major impacts to the ocean, based on the Navy’s own map.
Lots of other problems with this such as violence, drunk sailors, and much more...

Increased military presence also contributes to trauma and chronic stress in Indigenous populations, which kills by causing heart disease, diabetes, drug addiction, and lots of other health problems.

**RIMPAC IS COLONIAL GENOCIDE**
• RIMPAC creates one more excuse for the US military to keep using Pōhakuloa on Hawai‘i Island. Unexploded munitions and depleted uranium can be found at Pōhakuloa due to military activities. During RIMPAC 2018, a 2,000-acre brush fire was accidentally started by US Marine Corps helicopters near Pōhakuloa.

• Kaho‘olawe and Mākuʻa were previously used during RIMPAC exercises. Puʻuloa—Pearl Harbor—is still used. The historical and ongoing use of land that is culturally significant for Hawaiians and was/is environmentally important is a denial of the right to self-determination for the people who live in Hawai‘i. This includes the refusal of the United States government to return stolen land.

END ALL MILITARY LEASES
END ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF HAWAIʻI
Honu and Honuea travel over 1000 miles every 2-5 years to lay and bury clutches of eggs in the sand, which must incubate 60 days before the baby turtles emerge & make their way to sea.

RIMPAC features the landing of amphibious assault vehicles that smash beaches where honu could nest. BABY TURTLES BEWARE!

Honu Nesting Season:
April-September

RIMPAC Season:
June-August
POLLUTION AND DESTRUCTION OF OCEAN

The US Military kills many whales, dolphins, rays, sharks, fish, and other sea life every RIMPAC.

Pollution: There is no assessment of the number of dolphins, whales, turtles, rays, fish, and other sea life killed during RIMPAC. We do know that animals are killed whenever the ocean is bombed or otherwise harmed (duh). There is a history of the military seriously covering up the deaths of marine life. This is not ok. We stand with Nā Kanaloa against war!!!
NO NEW LEASES
TO THE US MILITARY!!

The US Military wants to renew its 65-year, $1/yr leases from DLNR. ‘A’OLE!!!

Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) alone is 23,000 acres. This fragile and sacred area is bombed and burned constantly. There are many more.

the Army has destroyed fragile ecosystems, left tons of unexploded ordnance, depleted uranium, and other contaminants, and harmed major cultural sites. See Petition.

The Army wants a new lease NOW. It does not think it matters that it has violated its lease terms hundreds of times, destroyed sites & forests, or that it is not their land (or the State’s) to begin with. It expects us to believe its lies and give it what it wants: our land.

Absolutely NOT. US MILITARY, CLEAN UP YOUR MESS AND GET OUT1
PROPAGANDA & DELIBERATE CONFUSION
The military’s official documentation on RIMPAC is full of jargon to cover up major hewa!!! They are often written in super confusing ways...

Meaning: it can be assumed they are bombing these areas since there is no other reason planes would be affected at all altitudes...

*see map* these areas W188A/B are the biggest on the maps and are (according to shown document) “Used on a regular basis by the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai”
This idea of having ownership over the ocean and needing constant security is an example of the way things like this teach us that was is inevitable and that we must be protected by these huge scary guns all the time.

Helps who? Certainly not the people of Hawai‘i who’s lives are so negatively impacted by the presence of the military here.
The People of Hawai‘i say

‘A’OLE RIMPAC!!!

- Cancel RIMPAC exercises forever
- no new leases to the US Military
- Deoccupy & decolonize Hawai‘i
- Restore our Independence
- Restore our Neutrality
- Heal Land & Ocean
- Build PEACE!
Stop RIMPAC 2024!

What You can do:

• Keep learning & educating others.
• Attend Demonstrations (Demilitarization, Restoring Independences for Hawai’i, etc). Build community & mutual support.
• VERY IMPORTANT: **OPPOSE NEW LEASES!**
• Call Congress! Put pressure on Hawai’i’s 2 US Senators & 2 US Reps to END RIMPAC FOREVER! And demilitarize & deoccupy Hawai’i while they are at it.
• Pressure other elected officials. Just because the government they work for is illegal does not excuse allowing RIMPAC to continue.
• Talk to friends, family, and people in the community. Shift the narrative.
• BE READY. Where will you be in Summer 2024? Stay in touch & be ready for action!

Exhibition: https://www.youngsolwarapacific.com/cancel-rimpac-exhibition.html

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