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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.

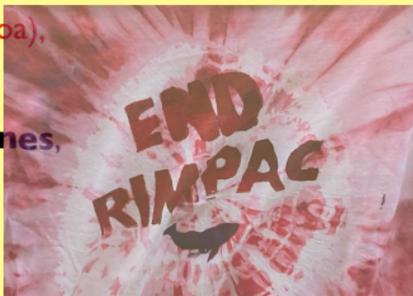
Blue = Ally/Treaty w Hawai'i

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!)



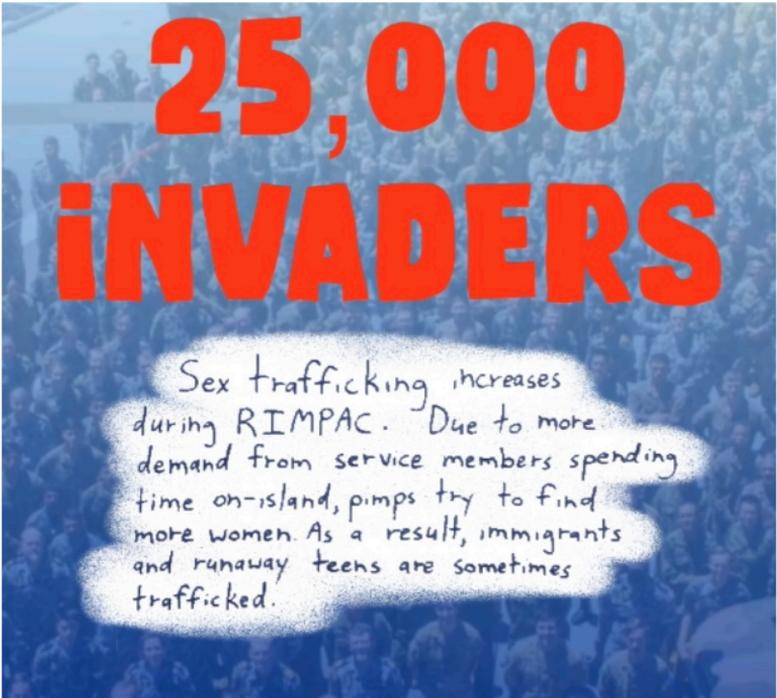
These are just a few of the major impacts to the ocean, based on the Navy's own map.



Armed Forces...

Impacts on the environment

- RIMPAC requires "tens of millions of gallons of fossil fuels." The fuel needed for RIMPAC is stored at Kapūkākā, Red Hill.
- Sonar—which is known to cause unusual behavior in marine mammals, sometimes leading to death—is used intensely during RIMPAC. Fish are also disoriented by sonar.
- Some RIMPAC exercises are held in the US Major Military Testing Range, which overlaps with four marine monuments—"designated to protect areas of the marine environment"—including Papahānaumokuākea.



25,000 iNVADERS

Sex trafficking increases during RIMPAC. Due to more demand from service members spending time on-island, pimps try to find more women. As a result, immigrants and runaway teens are sometimes trafficked.

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

ABUSE OF KĀNAKA MAOLI STOLEN LANDS

- 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 Mākae were previously used during RIMPAC exercises. Pu'uloa — 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 HAWAI'I



HONU NESTING SEASON:
April-September
RIMPAC SEASON:
June-August

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!**

POLLUTION AND DESTRUCTION OF OCEAN



The US Military
KILLS MANY WHALES
DOLPHINS RAYS SHARKS ETC!
every RIMPAC

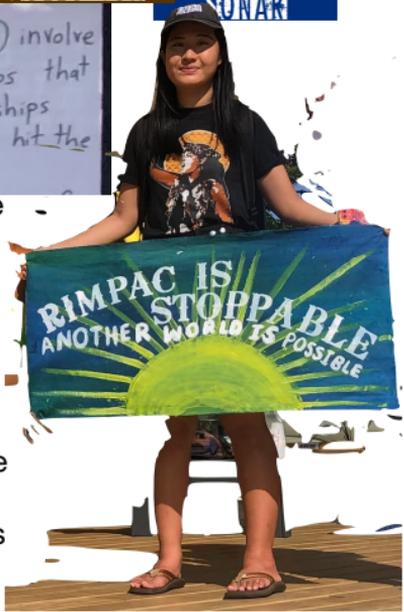
SHIP STRIKES

POLLUTION

SONAR

● SINKEX (Sink Exercises) involve the intentional sinking of ships that are no longer in use. Those ships crush deep sea coral when they hit the ocean floor.

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 OUT!

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...

ATCAA's MAHI and HAKA will affect aircraft flight planned at all altitudes to/from the Pacific Southwest. When activated, aircraft can expect to be routed around these areas. MELA North, Central, and South areas will provide additional impact to these aircraft. Flights may experience additional routing around these areas.

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

The areas within close proximity to the Hawaiian Island which include the local preferred arrival and departure route system are excluded from military airspace reserved for major RIMPAC activities. Additionally, the CEP routes will not be affected.

Warning areas W188A/B, R3101, and W186 are currently used on a regular basis by the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai. Daily coordination between HCF and ZOA for this is currently in place and will not require special procedures during RIMPAC. Users of TRACKS 11/12 and TRACKS A/B to/from HAWAII/FAR EAST will notice a slight increase in routings around PMRF airspace due to greater use by the military of these areas and the activation of ALTRV SUMMER2 and ALTRV SUMMER3.

ATCAA NAIJU lies in the area north of OAHU and will be used at and below FL290 during RIMPAC. This

* 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"

THE PROPAGANDA AROUND RIMPAC

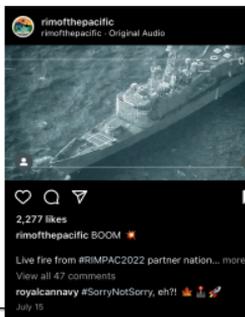
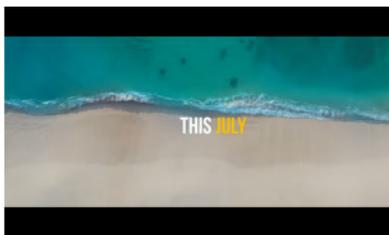


This idea of having ownership over the ocean and needing constant security is an example of the way things like this teach the us that was is inevitable and that we must be protected by these huge scary guns all the time.

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Helps who? Certainly not the people of Hawai'i who's lives are so negatively impacted by the presence of the military here.



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PROPAGANDA

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!



Stay Informed & Involved

Petitions: <https://diy.rootsaction.org/petitions/help-hawaii-stop-the-largest-naval-war-practice-in-the-world>

<https://www.change.org/p/for-people-land-air-sea-stop-rimpac-military-exercises>

Maori!: <https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/cancel-rimpac-2020-new-zealand-withdraw-1>

<https://diy.rootsaction.org/petitions/do-not-extend-1-lease-on-27-000-acres-of-hawai-i-state-lands-in-pohakuloa-training-area>

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

More Information:

stoprimpac.org

Malu 'Aina:

<https://malu-aina.org>

KAHEA:

<http://kahea.org>

Hawaii Peace and Justice

<https://hawaiipeaceandjustice.org>



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(and everyone else working to FREE HAWAII & END RIMPAC!)



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DOWN TO THE
LAST BASE,
SOLDIER, AND
BULLET!



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