Bioprocessing Medicinal Garden Complex

The Bioprocessing Medicinal Garden Complex is located across from Hale 'Imiloa. It was dedicated on June 18, 2007 and consists of three facilities: the medicinal garden (collections of plants from Asia, the Pacific, and America), the aquaponic system, and the bioprocessing facility. The complex is supported through the grants from USDA-NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture) and USDA-SPEC (U.S. Department of Agriculture - Secondary and Two-Year Post secondary Agriculture Education Challenge). The medicinal plants grown organically in the garden and in the aquaponic system are processed into nutraceutical products in the bioprocessing facility.

Climate-Controlled Greenhouse

The climate-controlled greenhouse is located next to Hale 'Imiloa. It was acquired through a grant from the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training (PCATT), and was dedicated on October 3, 2001. The greenhouse provides a controlled atmosphere for mericlones and seedlings to thrive out of their post-in-vitro culture. It also houses orchid species for identification purposes.

Kuhi La‘au

The Kuhi La‘au – Tropical Plant and Orchid Identification Facility: Inouye and Rifai Collection is located in Hale ‘Imiloa 112-A. It was dedicated on February 9, 2000. The facility provides a free plant identification service, focusing on plants of Hawai‘i, tropical plants of Asia and the Pacific, and orchids. Fresh samples of branches, flowers or fruits can be sent to the facility for identification. Information regarding plant names and ethnobotanical uses will be mailed to the sender within a week.

Tissue Culture and Plant Biotechnology Laboratory

The laboratory is located in Hale ‘Imiloa 101-A. It is supported through the grants from USDA–NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture), and was dedicated on February 5, 2003. The Tissue Culture and Plant Biotechnology Laboratory is an aseptic room used for in vitro culture and gene transformation operations.

Coral Disease Laboratory

The Coral Disease Lab, a Windward Community College facility operated in partnership with the Hawai‘i Institute of Marine Biology and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Refuge, is managed by the Pacific Center for Environmental Studies (PaCES). Located in Hale ‘Imiloa, the Lab conducts collaborative research and education projects whose goals are to understand the occurrence of disease in coral reef organisms. Students may participate in these projects for credit by enrolling in undergraduate Independent study courses through the Marine Option Program or through PaCES. Paid internships may be available (pending funding) from the Pacific Center for Environmental Studies. For more information, call 808-236-9115 or 808-236-9121.