

Be on the look out for:

# COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE

(*Oryctes rhinoceros*)



Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle is a destructive invasive species. Adult beetles burrow into the spear or heart of a palm to feed on its juices, and can kill the tree.

In October 2023, six larvae were found in Waikōloa Village. There have been several detections of adult beetles in the region since. Community vigilance and reporting is extremely important!

CRB breed in compost and it is very easy to transport them unknowingly.

**Inspect your mulch and soil** for beetle grubs and report any suspect sightings to BIISC.



CRB larvae can reach 4 inches in length and live in decaying plant material

## **REPORT:**

- Beetle grubs
- Adult beetles
- Damage to palms

Learn more at [biisc.org](https://biisc.org)

## WHAT'S AT RISK:



Coconut palms



Royal palms



Date palms



Fan palms



Hala



Banana

If their primary food sources are unavailable, CRB can shift to feed on other palms and important crops.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Find the grubs before they turn into adults and go after your trees!**

Scan QR code to submit a report:



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