

Family: *Bataceae*

Taxon: *Batis maritima*

Synonym:

Common Name: Pickleweed
Saltwort
`akulikuli kai

Questionnaire :	current 20090513	Assessor:	Patti Clifford	Designation:
Status:	In Progress	Data Entry Person:	Patti Clifford	WRA Score 9
101	Is the species highly domesticated?		y=-3, n=0	n
102	Has the species become naturalized where grown?		y=1, n=-1	
103	Does the species have weedy races?		y=1, n=-1	
201	Species suited to tropical or subtropical climate(s) - If island is primarily wet habitat, then substitute "wet tropical" for "tropical or subtropical"		(0-low; 1-intermediate; 2-high) (See Appendix 2)	High
202	Quality of climate match data		(0-low; 1-intermediate; 2-high) (See Appendix 2)	High
203	Broad climate suitability (environmental versatility)		y=1, n=0	n
204	Native or naturalized in regions with tropical or subtropical climates		y=1, n=0	y
205	Does the species have a history of repeated introductions outside its natural range?		y=-2, ?=-1, n=0	n
301	Naturalized beyond native range		y = 1*multiplier (see Appendix 2), n= question 205	y
302	Garden/amenity/disturbance weed		n=0, y = 1*multiplier (see Appendix 2)	n
303	Agricultural/forestry/horticultural weed		n=0, y = 2*multiplier (see Appendix 2)	n
304	Environmental weed		n=0, y = 2*multiplier (see Appendix 2)	y
305	Congeneric weed		n=0, y = 1*multiplier (see Appendix 2)	n
401	Produces spines, thorns or burrs		y=1, n=0	n
402	Allelopathic		y=1, n=0	
403	Parasitic		y=1, n=0	n
404	Unpalatable to grazing animals		y=1, n=-1	n
405	Toxic to animals		y=1, n=0	n
406	Host for recognized pests and pathogens		y=1, n=0	n
407	Causes allergies or is otherwise toxic to humans		y=1, n=0	n
408	Creates a fire hazard in natural ecosystems		y=1, n=0	n
409	Is a shade tolerant plant at some stage of its life cycle		y=1, n=0	n
410	Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions (or limestone conditions if not a volcanic island)		y=1, n=0	n

411	Climbing or smothering growth habit	y=1, n=0	y
412	Forms dense thickets	y=1, n=0	n
501	Aquatic	y=5, n=0	n
502	Grass	y=1, n=0	n
503	Nitrogen fixing woody plant	y=1, n=0	n
504	Geophyte (herbaceous with underground storage organs -- bulbs, corms, or tubers)	y=1, n=0	n
601	Evidence of substantial reproductive failure in native habitat	y=1, n=0	n
602	Produces viable seed	y=1, n=-1	y
603	Hybridizes naturally	y=1, n=-1	
604	Self-compatible or apomictic	y=1, n=-1	n
605	Requires specialist pollinators	y=-1, n=0	n
606	Reproduction by vegetative fragmentation	y=1, n=-1	y
607	Minimum generative time (years)	1 year = 1, 2 or 3 years = 0, 4+ years = -1	1
701	Propagules likely to be dispersed unintentionally (plants growing in heavily trafficked areas)	y=1, n=-1	y
702	Propagules dispersed intentionally by people	y=1, n=-1	y
703	Propagules likely to disperse as a produce contaminant	y=1, n=-1	n
704	Propagules adapted to wind dispersal	y=1, n=-1	n
705	Propagules water dispersed	y=1, n=-1	y
706	Propagules bird dispersed	y=1, n=-1	
707	Propagules dispersed by other animals (externally)	y=1, n=-1	n
708	Propagules survive passage through the gut	y=1, n=-1	
801	Prolific seed production (>1000/m2)	y=1, n=-1	
802	Evidence that a persistent propagule bank is formed (>1 yr)	y=1, n=-1	
803	Well controlled by herbicides	y=-1, n=1	y
804	Tolerates, or benefits from, mutilation, cultivation, or fire	y=1, n=-1	y
805	Effective natural enemies present locally (e.g. introduced biocontrol agents)	y=-1, n=1	

Designation:

WRA Score **9**

Supporting Data:

101	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	No evidence.
201	2010. USDA, ARS, National Genetic Resources Program. Germplasm Resources Information Network - (GRIN) [Online Database]. National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/taxon.pl?28398	Native range: United States - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, California; Mexico; Belize; Honduras; Nicaragua; Panama; Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Bahamas; Cayman Islands; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Haiti; Jamaica; Martinique; Puerto Rico; St. Kitts and Nevis; Virgin Islands; Guyana; Suriname; Venezuela; Brazil; Colombia; Ecuador; Peru
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203	. Francis, J.K.. <i>Batis maritima</i> saltwort Bataceae. PR 00936-4984: .U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International	"Saltwort is uncommon to abundant in low-laying areas near seashores. It grows in salt marshes, at the upper edge of tidal flats, at the edge of mangrove stands, and between scattered mangroves. It is recognized as a major colonizer after mangroves are destroyed by hurricanes."
203	2010. Dave's Garden. PlantFiles: beachwort, saltwort, turtleweed, pickleweed <i>Batis maritima</i> . Dave's Garden, http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/58344/	USDA Zone 8a: to -12.2 °C (10 °F) USDA Zone 8b: to -9.4 °C (15 °F) USDA Zone 9a: to -6.6 °C (20 °F) USDA Zone 9b: to -3.8 °C (25 °F) USDA Zone 10a: to -1.1 °C (30 °F) USDA Zone 10b: to 1.7 °C (35 °F)
204	2010. USDA, ARS, National Genetic Resources Program. Germplasm Resources Information Network - (GRIN) [Online Database]. National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/taxon.pl?28398	Native range: United States - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, California; Mexico; Belize; Honduras; Nicaragua; Panama; Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Bahamas; Cayman Islands; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Haiti; Jamaica; Martinique; Puerto Rico; St. Kitts and Nevis; Virgin Islands; Guyana; Suriname; Venezuela; Brazil; Colombia; Ecuador; Peru
205	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	No evidence of repeated introductions.
301	2010. USDA, ARS, National Genetic Resources Program. Germplasm Resources Information Network - (GRIN) [Online Database]. National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/taxon.pl?28398	Naturalized in Hawaii.
302	2007. Randall, R.P.. Global Compendium of Weeds. http://www.hear.org/gcw/	No evidence.
303	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	[No evidence of impacts to agricultural systems. The global compendium of weeds lists this reference for agricultural impacts in Cuba. Unable to access the resource] Acuna, G.J. (1974). <i>Plantas Indeseables en Los Cultivos Cubanos</i> . Academia de Ciencias, Insitituto de Investigaciones de Cuba, Havana. (agricultural weed)
304	2003. Motooka, P./Castro, L./Nelson, D./Nagai, G./Ching,L.. <i>Weeds of Hawaii's Pastures and Natural Areas: An Identification and Management Guide</i> . College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa, http://www.ctahr.hawaii .	Smothers low-growing coastal natives and invades anchihaline ponds.
304	2010. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Kealia pond habitat restoration. Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge,	The Fish and Wildlife Service removed <i>Batis maritima</i> from the Kanuimanu Ponds where the thick growth prevented young birds from moving between ponds.
305	2007. Randall, R.P.. Global Compendium of Weeds. http://www.hear.org/gcw/	No evidence.

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402	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	Unknown.
403	1999. Wagner, W. L./Herbst, D. R./Sohmer, S. H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Not parasitic.
404	. Francis, J.K.. <i>Batis maritima</i> saltwort Bataceae. PR 00936-4984: .U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International	The species is not seriously affected by insects, disease, or grazing.
405	2010. National Center for Biotechnology Information. PubMed. U.S. National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez	No evidence of toxicity.
405	2010. Specialized Information Services, U.S. National Library of Medicine. TOXNET Toxicology Data Network [Online Database]. National Institutes of Health, http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/	No evidence of toxicity.
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407	1919. Sturtevant, E.L.. Sturtevant's notes on edible plants. Report of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station for the year 1919 II.. J.B. Lyon Company,	<i>Batis maritima</i> Linn. Batideae. Jamaica samphire, saltwort. Jamaica. This low, erect, succulent plant is used as a pickle.
408	. Francis, J.K.. <i>Batis maritima</i> saltwort Bataceae. PR 00936-4984: .U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International	Description.—Saltwort, also known as turtleweed, pickleweed, barilla, planta de sal, camphire, herbe-à-crâbes, and akulikuli-kai, is a low, yellow-green shrub with succulent leaves.
409	. Francis, J.K.. <i>Batis maritima</i> saltwort Bataceae. PR 00936-4984: .U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International	Saltwort is intolerant of shade.

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410	2010. Dave's Garden. PlantFiles: beachwort, saltwart, turtleweed, pickleweed <i>Batis maritima</i> . Dave's Garden, http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/58344/	Soil tolerances:6.1 to 6.5 (mildly acidic) 6.6 to 7.5 (neutral) 7.6 to 7.8 (mildly alkaline) 7.9 to 8.5 (alkaline) 8.6 to 9.0 (strongly alkaline)
411	2003. Motooka, P./Castro, L./Nelson, D./Nagai, G./Ching,L.. Weeds of Hawaii's Pastures and Natural Areas: An Identification and Management Guide. College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa, http://www.ctahr.hawaii .	Smothers low-growing coastal natives and invades anchihaline ponds.
412	1999. Wagner, W. L./Herbst, D. R./Sohmer, S. H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Small maritime shrub 1-1.5 m tall.
501	. Francis, J.K.. <i>Batis maritima</i> saltwort Bataceae. PR 00936-4984: .U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International	"Although it is not a water plant, it can endure brief flooding and long periods of waterlogged soils."
502	1999. Wagner, W. L./Herbst, D. R./Sohmer, S. H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Bataceae.
503	1999. Wagner, W. L./Herbst, D. R./Sohmer, S. H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Not nitrogen fixing. Bataceae
504	1999. Wagner, W. L./Herbst, D. R./Sohmer, S. H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Not a geophyte.
601	. Francis, J.K.. <i>Batis maritima</i> saltwort Bataceae. PR 00936-4984: .U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International	Ecology.—Saltwort is uncommon to abundant in low-laying areas near seashores. It grows in salt marshes, at the upper edge of tidal flats, at the edge of mangrove stands, and between scattered mangroves. It is recognized as a major colonizer after mangroves are destroyed by hurricanes. [no evidence of substantial reproductive failure in natural environments]
602	1906. Guppy, H.B.. Observations of a naturalist in the Pacific between 1896 and 1899: Plant dispersal volume 2. Macmillan and co., limited, London http://books.google.com/books?id=u8sKAQAAlAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summar y_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&	"When in Hawaii I made some observations on the germination of <i>Batis maritima</i> in sea water a plan with which I was also familiar in its home in the salt water pools of the coast of Peru The mature fruits on being freed from the parent plant in sea water float away and in from one to two weeks they break down from decay setting free the seeds The seeds float in sea water indefinitely their buoyancy only terminating with their germination the first seeds germinating afloat about six weeks after the breaking down of the fruit whilst the rest continue to float in the sea water during the next three months some of them germinating at intervals and all of them doing so eventually Strange to say although the seedlings remained healthy whilst afloat in the sea water they made no effort either to separate the cotyledons or to produce a plumule."
603	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	Unknown.
604	1999. Wagner, W. L./Herbst, D. R./Sohmer, S. H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	"Plants dioecious Flowers initially enclosed by a membranous saccate organ that eventually splits near the top into 2 or 4 lobes."

605	2005. Ronse De Craene, L.P>. Floral development evidence for the sytematic position of Batis (Bataceae). American Journal of Botany. 92: 752-760.	"The pistillate flowers of Batis show an extreme reduction linked with wind pollination: pistillate inflorescences act as units for pollen reception, providing several receptors over their surface, and function as units for dispersal, probably using sea currents and tides."
606	. Francis, J.K.. Batis maritima saltwort Bataceae. PR 00936-4984: .U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, International	"Little is known about seed production or germination. Most effective reproduction of the species appears to be vegetative. Sprouting from the root crown occurs with and without disturbance."
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702	2003. Marcone, M.F.. Batis maritima (Saltwort/Beachwort): a nutritious, halophytic, seed bearings, perennial shrub for cultivation and recovery of otherwise unproductive agricultural land affected by salinity. Food Research International. 36: 123-130.	This research investigated the chemical/physical and nutritional composition and characteristics of the seed of Batis maritima (Saltwort or Beachwort) a C3 perennial, dioecious, high seed bearing, halophytic succulent shrub commonly inhabiting salt-marshes and salt-flats worldwide. It was found that the small (<1.00 mm and <0.5 mg) lenticular shaped oil seed was both a rich source of nutritionally important protein as well as oil (17.3 and 25.0%, respectively). Such extremely small starch granules could provide unique functional properties in such food and non-food applications as food thickeners, paper coatings, laundry starch, dusting powders, cosmetics, fat replacers, thickeners in the printing of textiles and biodegradable plastics. Batis maritima (Saltwort/Beachwort): a nutritious, halophytic, seed bearings, perennial shrub for cultivation and recovery of otherwise unproductive agricultural land affected by salinity
702	2006. Milbrandt, E.C./Tinsley, M.N.. The role of saltwort (Batis maritima L.) in rgeneration of degraded mangrove forest. Hydrobiologia. 568: 369-377.	Ecological research has studied the facilitation of Batis maritima on mangrove seedling establishment and survival in southwest Florida.
702	2010. Cherrygal.com. ASIAN * SALTWORT * HEIRLOOM SEEDS 2010 NEW!. Cherrygal.com, http://www.cherrygal.com/asiansaltwortheirloomsseeds2010new-p-14017.html	The Cherylgal heirloom seeds now has Batis maritima seeds for sale.
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