

Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority Aspirational Statement

The Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority will strive to achieve a desired state with the following characteristics:

Mauna Kea is a highly revered and healthy wahi pana that nurtures a thriving native ecological environment.

The Mauna is cared for holistically, managed under a Strategic Framework grounded in Kānāwai (natural laws of creation), Hawaiian Values, and Guiding Principles that include mutual stewardship and meaningful community engagement. The privilege of land use is permitted under terms that are reciprocal and mutually beneficial to the ‘āina and other stakeholders.

Mauna Kea is home to genealogical and cultural landscapes, biologically fragile habitats, and living knowledge that reflect the ingenuity and knowledge of ‘Ōiwi Hawai‘i, carried across generations through observation, ceremony, relationship, and stewardship. Traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights are honored.

Educational programs share the history and natural sciences of Mauna Kea. Astronomical research is distinguished by intellectual rigor, integration of Hawai‘i’s rich heritage of celestial observation, as well as the knowledge and opportunities shared with local and global communities.

Mauna Kea lands are held in trust as a cherished asset until such time as a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity is established and recognized. An enduring commitment to actions that comport with core values offer a measure of redress for historical injustices related to Hawai‘i’s loss of sovereignty, as well as past misguided land use decisions and failures to fulfill promised obligations.

‘O Mauna Kea Kū Kilakila

Standing majestically is Mauna Kea
