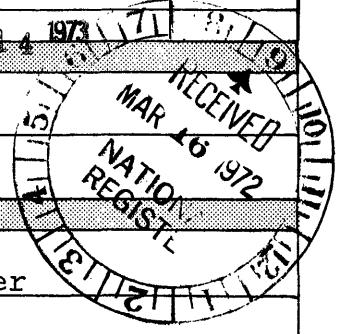


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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Menehune Fishpond

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Alekoko Fishpond

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *S of Lihue on the*  
~~Below Hulemalu Road in a bend of the Huleia River~~

CITY OR TOWN:  
*Lihue*

STATE Hawaii	CODE 15	COUNTY: Kauai	CODE 007
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### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>unused</u>

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Kanoa Estate

STREET AND NUMBER:  
C/O R. Eugene Platt, Bishop Trust Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 2390

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE: Hawaii	CODE 15
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### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Bureau of Conveyances, Department of Land and Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER:  
425 Queen Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE: Hawaii	CODE 15
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### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Staewide Inventory by Hawaii Register of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: ongoing     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Hawaii Register of Historic Places, Division of State Parks

STREET AND NUMBER:  
465 South King Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE: Hawaii	CODE 15
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Menehune Fishpond is located near the mouth of the Huleia River on the southeast coast of the "garden isle" of Kauai. This ancient fishpond, also known as Alekoko Pond, consists primarily of a stone faced dirt wall that runs for over 900 yards and cuts off a large bend in the river for use as a fishpond. There is 50 yards of shallow swamp land between the west end of the wall and the shore. A dirt wall runs for 145 yards whereupon the stone facing starts on the river side of the wall. The dirt wall is 5 feet above the water level, 4 feet wide on top and the dirt slants up on both sides. The facing wall begins with a single row of stones and then becomes of double thickness as it gets further out into the river and the current starts to become effective. The stones also become larger until the double layer is 2 feet thick. The stone facing on the outside is five feet high in most places and is quite perpendicular. The stones are very carefully fitted together; the stone facing runs for about two-thirds of the total length of the wall.

In the 1940's, after a tidal wave, the wall was repaired by the man who had the lease at the time. He put bags of cement in the weak spots and now longish "rocks" are visible where the bags deteriorated and the cement hardened.

Today the lush vegetation on the wall and banks of the pond and the calm blue waters of the Huleia River combine to make Menehune Fishpond an impressive sight, an ideal picture of Polynesia. It is an important historical reminder of the past and a contemporary source of pride for the people of Kauai.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-contact  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

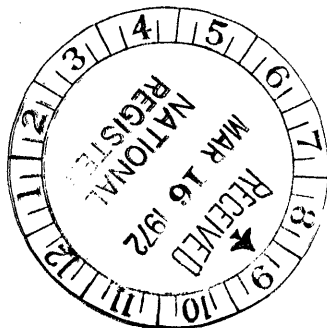
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>aquaculture</u>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Menehune Fishpond is the most significant fishpond on Kauai, both in Hawaiian legends and folklore and in the eyes Kauai's people today. It is so old that its construction is attributed to the Menehunes, a mythical people inhabiting Hawaii before the Hawaiians arrived. Its antiquity makes it undoubtedly the oldest fishpond on Kauai and therefore it has an extremely high research potential. Additionally, it is the best example of an inland fishpond in the entire state. Close to the major urban center on Kauai, the pond has high public visibility because of a road that runs along the slopes of the hill behind the fishpond/ The setting is beautiful and lush with tropical vegetation and a winding river, making it an idyllic area for a historical park.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

BENNETT, WENDELL CLARK  
 1931 Archaeology of Kauai. Bernice P. Bishop Museum  
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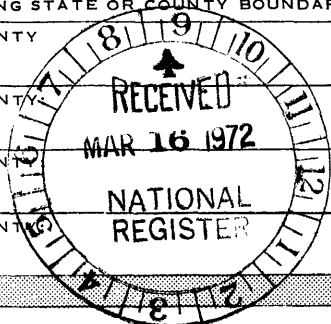
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	21° 57' 09"	159° 22' 46"				
NE	21° 57' 16"	159° 22' 25"				
SE	21° 57' 04"	159° 22' 17"				
SW	21° 57' 04"	159° 22' 40"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **ca. 5 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**B. Jean Martin, Archaeologist**

ORGANIZATION: **Hawaii Register of Historic Places** DATE: **09/29/71**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**465 South King Street=**

CITY OR TOWN: **Honolulu** STATE: **Hawaii** CODE: **007**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *Dumas Fido*  
 Title: Chairman and Member  
 Date: March 3, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert M. Utley*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/14/73

ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: 3/14/73