

Arborist Advisory Committee
c/o Planning Department
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

September 20, 1991

Mr. Glenn Taguchi
Hawaii District Land Agent
Department of Land and
Natural Resources
75 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mr. Taguchi:

The grove of Mango trees on your property, described below, is being recommended for nomination as a grove of Exceptional Trees of Hawaii by Mr. Greg Owen of Pahoa.

We are asking you, as the owner, whether you would like to have your trees inspected with this in mind. Normally, the Committee would ask the owner's permission to inspect the trees closely; and if it met the numerous criteria for selection, we would eventually forward the nomination to the County Council for their official designation.

While the designation as an Exceptional Tree of Hawaii is considered an honor, it also involves some responsibility on the part of the owner.

Tree: Grove of Mango trees

Location: "On the side of government beach road approximately 1/4 mile Hilo side of Papaya farms road"

The Committee members or the Planning Department staff would be glad to discuss this with you and hope you will respond to this inquiry.

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The Committee Members/Staff are as follows:

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Sincerely,

/s/ Andrea Fournet
Andrea Fournet
Chairman

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cc: Hawaiian Telephone Company
Hilo Electric Light Co., Inc.

ARBORIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE - COUNTY OF HAWAII
Exceptional Tree Nomination Form

NOMINATOR Name: Greg Owen Date Submitted: June 8, 1991
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 795 Bus. Phone: _____
Pahoa, HI 96778 Res. Phone: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

1. NAME OF TREE(s)

Common (English or Hawaiian): Mango

Scientific: Mangifera indica

2. LOCATION OF TREE(s) (Be specific--include tax map key; state proximity to prominent landmarks): The mango trees are located on the side of the government beach road. It's approximately 1/4 mile on the Hilo side of the papaya farms road.

3. DESCRIBE THE TREE; ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, if possible 1-1/2 miles of unique mango - canopied roadway. (See attached photographs)

4. PROPERTY OWNER Name: County of Hawaii
Address: Department of Public Works Bus. Phone: 961-8321
Res. Phone: _____

5. CRITERIA FOR BEING EXCEPTIONAL

- a. Significant Age Approx. 50 years
- b. Significant Size - 50 feet; Crown Spread (diameter) 25 to 40 ft.; Circumference of trunk 4-1/2 ft. from ground 4 feet
- c. Significant historical interest The trees are planted near the Puuloa Church which was moved during the 1960 Kapoho flow.
- d. Significant cultural background It's located near the ancestral home of elders and Kalawe families.
- e. Significant rarity It's the only mango grove of its size in the state.
- f. Significant location It's located on both sides of the coastal road.
- g. Significant aesthetic quality yes, unique.
- h. Endemic status none
- i. Indigenous status no
- j. Healthy condition Very healthy condition