RAPID OHIA DEATH

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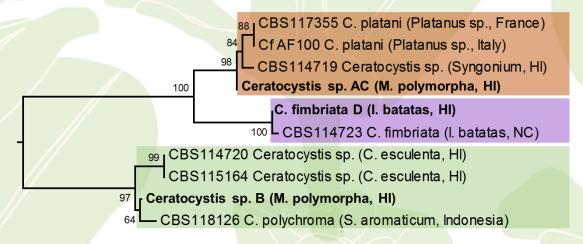
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Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death Pathogen: *Ceratocystis*

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MOLECULAR ANALYSES, GROWTH, MORPHOLOGY



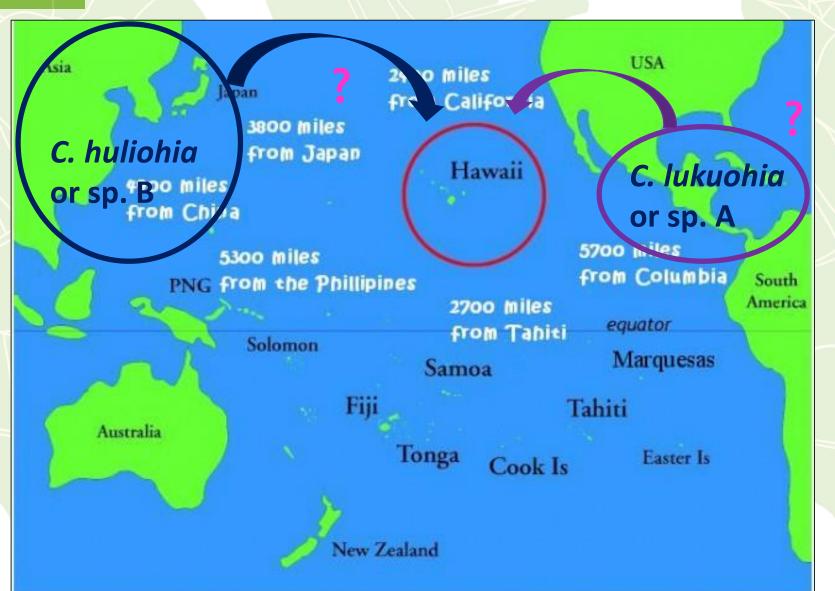


- Two new species of fungal pathogen Ceratocystis
- Not found elsewhere
- Ceratocystis lukuohia (was A), Ceratocystis huliohia (was B)

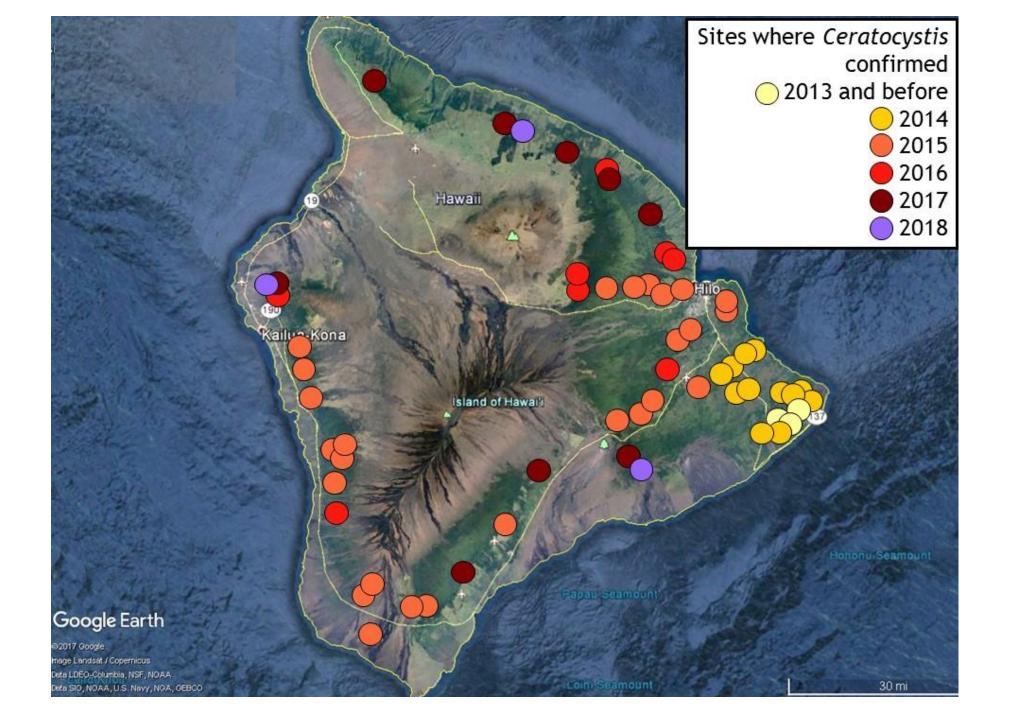


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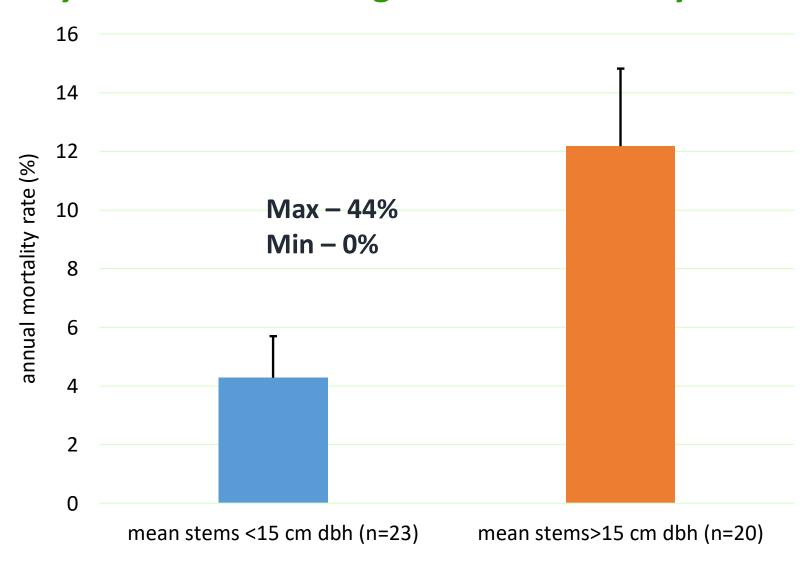
Where did the fungus come from?



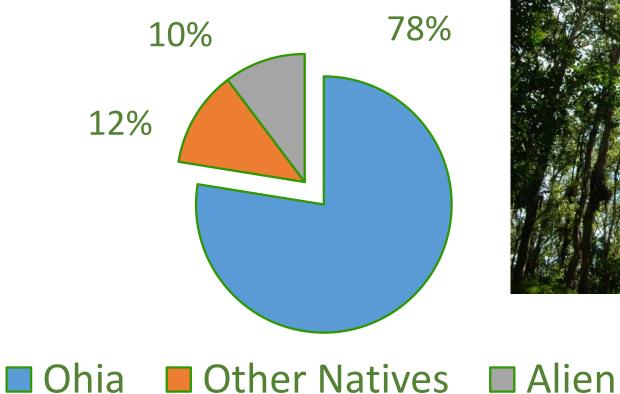




Ceratocystis-induced average annual mortality rate = 10%



Forest Stand Basal Area (Index of Biomass)







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Statewide 'Ohi'a Distribution

