

# CFES Report 2020-2022

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**University of Guam**  
**College of Natural & Applied Sciences**  
**Cooperative Extension & Outreach**

**Comprehensive Faculty Evaluation System (CFES)**

**Your name:** Aubrey Moore

**Your current Rank and Step:** Professor

**This CFES/POW evaluation period:** June 15, 2020 – June 15, 2022

<b>Role Assignments</b>	<b>Percent of Time</b>
Extension & Outreach	51% (primary focus must be a minimum of 50%)
Creative/Research/Scholarly	34%
Instruction	0%
University Service	15%
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TOTAL	100%

**Please list any outside consulting or paid board activities for this performance period:**  
**None.**

I have met with my appropriate administrative supervisor and discussed my evaluation plan for the period above cited. I understand that amendments to my plan are possible and that said amendments, if any, are to be discussed with and agreed upon by my administrator prior to initiating.



Signature of Faculty

Date:

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Signature of Associate Dean

Date:

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Signature of Dean/Director

Date:

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## 1 Preface

I was hired by the University of Guam on October 1, 2003 under a limited-term, split appointment (50% extension and 50% research). On June 26, 2008, I started a tenure-track appointment as extension entomologist (100% extension) with the academic rank of assistant professor. At the end of the 2012 fall term I applied for tenure and promotion to associate professor and received both in 2013. At the end of 2018 fall term I applied for promotion to full professor and was promoted on July 11, 2019.

I work within the Agriculture and Natural Resources Unit of the University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service. I am a faculty member of the Environmental Science Graduate Program and a member of the Western Pacific Tropical Research Center.

This report documents my activities during the period spanning June 15, 2020 to the present date.

My current faculty role allocation is as follows:

- 51% Extension and Community Activities
- 34% Creative/Scholarly Activity or Research
- 15% University and Community Service

### **Note to Reader:**

This most recent version of this report is available as a PDF format which can be downloaded from

<https://github.com/aubreymoore/CFES2020-22/raw/main/CFES2020-22.pdf>.

If you are reading the PDF version of this report on a device connected to the internet, you will be able to follow hypertext links to documents I have referenced.

## 2 Extension and Community Activities

### 2.1 Insect Diagnostic Services

#### 2.1.1 Description

As an extension entomologist, a major part of my job is providing insect identification and pest control recommendations to a diverse clientele including commercial growers, gardeners, householders, GovGuam agencies, federal agencies, and UOG colleagues. Most client contacts are initiated by a phone call or a visit by the client to the ANR office. In many cases identification and pest control recommendations require a site visit by me and/or extension associates to collect samples and define the problem.

#### 2.1.2 Activities

The number of extension calls requiring my assistance averaged approximately one per day during the reporting period. Many of these are documented as postings to iNaturalist [1].

#### 2.1.3 Plans

I plan to continue providing insect diagnostic services.

#### 2.1.4 References

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *Observations posted on iNaturalist by Aubrey Moore between June 15 2020 and June 15 2022*. 2022. URL: [https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?d1=2020-06-15&place\\_id=any&user\\_id=aubreymoore&verifiable=any](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?d1=2020-06-15&place_id=any&user_id=aubreymoore&verifiable=any).

### 2.2 Detection and Documentation of Invasive Species

#### 2.2.1 Description

Invasive insects are arriving on Guam at a very high rate (estimates range as high as one new species per day). Very few of these are detected and even

fewer are identified because Guam suffers from [the taxonomic impediment](#). Even when reliable species determinations are made, new island records are only rarely documented in the scientific press. Thus, impacts of invasive insects on Guam and elsewhere in Micronesia are grossly underestimated. One of my professional goals is to work towards solving this problem by increasing the detection rate, getting specimens identified by qualified taxonomists, and publishing new island records in the scientific literature.

### 2.2.2 Activities

iNaturalist was used to document new records for insects detected in Guam and other Micronesian Islands [1]. Four new island records for insects in Micronesia were documented in iNaturalist posts during the reporting period [2, 3, 4, 5].

### 2.2.3 Plans

I will continue to document new island records of insects detected in Micronesia.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN-ISSG) is building a Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species. I have volunteered to coordinate building a check list for species on Guam.

The Guam Invasive Species Council is required to maintain a list on invasive species on Guam. I have volunteered to be “registrar” for this list.

### 2.2.4 References

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *Search for new island records documented in iNaturalist since June 1, 2020 by Aubrey Moore*. 2022. URL: [https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?created\\_d1=2020-06-01&place\\_id=any&q=new&user\\_id=aubreymoore&verifiable=any](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?created_d1=2020-06-01&place_id=any&q=new&user_id=aubreymoore&verifiable=any).
- [2] Aubrey Moore. *Suspected first island record for a whitefly infesting *Euphorbia cyathophora* on Guam*. Mar. 16, 2022. URL: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/108690775>.

- [3] Aubrey Moore. *First island record for a *Icerya imperatae* infesting napier grass on Guam*. Dec. 14, 2021. URL: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/103065598>.
- [4] Aubrey Moore. *First island record for *Pericyma cruegeri* attacking flame trees on Tinian*. Aug. 26, 2020. URL: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/57656025>.
- [5] Aubrey Moore. *First record for *Xanthodes transversa* attacking okra in Palau and Micronesia*. June 3, 2020. URL: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/48501627>.

## 2.3 University of Guam Insect Collection

### 2.3.1 Description

The UOG insect collection is a valuable reference collection for extension entomology, teaching and research. I am a member of the board of directors for the collection and I work with Dr. Ross Miller to curate and catalog this collection.

In 2018 I ported the digital catalog for the UOG Insect Collection from a CSIRO BioLink database to a more modern web-based Symbiota database which is publicly available online [1]. I also established an internship to train entomology students how to curate an institutional insect collection and how to add specimen images to the digital catalog[2]. However, this work came to a halt because of space limitations.

Facilities provided for the UOG insect collection are very poor. It is literally *moth balled* in a small storage room which is too small for essential equipment such as microscopes and cameras. Curation and digitization necessitates removing specimens from the collection and transporting them outdoors to a lab where there is working space and equipment.

### 2.3.2 Activities

No significant progress on curation and digitization of the collection has taken place recently because of space limitations.



### 2.3.3 Plans

In 2019 I submitted a proposal for support of the UOG Insect collection as part of the Biorepository Component of the EPSCOR grant [3]. EPSCOR has recently offered up to \$10k in support of the collection. I intend to use this money to temporarily solve the space limitation issue by installing a door to allow access to bench space in the adjoining ANR lab. We already have a quote for this work.

When the space problem has been solved, I intend to re-established the UOG insect collection internship to train entomology students how to curate an institutional insect collection.

### 2.3.4 References

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *SCAN University of Guam Insect Collection Collection Profiles*. 2018. URL: <http://scan-bugs.org/portal/collections/misc/collprofiles.php?collid=180> (visited on 08/23/2018).
- [2] Aubrey Moore. *Internship: University of Guam Insect Collection Technician*. 2018. URL: <https://github.com/aubreymoore/Miscellaneous-Docs-for-CFES2018/raw/master/internship.pdf>.
- [3] Aubrey Moore and Christian Cayanan. “University of guam insect collection / UoG insect collection internship summer 2019”. In: (July 2019). tex.publisher: OSF. URL: [osf.io/qymrt](https://osf.io/qymrt).

## 2.4 Mitigation of Damage to Guam’s Ecosystems by Invasive Species

Guam’s ecosystems are rapidly being degraded by invasive species. These include:

- **Brown treesnake** which has extirpated Guam’s forest birds, causing the loss of ecosystem services they provided, such as seed dispersal, insect control and pollination.

- **Cycad aulacaspis scale insect**, ACS, which has killed more than 90% of Guam's endemic cycads, known locally as *fadang*. Fadang went from being the most abundant plant in Guam's forests in 2002 to being listed as an endangered species in 2015.
- **Coconut rhinoceros beetle**, CRB, which is killing coconut palms and palma brava throughout the island. These two palm species were the second and third most abundant trees in Guam's forest in 2002.

Clearly, an ecological disaster is happening on Guam, especially in forest ecosystems. As an extension entomologist, I am tasked with providing solutions to problems caused by insect pests. Unfortunately, there are no known methods for effectively controlling CAS and CRB on Guam. Therefore, I spend much of my time and effort performing applied research in an attempt to adequately control CAS and CRB so that restoration of Guam's forests can be attempted.

#### 2.4.1 Activities

Applied research is reported in the Creative/Research/Scholarly: section [3.2](#) for CRB and section [3.4](#) for CAS.

#### 2.4.2 Plans

I plan to continue providing control recommendations for invasive insect species when control methods are available.

I will continue with applied research on CAS and CRB in an effort to mitigate the major damage being done by these pests.

## 2.5 National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN)

### 2.5.1 Description

I serve as the UOG Coordinator for the National Plant Diagnostic Network.

### **2.5.2 Activities**

Participated in monthly conference calls.  
Prepared an annual work plan and budget [1].

### **2.5.3 Plans**

I will continue to act as UOG coordinator for WPDN.

### **2.5.4 References**

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *Western Plant Diagnostics Network: FY2022 Work Plan and Budget*. May 12, 2021. URL: <https://github.com/aubreymoore/WPDN/raw/main/WPDN%202021-2022%20workplan%20and%20budget.pdf>.

## **2.6 Guam Invasive Species Advisory Committee (GISAC) and Guam Invasive Species Council (GISC)**

I am a founding member and regular participant in GISAC. President Underwood delegated me to represent UOG as a voting member of GISC and President Krise has reconfirmed my delegation.

### **2.6.1 Activities**

I participated in GISAC and GISC meetings.

### **2.6.2 Plans**

I plan to continue as an active member of GISAC and GISC.  
I plan to participate in a review of the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan.

## 2.7 Public Outreach: Radio and Newspaper

- [36] Aubrey Moore. *Guam NewsTalk Radio K57: Man, Land and Sea Program: Invasive Species on Guam*. June 27, 2019. URL: <https://www.facebook.com/guam.biosec/posts/thanks-to-dave-duenas-of-man-land-and-sea-for-hosting-us-on-k57-tonight-90-minut/420937051832311/>.
- [39] Aubrey Moore. “Letter: Invasive species causing ecological disaster”. In: *Pacific Daily News* (Feb. 24, 2019). URL: <https://www.guampdn.com/story/opinion/2019/02/24/invasive-species-causing-ecological-disaster-letter/2957267002/> (visited on 02/26/2019).
- [40] Koro Vaka’uta. *Radio New Zealand Interview: Viral control wanted for Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle*. In collab. with Aubrey Moore. Aug. 8, 2018. URL: <https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/programmes/datelinepacific/audio/2018657196/viral-control-wanted-for-coconut-rhinoceros-beetle> (visited on 08/22/2018).
- [76] Aubrey Moore. “Special Report for Guam Invasive Species Awareness Week: Invasive Species are a Crisis for Guam and the Pacific, Right Now”. In: *Pacific Island Times* (Feb. 25, 2018). URL: <https://www.pacificislandtimes.com/single-post/2018/02/25/Special-Report-Invasive-species-are-a-crisis-for-Guam-and-the-Pacific-right-now> (visited on 08/25/2018).

## 2.8 Public Outreach: Internet

Since the 1990s, I have built and maintained web sites to facilitate sharing information about insects in Micronesia. I created a wiki site to serve as an index to web resources I have developed (Available at <https://guaminsects.net/aubwiki2020>). I will continue to use web sites to facilitate sharing information on Guam’s insects.

## 2.9 Public Outreach: Presentations

[1, 2, 3] [4] [5]

### 2.9.1 References

- [1] Aubrey Moore. “Biological Invasion of Guam’s Forests”. Guam Soil and Water Conservation Districts 2021 Educator’s Symposium: Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities. Guam, July 30, 2021. URL: <https://aubreymoore.github.io/albi345-slides/SWCD-2021-07-30/>.
- [2] Aubrey Moore. “How Bad is Guam’s Invasive Species Problem?: A Global Perspective”. Marianas Terrestrial Conservation Conference. Guam, 2021. URL: <https://aubreymoore.github.io/top-10-most-costly-ias-mtcc/>.
- [3] Aubrey Moore. “Presentation: Using harmonic radar to track the greater banded hornets to their nests so that they can be destroyed”. Guam Beekeepers Association Meeting. Jeff’s Pirates Cove, Ipan, Guam, Dec. 2021.
- [4] James J. Grasela and Aubrey Moore. “Preliminary efforts to establish a continuous coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) cell line (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae)”. 2022.
- [5] Aubrey Moore. “The Invasive Species Problem on Guam”. Western Plant Diagnostics Network Annual Meeting. Davis, California, Apr. 2022. URL: <https://aubreymoore.github.io/WPDN2022/>.

## 2.10 Public Outreach: Miscellaneous

[1]

### 2.10.1 References

- [1] Aubrey Moore. “What are the five worst invasive species on Guam that are likely to spread to other Micronesian islands? Submitted to the Micronesian Forester Newsletter.” Apr. 2, 2022. URL: <https://github.com/aubreymoore/guam-ias-bolo/raw/master/newsletter-submission.pdf>.

## 2.11 Public Outreach: Public GitHub Repositories

I attempt to provide access to as much of my work as possible using public GitHub repositories. GitHub is a free service for backing up and sharing documents on the web. Repositories which I have updated during the reporting period are listed in Table 1. Somewhere near the top of this list you will find a link to a repo called **CFES2020-22**. This repo contains the this document and all previous versions of the document.

I also use GitHub pages for serving static websites. A couple of good example sites are one which I created for my [ALBI345 General Entomology](#) course and one which is a [List of Insects and Mites Attacking Crops in Micronesia](#).

Table 1: List of GitHub repositories updated after 2020-06-15.

updated	repo
2022-03-29	<a href="#">data-mining-insects-of-guam</a>
2022-03-28	<a href="#">CFES2020-22</a>
2022-03-27	<a href="#">Tinian-CAS</a>
2022-03-24	<a href="#">Tinian-cycad-images</a>
2022-03-23	<a href="#">CAS</a>
2022-03-16	<a href="#">Cave-micrographs-2022-03-16</a>
2022-03-13	<a href="#">treevibes</a>
2022-03-13	<a href="#">CAS-biocontrol-seminar</a>
2022-02-27	<a href="#">IAS-BOLOs-based-on-Hawaii-NPAs</a>
2022-02-27	<a href="#">sticky-trap-image-analysis</a>
2022-02-16	<a href="#">Harmonic-Radar</a>
2022-02-13	<a href="#">guam-ias-bolo</a>
2021-12-17	<a href="#">McIntire-Stennis</a>
2021-12-11	<a href="#">inat_labels</a>
2021-12-09	<a href="#">CRB-PPA19-Final</a>
2021-12-07	<a href="#">crb-diet-experiment-2021</a>
2021-12-07	<a href="#">Guam-CRB-Damage-Map-2021-08</a>
2021-12-06	<a href="#">ALBI-345</a>
2021-12-04	<a href="#">FY19-PPA-Report-1</a>
2021-12-03	<a href="#">bug-soup</a>
2021-11-28	<a href="#">CRB-Action-Group-Webinar-2021-11-23</a>
2021-11-27	<a href="#">aubreymoore</a>
2021-11-26	<a href="#">Guam05</a>
2021-11-21	<a href="#">MCC-trap</a>
2021-11-14	<a href="#">albi345-slides</a>
2021-10-24	<a href="#">github-repos-bibtex</a>
2021-10-21	<a href="#">SWDC-2021-07-30</a>
2021-10-19	<a href="#">aubrey_nikola_test</a>
2021-10-13	<a href="#">pyzotero</a>

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updated	repo
2021-10-12	<a href="#">GGI-Linux</a>
2021-09-28	<a href="#">SUMMA21</a>
2021-09-22	<a href="#">lecture-mimicry</a>
2021-09-20	<a href="#">lecture-insect-chemical-ecology</a>
2021-09-16	<a href="#">open_pos</a>
2021-09-08	<a href="#">groupImg</a>
2021-09-06	<a href="#">mydemo</a>
2021-08-29	<a href="#">InsectWingbeat</a>
2021-08-21	<a href="#">Guam-CRB-damage-map</a>
2021-08-16	<a href="#">InsectWingbeatWaveforms</a>
2021-08-08	<a href="#">wingbeat</a>
2021-08-06	<a href="#">USFS-Suggestions-2021</a>
2021-07-28	<a href="#">CRB-Import-Permit</a>
2021-07-22	<a href="#">Pachodynerus</a>
2021-07-22	<a href="#">WPDN</a>
2021-07-13	<a href="#">cas-biocontrol</a>
2021-06-17	<a href="#">cycad-scale</a>
2021-06-16	<a href="#">wiki</a>
2021-06-14	<a href="#">2020-FS-CRB-biocontrol-project</a>
2021-06-09	<a href="#">top-10-most-costly-ias-mtcc</a>
2021-05-24	<a href="#">Guam-CRB-Damage-Map-2021-05</a>
2021-05-24	<a href="#">worlds-most-costly-ias-on-guam</a>
2021-05-18	<a href="#">roadside</a>
2021-04-24	<a href="#">Guam-CRB-Damage-Map-2021-03</a>
2021-04-14	<a href="#">CRB-Project-Update-2021</a>
2021-03-29	<a href="#">crb-roadside-slides</a>
2021-03-22	<a href="#">online-learning-course</a>
2021-03-22	<a href="#">CRB-PPA19-Report3</a>
2021-03-18	<a href="#">CRB-Action-Group-Webinar-2021-03-17</a>
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Table 1: List of GitHub repositories updated after 2020-06-15.

updated	repo
2021-03-13	<a href="#">University-of-Guam-Insect-Collection</a>
2021-02-21	<a href="#">CRB-CNMI</a>
2021-02-16	<a href="#">2020-DOI-CRB-Biocontrol</a>
2021-02-02	<a href="#">bts-mosquitoes</a>
2021-01-27	<a href="#">Guam-CRB-damage-map-2020-12</a>
2021-01-13	<a href="#">crb-roadside-impact-report</a>
2021-01-12	<a href="#">GGI-odonata</a>
2020-12-19	<a href="#">testhtml</a>
2020-12-10	<a href="#">CRBG-action-group-webinar-20201209</a>
2020-12-01	<a href="#">py4web-crb-app</a>
2020-11-24	<a href="#">CRB-Damage-Survey-Validation</a>
2020-11-23	<a href="#">new-crb-damage-map</a>
2020-11-13	<a href="#">Guam-CRB-damage-map-2020-10</a>
2020-11-02	<a href="#">USAPI-Mosquito-ID</a>
2020-10-15	<a href="#">Guam01</a>
2020-09-17	<a href="#">roadside-article</a>
2020-09-12	<a href="#">roadside-spatialite</a>
2020-09-04	<a href="#">PDF_to_Reveal</a>
2020-08-23	<a href="#">CRB-Damage-Detection</a>
2020-07-10	<a href="#">Leo-Palace-Traps</a>
2020-07-06	<a href="#">qgiswebmap</a>
2020-07-01	<a href="#">Guam-Corona-Virus-Data</a>
2020-06-25	<a href="#">CRB-trap-improvement</a>
2020-06-21	<a href="#">temp</a>

## 3 Creative/Scholarly Activities or Research

### 3.1 Peer Reviewed Publications

[1, 2, 3] [4] [5]

- [1] Matthew S. Siderhurst, Aubrey Moore, Roland Quitugua, and Eric B. Chang. “Effects of Ultraviolet Light and Pheromone Release Rate in Trapping Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles, *Oryctes rhinoceros* (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae), on Guam”. In: (Dec. 31, 2021). Accepted: 2022-01-01T23:27:07Z Publisher: Hawaii Entomological Society. ISSN: 0073-134X. URL: <http://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/81413> (visited on 01/02/2022).
- [2] Gloria Barrera, Sean Marshall, Aubrey Moore, and Trevor Jackson. *Electron microscopy study confirms infection of coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB-G) gut cells by OrNV -V23B. (Poster) Abstracts - 2021 International Congress on Invertebrate Pathology and Microbial Control & 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology. Le Studium Conference (Virtual), Tours France. p 137. July 21, 2021.* URL: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/353356673\\_Electron\\_microscopy\\_study\\_confirms\\_infection\\_of\\_coconut\\_rhinoceros\\_beetle\\_CRB-G\\_gut\\_cells\\_by\\_OrNV\\_-V23B\\_Poster\\_Abstracts\\_-\\_2021\\_International\\_Congress\\_on\\_Invertebrate\\_Pathology\\_and\\_Microbial\\_Control\\_5](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/353356673_Electron_microscopy_study_confirms_infection_of_coconut_rhinoceros_beetle_CRB-G_gut_cells_by_OrNV_-V23B_Poster_Abstracts_-_2021_International_Congress_on_Invertebrate_Pathology_and_Microbial_Control_5).
- [3] Sean D. G. Marshall, G. Barrera, Laura F. Villamizar, Gideon Suda, Aubrey Moore, James J. Grasela, P. D. Scotti, and Trevor A. Jackson. “Production of *Oryctes* nudivirus (OrNV) through the DSIR-Ha-1179 *Heteronychus arator* cell line. (Poster) Abstracts - 2021 International Congress on Invertebrate Pathology and Microbial Control & 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology. Le Studium Conference (Virtual), Tours France.” In: (June 21, 2021). DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.30278.80963](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.30278.80963).

- [4] Ronald D. Cave, Aubrey Moore, and Mark G. Wright. “Biological Control of the Cycad Aulacaspis Scale, *Aulacaspis yasumatsui*”. In: *Contributions of Classical Biological Control to U.S. Food Security, Forestry, and Biodiversity*. 2022. URL: <https://github.com/aubreymoore/CAS/raw/main/Cave%20et%20al.%20-%20Biological%20Control%20of%20the%20Cycad%20Aulacaspis%20Scale%20.pdf>.
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## 3.2 Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) Biocontrol

### 3.2.1 Description

A newly discovered biotype of coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB-G) is rapidly killing coconuts and other palms on Guam and on other Pacific islands. Following a failed eradication attempt on Guam, CRB-G proved hard to control because it is resistant to *Oryctes rhinoceros* nudivirus (OrNV), which was previously used as the preferred biological control agent for control of CRB outbreaks on Pacific Islands and elsewhere. Previous to the discovery of CRB-G, all OrNV releases on Pacific Islands resulted in immediate and sustained suppression of CRB damage to low levels and prevented tree mortality.

Guam is currently experiencing an uncontrolled and unmonitored island-wide CRB-G outbreak which was triggered by abundant CRB-G breeding sites in the form of dead and dying vegetation left in the wake of Typhoon Dolphin which occurred in May 2015. of a recent typhoon. Most of these breeding sites are inaccessible to sanitation efforts, being either in the jungle or on military land (which covers one third of Guam). A positive feedback cycle has begun whereby large numbers of adult beetles are killing large numbers of palms which become breeding sites which generate even higher numbers of adults. Severe damage to Guam’s palms prompted the Governor

of Guam to declared a state of emergency in July 2017.

The main objective of this project is to stop the uncontrolled outbreak on Guam. Entomologists working on the CRB-G problem on several Pacific islands agree that the most feasible tactic to halt tree mortality and suppress damage to tolerable levels is establishment of biological control using an isolate of OrNV which is highly effective as a biological control agent for CRB-G. We are working with collaborators to identify populations of CRB-G throughout the Asia-Pacific region. We will sample these populations for biological control agent candidates which will be evaluated in laboratory bioassays performed at UOG. Promising candidates will be field released using autodissemination as per a USDA-APHIS import and release permit.

Concurrent with establishment of CRB-G biocontrol, success of the project will be monitored in a quarterly, island-wide tree health survey and incidence of OrNV infection will be monitored in a subsample of all field collected CRB-G.

If the Guam CRB-G infestation cannot be controlled, it is expected that most palms on the island will be killed and CRB-G will continue to spread to other islands and beyond. If CRB-G invades smaller islands and atolls where coconut is the tree of life, a human tragedy will ensue. On larger islands, coconut and oil palm industries will be severely impacted. Attempts to organize a well-funded, coordinated regional project in response to CRB-G have failed underway. However, UOG plays a major role in the *ad hoc* CRB-G Action Group which was established to facilitate sharing scientific/technical information among people working on the CRB-G problem.

### 3.2.2 Activities

**Funding and Project Management** This is my largest and most important project, requiring a lot of time and effort for project management including preparation of grant proposals and reports. During the reporting period, funding was provided by 4 grants totaling \$561,234: OIA-CRB, APHIS-CRB, FS-CRB, and FS-CRB-HR. Details, including links to project proposals, work plans and progress reports are available in the grants section

of this report.

**Staffing** Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs grant (OIA-CRB) supports Dr. James Grasela, an insect pathologist, and Christian Cayanan, a technician.

**Establishment of a CRB Rearing Facility and Rearing Protocol** Development of biocontrol for CRB-G will require laboratory bioassays using standardized, healthy lab-reared beetles of equivalent age. Previously, we used beetles collected from pheromone traps for this purpose. However, mortality in experimental control groups was highly variable, yielding irreproducible results.

During the reporting period:

- We built and equipped a CRB rearing facility in a 40 foot shipping container.
- We developed and tested a natural larval diet by grinding dead standing coconut stems containing CRB breeding sites.

### **Establishment of an Island-wide CRB Damage Monitoring System**

We developed an island-wide roadside monitoring system to track spatial and temporal changes in CRB damage levels. Data are collected using a smart phone attached to a project vehicle. The phone continually records georeferenced roadside images as the vehicle is driven along all major roads in both directions. Data are automatically analysed by an image analysis system which detects coconut palms in the images, calculates a damage index for each palm, and outputs results on a map of Guam. A nontechnical overview of this system was published in the 2020 WPTRC Impact Report [1].

To date, we have completed five surveys and data for a sixth have been recorded. Interactive damage maps are available on the web:

- October 2020 [2]
- December 2020 [3]

- March 2021 [4]
- May 2021 [5]
- August 2021 [6]

**International collaboration** will be essential for finding a way to halt massive ecological and economic damage to Pacific islands invaded by CRB-G. A CRB-G Action Group was formed to facilitate collaboration and cooperation. prior to COVID, this group met annually at international scientific meetings. During COVID, I helped to keep the group together by hosting Zoom webinars with assistance from the UOG Office of Information Technology. I created web pages to facilitate access recordings of these webinars:

- March 17, 2021 [7]
- December 9, 2020 [8]
- November 23, 2021 [9]

**Outreach** In an effort to facilitate technical and scientific information among people working on CRB, we have developed and maintain several online resources including a wiki [10], a Facebook site [11], an online interactive map of CRB invasion history [12] and a CRB reference library [13], and an online email discussion site [14].

## **Harmonic radar**

## **CRB-G tissue culture**

### **3.2.3 Plans**

Plans for this project are contingent on applied research results, availability of funding and availability of resources.

**Funding** Three of the four grants supporting this project, terminate within calendar year 2022. The remaining grant, DOI-OIA (??), terminates on September 30, 2023. I do not have plans to apply for additional grant funding for this project.

**Staffing** The project's insect pathologist, Dr. Jim Grasela, is resigning on June 24, 2022. Recruitment of additional scientific/technical help will be required.

**CRB-G biocontrol** We will continue performing bioassays until a potential OrNV biocontrol candidate is found. Once we have one, we will begin propagation *in vivo* and field releases via autodissemination. I already have a USDA-APHIS permit for field release of OrNV.

The current priority is to perform a critical laboratory bioassay to test for significant reduction in fecundity (egg laying) caused by OrNV isolate V23B. This isolate caused significant mortality in bioassays performed in our lab and also in the Solomon Islands. However, according to some of the literature, the main mode of action causing population reduction by OrNV is not mortality but reduction in fecundity. Given the long lifespan of CRB, this experiment will require at least a year (includes lab rearing of test insects).

**Island-wide CRB Damage Surveys** We will continue island-wide CRB damage surveys.

**Harmonic radar** trip

**CRB-G tissue culture**

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## 3.3 Guam Biodiversity Inventory

### 3.3.1 Description

I consider this to be my second most important project.

A biodiversity inventory is essentially a database containing a comprehensive check list of all taxa known occur within a defined area.

A terrestrial biodiversity inventory for Guam is needed to document rapid changes to Guam’s ecosystems, to provide free and open access to information on Guam’s flora and fauna, and to share Guam biodiversity information with the global scientific community, policy makers and the public.

The Guam Biodiversity Inventory will facilitate automatic generation and updates to lists such as: a list of all invasive species on Guam with year first recorded, a list of new species described from specimens collected on Guam, a list of observations for Guam’s endangered species, a list of Guam’s native plants with associated herbivores and pathogens, and a list of crops grown on Guam and pests and pathogens which attack them.

### 3.3.2 Activities

**Funding** This project is supported by my McIntire-Stennis grant code-named BIODIVERSITY (5.3). This grant terminates on 2022-09-30.

**Staffing** I offered an internship to work on this project to Annette Kang, a graduate student from Guam currently working on a PhD in Entomology at Cornell University.

**Data mining** During the reporting period, the focus within this project was to extract data from legacy entomological literature for Guam, namely *Insects of Guam* I and II. This work was facilitated using a sophisticated workflow developed by Plazi, a Swiss-based international non-profit association supporting and promoting the development of persistent and openly accessible digital biodiversity information. The Plazi office in Brazil kindly supported this project by provided online training sessions for myself and Annette. Data extracted from the literature are automatically published on the Global Biodiversity Information Facility as datasets and occurrence records. I wrote an [online dashboard to track our data-mining progress](#). More details are available in my 2021 annual report for this project [1]

### 3.3.3 Plans

I am working to complete this project before the grant expires on 2022-09-30 and to complete a final report (2022-12-31).

### 3.3.4 References

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## 3.4 Cycad Aulacaspis Scale (CAS) Biocontrol

### 3.4.1 Description

A US Forest Service survey published in 2002 reported that the most abundant tree in Guam's forests (DBH > 5 inches) was Guam's endemic cycad, *Cycas micronesica*. In 2003, an invasive scale insect, *Aulacaspis yasumatsui*, was detected on ornamental cycads but it soon infested wild cycads and started killing them. Within a decade, 90% of Guam's endemic cycads have been killed by the scale and other invasive species. *Cycas micronesica* was placed on the US National Endangered Species List in 2015.

Mature plants are protected by a lady beetle I introduced, but no natural reproduction is occurring because seeds and seedlings are still being killed by the scale insect. A likely solution to this problem is establishment of a small biocontrol agent, such as a miniature parasitic wasp which will control scale insects infesting seeds and seedlings.

### 3.4.2 Activities

In March 2022, I hosted a visit from Dr. Ron Cave from the University of Florida. Ron is an expert on CAS biocontrol and I have been trying to get him out here on a consulting trip for several years. Some discussions with USFWS earlier this year led to them funding the trip.

During this trip, Ron and I hosted a Zoom seminar on CAS biocontrol. I put recordings of the presentations and discussion online [1].

In addition, I coauthored a book chapter on CAS biocontrol with Ron and Mark Wright, University of Hawaii [2].

### 3.4.3 Plans

I will work to help find funding to implement Dr. Cave's recommendations. My work on CAS biocontrol is currently unfunded.

### 3.4.4 References

- [1] Ronald D. Cave and Aubrey Moore. “Biological control of cycad aulacaspis scale (webinar)”. University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam, Mar. 8, 2022. URL: <https://aubreymoore.github.io/CAS-biocontrol-seminar/>.
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## 3.5 Eight Spot Butterfly (ESB) Conservation

### 3.5.1 Description

The Guam Department of Agriculture Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources (GDOA-DAWR) requested assistance with conservation of the rare Mariana eight-spot butterfly, *Hypolimnas octocula marianensis*. . I prepared a grant proposal and permit application to do this work [aubrey\_moore\_application\_20 which has been funded ??.

The objective of this project is to investigate the feasibility of captive rearing.

### 3.5.2 Activities

I have partnered with Dr. Curt (George) Fiedler, Biology Department, and the Center for Island Sustainability to colaborate on this project.

A large field cage (20x20X10 feet) is being built in the CIS compound in Dean’s Circle.

### 3.5.3 Plans

Breeding experiments will commence within the next 2 months.

I intend to publish a review article on *Hypolimnas octocula* [1]

### 3.5.4 References

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *The Mariana Eight Spot Butterfly, Hypolimnas Octocula Marianensis*.

## 3.6 Development of a Camera Trap for Insects

### 3.6.1 Description

The objective of this project is to build a camera trap which uses motion detection to automatically capture short videos of active insects.

The initial target application is a surveillance system for insects visiting flowers.

### 3.6.2 Activities

Initial attempts at hardware and software development are available on an Open Science Framework site [1] and in a GitHub repository [2].

### 3.6.3 Plans

For the first target application of this technology, I am partnering with Dr. Jim McConnel and staff of the Guam Plant Extinction Prevention Project to discover insect pollinators of an endangered endemic plant.

I plan to test the camera trap for monitoring bee hive activity, including detecting arrival of hornets (*Vespa tropica*).

USDA-APHIS herpetologist, Dr. Shane Sears, has asked me to collaborate with him on developing digital image analysis of brown tree snake videos.

### 3.6.4 References

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## 4 University and Community Service

### 4.1 Instruction

#### 4.1.1 Description

In addition to fulfilling my primary role as an extension entomologist, I am required to teach undergraduate courses.

#### 4.1.2 Activities

During Fall term 2019, I taught the lecture and laboratory sections of AL/BI 345 General Entomology.

I prepared a syllabus for this course [1]. I also built and maintained a web site [2] and populated this with lecture notes and other resources.

My scores in the student evaluations of both sections were higher than university and college averages [3].

#### 4.1.3 Plans

None

#### 4.1.4 References

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *Syllabus for ALBI 345, General Entomology, Fall 2021*. 2021. URL: <https://aubreymoore.github.io/ALBI-345/syllabus/ALBI345F21-syllabus.pdf>.
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## **4.2 Faculty Committees**

### **4.2.1 Faculty Building Facilities Committee for the ALS**

This committee was formed by the Agriculture and Life Sciences Division to provide advice to the Dean on facilities problems within the Agriculture and Life Sciences Building. During the reporting period, I was re-elected as chair of this committee, joined by Dr. Jim McConnell.

#### **Activity**

Plans for improvements to the ALS124 teaching lab have been only partially achieved. For the past four years, faculty have asked for a dedicated computer and modern audiovisual equipment to facilitate science teaching. This equipment would also be used for the many workshops conducted in that room.

We continue to struggle with finding solutions to chronic lack of support for maintenance and infrastructure improvement.

### **4.2.2 Search Committee: Extension Animal Scientist**

I chaired this committee, joined by Mari Marutani, LaJoy Spears, Bob Schlub, and Tom Poole, Guam's Territorial Veterinarian. This committee concluded with submission of our recommendation to the Dean on November 20, 2018.

### **4.2.3 Search Committee: Extension Agricultural Economist**

I was a member of this committee and I am joined by Bob Barber (chair), LaJoy Speers, and John Brown. This committee concluded with submission of our recommendation to the Dean during December 2018.

### **4.2.4 Search Committee: Research Associate II (CRB Project)**

I chaired this committee and was joined by Jim Grasela, Roland Quitugua, and Jesse Bamba.



#### **4.2.5 Continuing Employment Committee: Austin Shelton**

I chaired this committee, joined by Ross Miller and Hui Gong. This committee concluded with submission of our recommendation to the Dean during October 2018.

#### **4.2.6 Testimony provided to Legislature**

Shipping container inspection.

## 5 Grants which were active during the reporting period (n=8)

Note: Five grants terminate before the end of 2022.

Table 2: List of grants active during the reporting period (2020-06-15 through 2022-06-15).

code	title	funding
OIA-CRB (5.2)	Establishment of Self-sustaining Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Bio-type G in Micronesia	\$239,994
APHIS-CRB(5.1)	Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype G on Guam	\$200,000
FS-CRB (5.8)	Establishment of Self-sustaining Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Bio-type G in Micronesia	\$98,240
BIODIVERSITY (5.3)	Guam Forest Biodiversity Inventory	\$80,000
WPDN1 (5.5)	Western Plant Diagnostic Network	\$63,366
8SPOT (5.4)	Captive Breeding of Eight-spot Butterfly	\$23,212
FS-CRB-HR (5.7)	Improving Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Breeding Site Detection Using Harmonic Radar	\$23,000
WPDN2 (5.6)	Western Plant Diagnostic Network FY2022	\$15,000

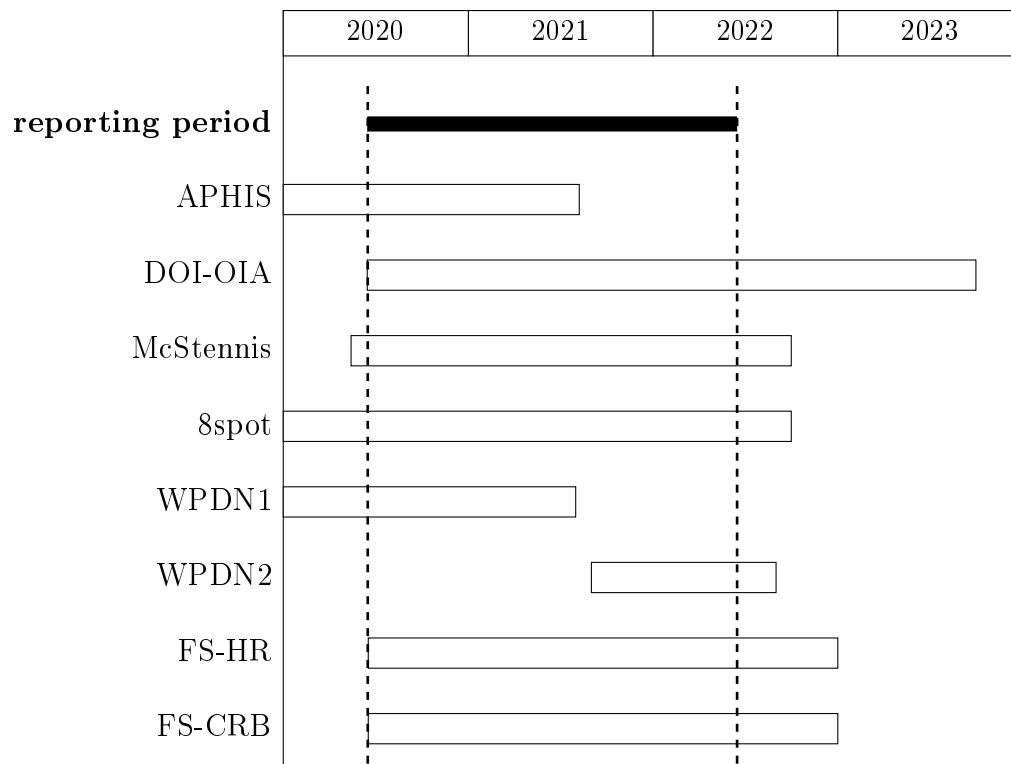


Figure 1: Performance periods for grants which were active during the reporting period (2020-06-15 through 2022-06-15).

## 5.1 APHIS-CRB Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype-G \$200K

### 5.1.1 Key data

- **Code:** APHIS-CRB
- **Long title:** Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype G on Guam
- **Start date:** 2019-08-08
- **End date:** 2021-08-07
- **Total budget:** \$200,000
- **Federal ID:** AP19PPQS&T00C168
- **UOG ID:** USDA Biocontrol 2019
- **UOG Account:** 30-2F-311117
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.1.2 Documents

- [Proposal](#)
- [Award letter](#)
- [Ammended work plan](#)
- [Report 1](#)
- [Report 2](#)
- [Report 3](#)
- Final Report

## 5.2 OIA-CRB Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype-G in Micronesia \$177K

### 5.2.1 Key data

- **Code:** OIA-CRB
- **Title:** Establishment of Self-sustaining Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype G in Micronesia
- **Start date:** 2020-05-14
- **End date:** 2023-09-30
- **Total budget:** \$239,994
- **Federal ID:** D20AP00060
- **UOG ID:** DOI Biocontrol CRB
- **UOG Account:** 30-2F-311150
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.2.2 Documents

- [Proposal](#)
- [Award letter](#)
- [Reporting requirements](#)
- [Report 1](#)

## 5.3 BIODIVERSITY Guam Forest Biodiversity Inventory \$80K

### 5.3.1 Key data

- **Code:** BIODIVERSITY
- **Title:** Guam Forest Biodiversity Inventory
- **Funding source:** McIntire-Stennis (administered by CNAS)
- **Reporting system:** [REEport](#)
- **Start date:** 2018-10-15
- **End date:** 2022-09-30
- **Total budget:** \$16,000 per year for each of 4 years
- **Federal ID:** GUA0930
- **UOG ID:**
- **UOG Account:**
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.3.2 Documents

- [2018-06-21 Proposal](#)
- [2018-10-08 Project initiation](#)
- [2020-01-02 2019 Annual report](#)
- [2020-12-28 2020 Annual report](#)
- [2021-12-18 2021 Annual report](#)
- Final report due 2022-12-31.

## 5.4 8SPOT Eight Spot Butterfly Conservation \$20K

### 5.4.1 Key data

- **Code:** 8SPOT
- **Title:** Captive Breeding of Eight-spot Butterfly
- **Start date:** 2013-10-01
- **End date:** 2022-09-30
- **Total budget:** \$23,212
- **Funding Agency:** DOI-FWS (via GDOA-DAWR)
- **Federal ID (FAIN):** F13AF01300
- **UOG ID:**
- **UOG Account:** 30-1F-315058-R
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.4.2 Documents

- [Award letter \(includes scope of work and budget\)](#)
- [Updated Award Letter](#)
- Report 1; performance period; due on

## 5.5 WPDN1 Western Plant Diagnostic Network 2016 \$63K

### 5.5.1 Key data

- **Code:** WPDN1
- **Long title:** Western Plant Diagnostic Network
- **Start date:** 2016-09-01
- **End date:** 2021-07-31
- **Total budget:** \$63,366
- **Federal ID(FAIN):** 20163762025851
- **UOG ID:**
- **UOG Account:** 2F-243432R5
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.5.2 Documents

- [Proposal and Award Letter](#)
- Report 1; performance period; due on YYYY-MM-DD



## 5.6 WPDN2 Western Plant Diagnostic Network FY2022 \$15K

### 5.6.1 Key data

- **Code:** WPDN2
- **Title:** Western Plant Diagnostic Network FY2022
- **Start date:** 2021-09-01
- **End date:** 2022-08-31
- **Total budget:** \$15,000
- **UOG ID:** WPTRC-UCDAVIS/USDA WPLANTDI
- **UOG Account:** 61-1F-243432
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.6.2 Documents

- [Work plan and budget](#)
- [Award letter](#)
- [UOG account setup](#)

## 5.7 FS-CRB-HR Harmonic Radar \$23K

### 5.7.1 Key data

- **Code:** FS-CRB-HR
- **Long title:** Improving Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Breeding Site Detection Using Harmonic Radar
- **Start date:** 2020-06-17
- **End date:** 2022-12-31
- **Total budget:** \$23,000
- **Federal ID:** 20-DG-11052021-227
- **UOG ID:** CNAS-USDA-CRB Harmonic Radar
- **UG Account:** 30-2F-311144-R
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.7.2 Documents

- [Proposal](#)
- [Award letter](#)
- [Extension until 2022-12-31](#)
- [Report 1 \(2021-01-31\)](#)
- [Report 2 \(2021-07-31\)](#)
- [Final report \(90 days after expiration date\)](#)

## 5.8 Forest Service CRB \$98K

### 5.8.1 Key data

- **Code:** FS-CRB
- **Long title:** Establishment of Self-sustaining Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype G in Micronesia
- **Start date:** 2020-06-17
- **End date:** 2022-12-31
- **Total budget:** \$98,240
- **Federal ID:** 20-DG-11052021-229
- **UOG ID:** CNAS-USDA Control of CRB
- **UG Account:** 30-2F-311143-R
- [GitHub repository](#)

### 5.8.2 Documents

- [Proposal](#)
- [Award letter](#)
- [Extension until 2022-12-31](#)
- [Report 1 \(2021-01-31\)](#)
- [Report 2 \(2021-07-31\)](#)
- [Final report](#)
- [2021-06-15 Amended agreement](#)

## 6 Submitted Grant Proposals (n=2)

### 6.1 USDA-APHIS-2020 Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype-G 1Y \$331K

Proposal [1]; Budget [2]

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *FY20 PPA Suggestion: Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biological Control*. July 31, 2019. URL: <https://github.com/aubreymoore/CFES2019/blob/master/refs/Moore%20FY20%20PPA%20Suggestion.pdf>.
- [2] Aubrey Moore. *FY20 PPA Budget: Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle*. Aug. 31, 2019. URL: <https://github.com/aubreymoore/CFES2019/blob/master/refs/Moore%20FY20%20PPA%20budget.pdf>.

### 6.2 SERDP Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle in the American Pacific 4Y \$3.6M

Answers to *pitch questions* [1]; Preproposal [2]

- [1] Aubrey Moore. *aubreymoore/answers-to-pitch-questions*. June 12, 2019. URL: <https://github.com/aubreymoore/answers-to-pitch-questions/raw/master/pitch.pdf> (visited on 10/09/2019).
- [2] Aubrey Moore. *SERDP FY21 Preproposal: Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle in the American Pacific*. Jan. 1, 2020. URL: [https://github.com/aubreymoore/answers-to-pitch-questions/blob/master/SERDP\\_Proposal/preproposal.pdf](https://github.com/aubreymoore/answers-to-pitch-questions/blob/master/SERDP_Proposal/preproposal.pdf).

## 7 Grant Proposals in Preparation (n=3)

### 7.1 USFS Harmonic Radar

We plan to submit this proposal to the US Forest Service and to publish it in Research Ideas and Outcomes Journal [moore\_improving\_nodate]. Here is the lead paragraph:

The coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros* L., is a serious pest of coconut and other palms throughout Southeast Asia and on several Pacific Islands including Hawaii and Guam. One of the major hurdles for eradication and control of CRB is the location of cryptic breeding sites. While searching for cryptic breeding sites can be conducted by both humans and dogs, each of these search methods have drawbacks. Supported by a previous US Forest Service grant, we successfully developed a third detection method for cryptic CRB breeding sites using radio-tagged CRB (a so-called "Judas beetle" method). However, there are both financial (radio tags are expensive) and logistic (radio tags have both limited field- and shelf-life) issues with radio-tracking. A cheaper and longer lasting alternative to radio-tracking is harmonic radar, which uses cheaper tags that have a near infinite operational lifetime but have a shorter range and more limited available tracking frequencies. We have recently been successful in using harmonic radar to track the spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*, and are eager to employ this technology to locate cryptic CRB breeding sites. We propose to develop a harmonic radar tag based CRB tracking system to provide a more cost-effective method for finding cryptic breeding sites, therefore providing a needed tool for CRB eradication and control.

### 7.2 USFS Biological Control of Cycad Scale

I intend to write a small grant proposal to request funding from the US Forest Service to bring Dr. Ron Cage, an expert on biological control of Asian cycad scale, to Guam as a consultant to provide recommendations.

### **7.3 DOI-OIA Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle in the American Pacific**

I intend to write a grant to the Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs requesting continued support for Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle in the American Pacific.

## 8 Journal Articles in Preparation (n=7)

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

- [1] Aubrey Moore, N-Y Su, and Leonard Sigrah. “First Record of the Coconut Termite, *Neotermes Rainbowi* (Isoptera: Kaloterme) from Micronesia”. In: (In Preparation).
- [2] Aubrey Moore. *The Mariana Eight Spot Butterfly, Hypolimnas Octocula Marianensis*.
- [3] Aubrey Moore. “Three New Island Records for Bark Beetles (Curculionidae: Scolitinae) on Guam from a Single Coffee Berry Borer Trap”. In: (In Preparation).
- [4] Aubrey Moore. *Change Analysis of Guam Forest Inventory Data*.
- [5] Aubrey Moore. *CRB Trap Improvement*. in preparation.
- [6] Sean D G Marshall, Aubrey Moore, Mark Ero, Crispus Fanai, Maclean Vaqalo, Trevor A. Jackson, Roland Quitugua, Ian R Iriarte, Christopher Kitalong, Justin Omak Ramarui, Jason Ngiramengior, Balang Skey, Nelson Masang, Shizu Watanabe, Michael Melzer, Madoka Nakai, Joel Miles, Nur Ain F R S Khudri, Norman Kamarudin, Ramle Moslim, Francis Tsatsia, Helen Tsatsia, Hilda Wratten, Bob Macfarlane, Visoni Timote, and Fereti Atu. *Recent Challenges from Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle to Palm Production in the Pacific and Prospects for Microbial Control*. IN PREPARATION.
- [7] Aubrey Moore. *Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Invasion History*. IN PREPARATION.