

STATUS OF THE NENE POPULATION ON HAWAII AND MAUI BETWEEN 1975 AND 1980

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ABSTRACT

The size of the nene populations on both Hawaii and Maui declined markedly between 1975 and 1980, following the curtailment of the artificial propagation program. The available data yielded no explanation for the causes of the downward trend but suggested that the artificially propagated and released nene might not be nesting as readily as wild-bred birds.