

False Killer Whales of Hawai'i

Kaua'i, Ni'ihau, & The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Individuals



HIPc325 Sighted 2008-2010



HIPc327 Sighted 2008-2010



HIPc417 Sighted 2010-2012



HIPc428 Sighted 2010



HIPc520 Sighted 2012-2013



HIPc522 Sighted 2012-2013



HIPc523 Sighted 2012-2013



HIPc533 Sighted 2012

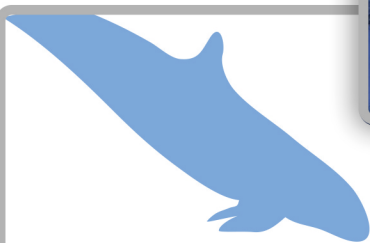
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The Hawaiian Islands are home to three distinct populations of false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*). The endangered main Hawaiian Islands population ranges from Ni'ihau to Hawaii Island. The offshore population use the open ocean and only occasionally comes near the islands. In 2010 a previously unknown and genetically distinct population of *Pseudorca* was discovered that inhabits the waters around the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and overlaps with the main Hawaiian Islands population around Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

Home Waters

Map (right) showing the trackline of a false killer whale satellite tagged off Kaua'i on June 13th, 2012, over a 42-day period through July 25th, 2012.

Map (inset) showing locations of a false killer whale satellite tagged off Kaua'i on July 26, 2013, over a 20-day period. This individual was with some of the same individuals that were satellite tagged in June 2012.



Do you have photos or videos of Hawai'i's false killer whales?

Photo contributions are valuable for scientific research - they are what helped discover this unique population!

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Range Overlap

