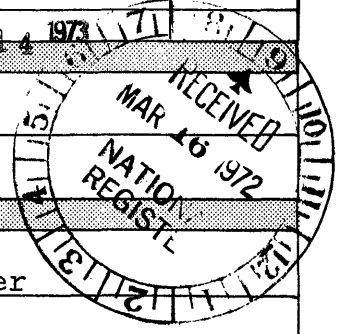


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME	
COMMON:	Menehune Fishpond
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Alekoko Fishpond

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Sof. Lihue on the</i> Below Hulemalu Road in a bend of the Huleia River			
CITY OR TOWN: Lihue, Kauai			
STATE Hawaii	CODE 15	COUNTY: Kauai	CODE 007

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) unused	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		
OWNER'S NAME: Kanoa Estate		
STREET AND NUMBER: C/O R. Eugene Platt, Bishop Trust Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 2390		
CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu	STATE: Hawaii	CODE: 15

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Bureau of Conveyances, Department of Land and Natural Resources		
STREET AND NUMBER: 425 Queen Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu	STATE: Hawaii	CODE: 15

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		
TITLE OF SURVEY: Staewide Inventory by Hawaii Register of Historic Places		
DATE OF SURVEY: ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Hawaii Register of Historic Places, Division of State Parks		
STREET AND NUMBER: 465 South King Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu	STATE: Hawaii	CODE: 15

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

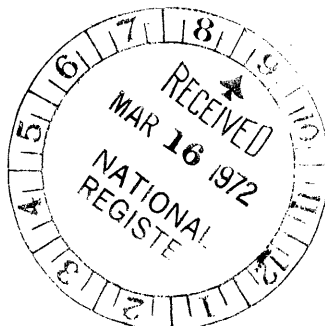
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Menehune Fishpond is located near the mouth of the Huleia River on the southeast coast of the "garden isle" of Kauai. This ancient fishpond, also known as Alekoko Pond, consists primarily of a stone faced dirt wall that runs for over 900 yards and cuts off a large bend in the river for use as a fishpond. There is 50 yards of shallow swamp land between the west end of the wall and the shore. A dirt wall runs for 145 yards whereupon the stone facing starts on the river side of the wall. The dirt wall is 5 feet above the water level, 4 feet wide on top and the dirt slants up on both sides. The facing wall begins with a single row of stones and then becomes of double thickness as it gets further out into the river and the current starts to become effective. The stones also become larger until the double layer is 2 feet thick. The stone facing on the outside is five feet high in most places and is quite perpendicular. The stones are very carefully fitted together; the stone facing runs for about two-thirds of the total length of the wall.

In the 1940's, after a tidal wave, the wall was repaired by the man who had the lease at the time. He put bags of cement in the weak spots and now longish "rocks" are visible where the bags deteriorated and the cement hardened.

Today the lush vegetation on the wall and banks of the pond and the calm blue waters of the Huleia River combine to make Menehune Fishpond an impressive sight, an ideal picture of Polynesia. It is an important historical reminder of the past and a contemporary source of pride for the people of Kauai.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

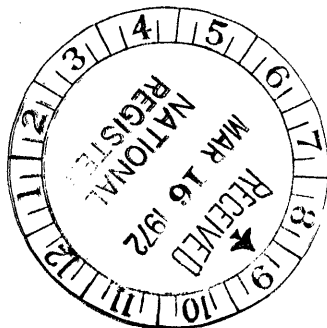
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Menehune Fishpond is the most significant fishpond on Kauai, both in Hawaiian legends and folklore and in the eyes Kauai's people today. It is so old that its construction is attributed to the Menehunes, a mythical people inhabiting Hawaii before the Hawaiians arrived. Its antiquity makes it undoubtedly the oldest fishpond on Kauai and therefore it has an extremely high research potential. Additionally, it is the best example of an inland fishpond in the entire state. Close to the major urban center on Kauai, the pond has high public visibility because of a road that runs along the slopes of the hill behind the fishpond/ The setting is beautiful and lush with tropical vegetation and a winding river, making it an idyllic area for a historical park.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

BENNETT, WENDELL CLARK
 1931 Archaeology of Kauai. Bernice P. Bishop Museum
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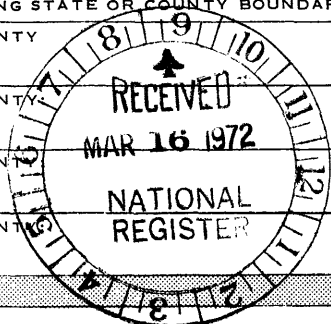
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 21° 57' 09"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 159° 22' 46"		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	21° 57' 16"	159° 22' 25"				
SE	21° 57' 04"	159° 22' 17"				
SW	21° 57' 04"	159° 22' 40"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ca. 5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
B. Jean Martin, Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION: **Hawaii Register of Historic Places** DATE: **09/29/71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
465 South King Street=

CITY OR TOWN: **Honolulu** STATE: **Hawaii** CODE: **007**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Dumas Fido*

Title Chairman and Member

Date March 3, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/14/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date 3/14/73