

**Words:** *Please God, make my words today sweet and tender, for tomorrow I may have to eat them.* —Unknown

## HED employees participate in Earth Day 2001



Photos by Alexander Kufel

*Climbing the ridge overlooking Makua Valley in support of the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii DPW Natural Resource Center's efforts to return the upland forests to natural vegetation seemed like such a good idea to 17 HED employees that they each took a hard-earned day of annual leave to do so as part of an Earth Day Service Project on April 20. To quote one participant, "The work we did cutting and treating clidemia (clidemia hirta) was easy compared to the uphill walk through cold rain and mud to get there. Would I do it again? You bet!" (Bottom left) DPW field biologists Kupau Kawelo, Kauai-based Laura Arnold, and Vince Costello instruct the group. (Bottom right) Renee Hicks, CT, and Donna Kanetake, OC, cut and treat the alien plant; Jeri Sato, CT, is visible just behind them. Other participants included Kurtis Kikkawa, CT; Dan Nakamura, EC-E; Brian Chung, EC-M; Earl Nagasawa, PP-E; Jack Yamada, EC-S; Dean Fukuchi, PP-M; Carrie Wakumoto, PP-E; Maria Buckner, CT-S; Dillie Rapley, EC-CS; Randall Kurashige, PP-E; Milly Arzaga, RM-M; Roxane Iseri, RM-B; Amy Kitano, RM-M; and Alexander Kufel, PA.*