



BISHOP MUSEUM

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Bishop Museum Launches Sustainability Dashboards

The dashboards are co-launched with the Hawai‘i Local2030 Hub and provide publicly accessible updates on the Museum’s energy usage, solar generation, water usage, and plastic bottle elimination.

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum is excited to announce the launch of its Sustainability Dashboards, accessible via its Sustainability webpage: BishopMuseum.org/Sustainability. The dashboards’ online, interactive displays provide publicly accessible updates on the Museum’s energy usage, solar generation, water usage, and plastic bottle elimination, as well as illustrate the effects of Museum initiatives and operational improvements.

“Bishop Museum’s Sustainability Dashboards are part of our efforts to be transparent about our energy and resource usages, and the sustainable practices we’re implementing to improve on these,” said Dr. Christopher Hobbs, Bishop Museum curator of sustainability. “I believe we’re one of very few institutions worldwide to provide this data to the public, and show our progress in improving our operations and adopting the very same sustainable practices we’re promoting.

“Caring for the over 25 million cultural objects, historical documents and media, and natural science specimens in our collections requires a lot of resources and energy. Bishop Museum is an institution committed to sustainable operations, and the dashboards show how we’re including renewable energy and other sustainable practices to help conserve our islands’ precious resources, while continuing to protect and preserve our collections,” Dr. Hobbs added.

The Museum is co-launching its Sustainability Dashboards with Hawai‘i Local2030 Hub, which encompasses the Hawai‘i Green Growth (HGG) public-private partnership committed to advancing economic, social, and environmental goals. HGG works to accelerate the Aloha+ Challenge, which builds on island culture and values and is Hawai‘i’s locally-driven framework to implement the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

“Climate change and resource scarcity are some of the greatest challenges we’re currently facing as a global community. Launching these dashboards in collaboration with Hawai‘i Local2030

Hub and their network allows us to share our data on a statewide platform, engage with organizations throughout their network, and show how organizational-level data can feed into and align with statewide and global sustainability frameworks,” said Dr. Hobbs. “We hope this work will inspire other organizations to track and understand their resource usage, which is the first step in an organization’s sustainability journey. By aligning our operations, initiatives, and changes with the Hawai‘i Local2030 Hub goals, as well as the global United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, we can contribute to the state of Hawai‘i’s 2030 sustainability goals.”

“The Hawai‘i Local2030 Hub is stewarding the Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard in order to make Hawai‘i’s contribution to the global Sustainable Development Goals accessible to the wider public. We’re proud to partner with an institution that understands the crucial role it plays in co-creating Hawai‘i’s sustainable future, and has taken the initiative to establish a new standard of sustainability reporting,” said Kaimana Bingham, Hawai‘i Local2030 Hub data & innovation director. “We hope that Bishop Museum’s Sustainability Dashboards will inspire private and public organizations alike to develop dedicated plans to monitor and transform their patterns of resource use.”

“Bishop Museum’s Sustainability Dashboards and commitment to sustainability are great examples of how institutions can draw on Hawai‘i’s legacy of systems thinking to help us chart a more equitable and resilient pathway for Island Earth,” said Celeste Connors, Hawai‘i Local2030 Hub CEO. “It’s also a great example of *laulima* – ‘many hands working together’ – which is what we need to achieve the Aloha+ Challenge Goals by 2030.”

Sustainability at Bishop Museum

Bishop Museum’s sustainability efforts started with a “Sustainability Hui” of employees and supporters dedicated to adopting sustainable practices throughout the organization. In 2019, the Museum launched an effort to become a single-use plastic-free campus. It has since appointed Dr. Hobbs as its Curator of Sustainability, to incorporate more sustainable practices in its operations.

The Museum also has the unique opportunity to learn from and build on knowledge it gleans from its cultural and historical collections, as well as the conservation research being done by its scientists.

“As the caretakers of the largest collection of cultural and historical items, and natural science specimens, from Hawai‘i and the Pacific, we at Bishop Museum understand and appreciate that our native Hawaiian predecessors and other Indigenous peoples actively incorporated successful sustainable practices in their daily lives,” said Brandon Bunag, Bishop Museum vice president of public programs and interim director of education. “Our goal at the Museum is to bring forth this ‘ike to the modern day, with supporting research conducted by our natural science department in the areas of conservation and biodiversity. Our ancestors knew that preserving and protecting our natural resources was key to not only their survival but that of future generations as well, and we hope to share more of this *mana‘o* through our own sustainable efforts.”

To learn more about Bishop Museum’s Sustainability Dashboards, and its other sustainability initiatives, please visit BishopMuseum.org/Sustainability.

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About Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum:

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum's mission is to inspire our community and visitors through the exploration, celebration and perpetuation of the extraordinary history, culture, and environment of Hawai'i and the Pacific. The Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in memory of his wife Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a royal descendant of King Kamehameha I. Today, the Museum thrives as an educational center for the community and is widely regarded as the world's premier institution for Hawaiian and Pacific content. Its vast collections of more than 25 million objects and specimens represent nine disciplines and include more than 22 million biological specimens, over two million cultural objects, 115,000 historical publications, and one million photographs, films, works of art, audio recordings, and manuscripts. These collections tell the stories of the cultures and biodiversity of Hawai'i and the Pacific as well as the proud legacy of scholarly research spanning 130 years. Bishop Museum proudly serves more than 200,000 visitors each year, including 20,000 children on school visits. To learn more about the Museum's research, collections, exhibits, and programs, visit [BishopMuseum.org](https://www.bishopmuseum.org), follow @BishopMuseum on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), become a fan of Bishop Museum on [Facebook](#), visit Bishop Museum's [YouTube channel](#), or call (808) 847-3511. Bishop Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

About Hawai'i Local2030 Hub

The Hawai'i Local2030 Hub is a recognized [United Nations Local2030](#) sustainability hub that brings together diverse stakeholders committed to economic, social and environmental priorities. Their work seeks to connect generations of indigenous knowledge and systems-thinking with modern science, technology, and policy to support scalable solutions that can be applied globally. The Hawai'i Local2030 Hub encompasses the local Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) Network and its activities, along with the global efforts of the Local2030 Islands Network. The Hub's public-private partners collaborate to advance:

- Political Leadership on Hawai'i's statewide Aloha+ Challenge sustainability and climate goals
- Open-data impact Dashboard with agreed-upon indicators
- Joint policy priorities, innovative financing, and resilient infrastructure solutions
- Educational pathways for the next generation of leaders
- Scalable island models to achieve the global Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement

HGG formed in response to the 2011 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Honolulu to identify green growth priorities and advance a green economy within an island context. In November 2018, the UN invited HGG to become one of the world's first Local2030 sustainability hubs. This recognizes the collective achievements of the HGG public-private partnership through the Aloha+ Challenge, a local framework to achieve the global Sustainable Development Goals. To learn more about our major initiatives, visit [HawaiiGreenGrowth.org](https://hawaiiireengrowth.org), follow @hawaiiireengrowth on [Instagram](#) and @HIGreenGrowth on [Twitter](#), or email us at info@hawaiiireengrowth.org. The Hawai'i Local2030 Hub is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.