

# The Story of Kalaehi – A message from Kepa Maly



## Kamakaopahulu at Kalaehi

Kalaehi (now called White Stone) is one of the important storied places on Lana'i. The ocean fronting Kalaehi is called "Ku'unaakeakua" (Net fishing ground of the ghosts). It was here that the young chief Kaulula'au entangled some of the ghosts in his fishing net in his quest to rid the island of its ghostly inhabitants. A small cave on the west side of Kalaehi is the place that Kaulula'au slept on certain nights of his stay on Lana'i. On the uplifted coral flats, between the present-day road across Kalaehi and the shore, is a small hole of about

four inches in diameter called "Kamakaopahulu" (The eye of Pahulu). This little feature is one of the most significant cultural sites on Lana'i. Its name comes from the tradition of Kaulula'au having killed Pahulu - the king of the Lana'i ghosts. Kaulula'au dropped a large boulder upon Pahulu, and his eye flew out of his head. It landed at Kalaehi, and formed the little hole, called Kamakaopahulu. This small feature is one of the most significant cultural sites on Lana'i, as it is tied to events that made Lana'i inhabitable.

Aloha to all,

Mahalo nui to each of you, your 'ohana and organizations for your kind and caring nature. Lana'i is a treasure. Part of what makes it so, are the people who are touched by it, and who come together to help care for it, and re-install a sense of community stewardship. As the Kupuna taught us, "Care for the land, and the land will care for you."

Our day at Kalaehi was blessed and productive. I am personally excited about the next step that we will build upon the foundation that you helped us set. We will work on finishing the clearing of a view plane corridor from the road to the shore---with luck, finding Ka maka o Pahulu again—and development of an interpretive wayside exhibit, to help people appreciate and understand the landscape they are in, when traveling the Keomoku region.