



# *Safeguarding Hawai'i Island School Gardens Against* **Rat Lungworm Disease**

**Saturday, May 14**

**10 a.m. to 12 noon**

University of Hawai'i at Hilo  
Science and Technology Building  
Room 108  
W. Lanikaula St (Nowelo St entrance)  
Hilo, Hawai'i Island

University of Hawai'i at Hilo graduate student Kay Howe and the Hawai'i Island Rat Lungworm Working Group have collaborated with five Hawai'i Island schools this year to implement integrated pest management plans to control invasive slugs and snails. Collectively, the schools have removed more than 4,000 invasive slugs and snails from their gardens and campuses so far, and developed integrated STEM/STEAM school learning garden curriculum that emphasizes place- and project-based learning.

Community members are invited to come hear the schools' stories and learn how we can overcome the threat of Rat Lungworm Disease in our gardens, so we may continue to grow, eat, and enjoy fresh, healthy, locally grown food, support school gardens, and improve food security in Hawai'i.



To RSVP, please contact Donna Mitts at The Kohala Center  
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