Fire risk report for Adiantum macrophyllum

Full Species Name Adiantum macrophyllum Sw.Family: PteridaceaeCommon names: Largeleaf Maidenhair fernSynonyms:	risk score of 0 This species w algorithm usir	.16 . vas rank ng the d	ed by our ata prese	1 Highest risk isk in Hawai'i with a fire machine learning nted on the next page. A its the plant is a high fire
Known occurrences (as of 2020)	Summary of	Fire eco	logy	
	Native habita	t fire pr	oneness	Non Fire-prone
	Fire promotin native range	ng plant	in its	No
	Fire promotin		in its	No
Year first documented as naturalized in Hawai'i: 2014 This species has not yet been ranked	Regenerates	after fir	e	No Data
by the Hawai'i Weed Risk Assessment program as of 2020.	Promoted by	fire		No Data
View photos on Starr Environmental	Reported flar	nmable	*	No Data
View on Wikipedia View occurrences on iNaturalist	Relative is fla	mmable	2*	No
View at Plants of Hawaii View photos on Flickr	*These values	were use	ed by the n	nodel to predict fire risk

Detailed summary of Fire Ecology

Native habitat fire proneness (In any part of the plant's native range is its habitat	Non Fire- prone	"its native range is Mexico to Tropical America" http://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni. org:names:17011380-1
described as fire prone due to natural or human caused fires?)		"The Adiantums are terrestrial ferns of shady ravines and rocky river banks in moist forests" Scamman, Edith. "The maidenhair ferns (Adiantum) of Costa Rica." Contributions from the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University 187 (1960): 3-22.
Fire promoting plant in its native range (Does the species act as a major fuel source, increase fire severity, frequency, or modify fuel bed characteristics within its native range?)	No	
Fire promoting plant in its introduced range (Same as Fire Promoting Native but within the species introduced range)	No	
Regenerates after fire (Does the plant regrow after fire by any means? This includes resprouters, reseeders, and recruiters which dispersed into the area within approximately one year post fire)	No Data	
Promoted by fire (Does the plant increase in abundance after a fire?)	No Data	
Reported flammable (Is the species described as being flammable,	No Data	

being a major wildfire		
fuel, or high fire risk?)		
Relative is flammable	No	
(Does a plant in the		
same genus meet the		
Reported Flammable		
criteria?)		

Text in quotes are direct quotes from the source

Text in square brackets was added by the assessor to clarify something or to summarize from a figure. Text preceded by a "#" is comment from the assessor

The data presented were assembled from literature and database searches for each species using as much data as could be collected regarding the plant's fire ecology under natural conditions. Searches aimed to be exhaustive and consist of as much data as could be located in 2020. Our machine learning algorithm was trained on 49 species of plants which had their fire risk ranked by 49 managers in Hawai'i in November 2020. The model used a conditional random forest regression algorithm to predict scores for each species using the manager score as the response variable and the fire ecology traits of each plant as the predictor variables to generate a fire risk score. This trained model was then used to predict the fire risk for all species which were not ranked by managers. The model was calibrated such that it is 90% accurate at predicting high fire risk plants and 79% accurate at predicting low fire risk plants. This research and the resulting fire risk model has been published in the journal <u>Biological Invasions</u> by <u>Kevin</u> <u>Faccenda</u> and <u>Curt Daehler</u> (both at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa).

Note that the analysis doesn't account for a plant species' spatial distribution, population density, or distinct climate and ecosystem conditions (which can also influence fire risk). The fire risk of these species are mostly under "worst case" environmental conditions where the climate is dry enough to maintain fire, but wet enough to allow for plant growth and fuel accumulation. The fire risk ranking should not be taken as a stand-alone risk metric in prioritizing weed control efforts. Rather, this information may also be useful for determining if a newly discovered species poses a potential fire threat in wildland areas.

More general information on the weed risks and ecology of non-native plants in Hawai'i is available from the Hawai'i Invasive Species Committee's <u>Weed Risk Assessment database</u>.

View more fact sheets at https://www.pacificfireexchange.org/weed-fire-risk-assessments

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