

*Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i*

# AHUPUA'A SYSTEMS

M A I U K A A I K A I





A H U

*nvs. heap, pile, collection, mound, mass,  
altar, shrine*

**P U A ' A**

*n. pig, hog, swine*

# A H U P U A ' A

N. LAND DIVISION USUALLY EXTENDING FROM UPLANDS TO SEA, SO CALLED BECAUSE BOUNDARY WAS MARKED BY A HEAP (AHU) OF STONE SURMOUNTED BY AN IMAGE OF A PIG, OR BECAUSE A PIG OR OTHER TRIBUTE WAS LAID ON THE ALTAR AS THE TAX TO THE CHIEF



A large, leafy green tree stands in the foreground on the left side of the image. The background is a vast field of tall grasses under a dramatic sky with purple, pink, and orange hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with scattered clouds, and a faint contrail is visible in the upper right.

## WHY AHUPUA‘A?

*The Ahupua‘a system started in the early 13th century by O‘ahu chief, Mā‘ilikūhāhi. It was the proposed solution to food supply and land right disputes amongst ali‘i. The hope was that these land divisions would bring order to both the kanaka and the ‘āina.*

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**-DIVISIONS OF THE LAND-**

**KUAHIWI**

**KUALONO**

**LUA PELE**

**MAUNA**

**WAO NAHELE**

**WAO MAUKELE**

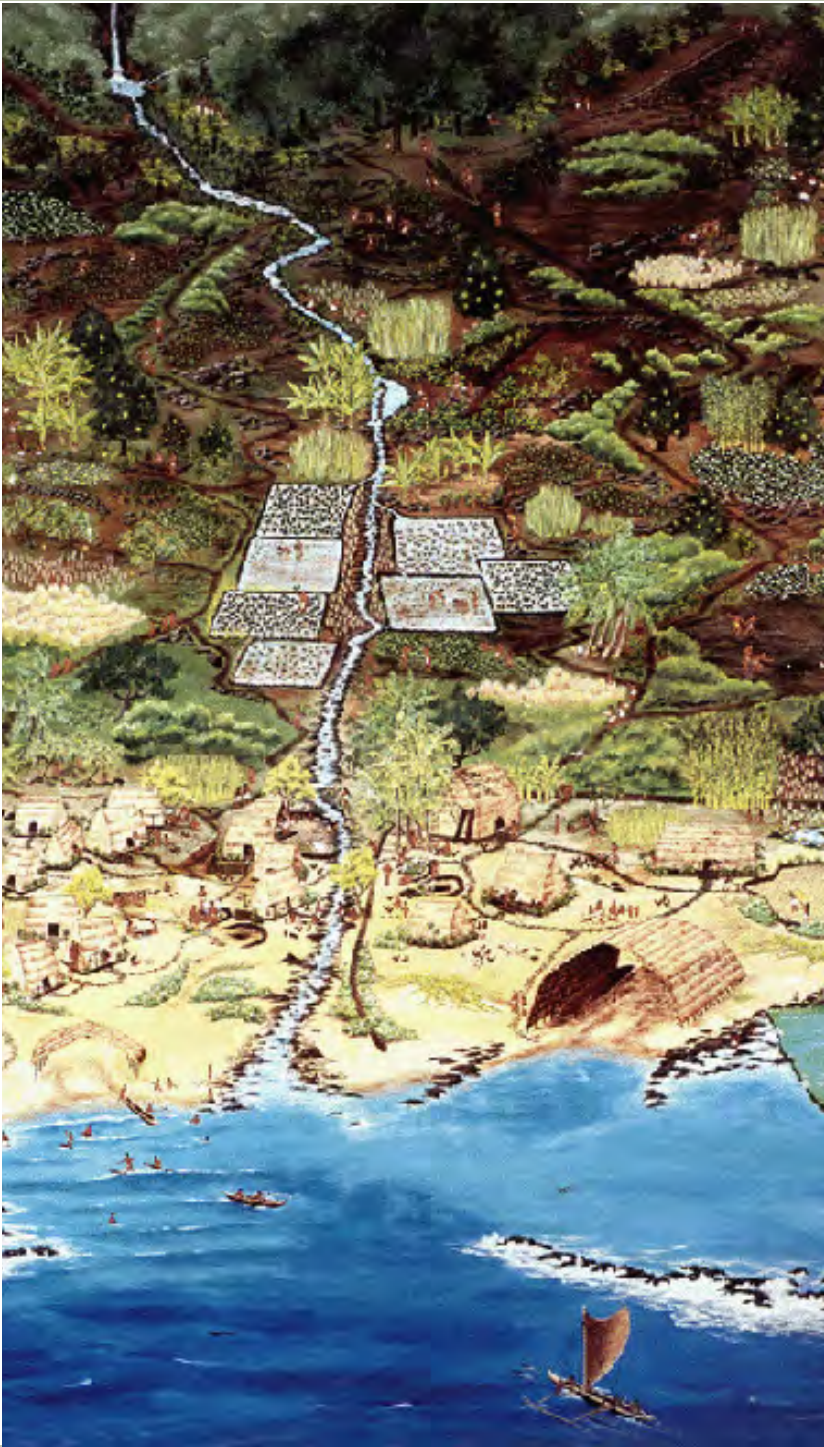
**WAO AKUA**

**WAO KANAKA**

**KULA**

**KAHAKAI**





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**OTHER NAMES TO  
DESIGNATE FEATURES OF  
THE LAND INCLUDE...**

**PU'U**

**AWĀWA**

**PALI**

**KAHAWAI**

**LOKO**

# NĀ HUA'ŌLELO

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