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NOMINEE INFORMATION

1. NAME OF TREE(s)

Common (English or Hawaiian): Otaheite apple or Wi tree

Scientific: Spondias dulcis Forst. f.; synonym, S. cytherea Sonn.

2. LOCATION OF TREE(s) (Be specific--include tax map key; state proximity to prominent landmarks): The southwest quadrant of TMK 8-2-13:6, about 400' to the Kailua side of Manago's Hotel, and on the mauka side of Mamalahoa Highway.

3. DESCRIBE THE TREE; ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, if possible (2 Pix)

This smooth, gray-barked tree, cultivated from Tahiti to Fiji, has shiny, compound, bright green leaves up to 12" long, clustered at branch ends. Produces ovoid, orange fruit, 1 to 3" long. Photos enclosed.

4. PROPERTY OWNER Name: B. P. Bishop Museum

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5. CRITERIA FOR BEING EXCEPTIONAL

a. Significant Age unknown, but probably exceeding 50 years.

b. Significant Size - Height 80'-90'; Crown Spread (diameter) 30 to 40';

Circumference of trunk 4-1/2 ft. from ground 10'6"

c. Significant historical interest In Society Islands, wood was made into canoes (see Neal 1965).

d. Significant cultural background The edible fruit of the tree is valued throughout Polynesia and into Fiji.

e. Significant rarity This is one if not the largest Wi tree I have observed along Kona roads.

f. Significant location The tree is clearly visible to passers-by along Mamalahoa Highway, and overlooks historic Kealakekua Bay.

g. Significant aesthetic equality This tall, straight tree with balanced branching patterns, and interesting trunk base (photo) graces the view mauka from the highway towards the ethnobotanical gardens, under development.

h. Endemic status not endemic

i. Indigenous status Indigenous to Polynesia

j. Healthy condition Excellent health, producing hundreds of "apples" in fall and early winter