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Kalo farmer Wili Wood resides in Honokohau Valley, Maui, where he restores taro patches that are over a hundred years old.

Born and raised? Kahana, Maui

First interest in agriculture?

“When I was younger, like eight or nine, I started noticing the different types of mango trees. I guess you can say that’s where my interest in agriculture started.” His interest in agriculture increased while taking agriculture classes in high school.

Where do you work? Kapalua, exterior maintenance

School? Lāhaināluna, Class of 2002

Interests? Surfing, woodworking and sailing

Favorite kalo memory? **“Having a bunch of Hawaiian kids coming up and having them experience something they might not have experienced before.”**

Why did you want to restore taro patches? **“In a way, I feel like I was called upon to restore the taro patches. It was never in my intentions when I first started to clean the property in Honokohau. After me and some friends cleared out some of the land, a flash flood hit and flooded the whole place. I realized that I was sitting on something that was already laid out. And in a month, we got one lo’i running.”**

