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Conservationists Honored for Achievements!

Doug Lamerson

A highlight of the October 2005 CCH Awards and Annual Membership Meeting in Honolulu was the recognition of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to conservation in Hawai'i. Mahalo nui loa, and congratulations to the following honorees:



Congressman Ed Case receives Koa Award.

Photo by Doug Lamerson

Congressman Ed Case received the *Koa Award – Elected Official of the Year* – for his environmental leadership in the U.S. Congress. He introduced legislation to expand and improve Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park, and Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park on the Big Island, and a bill to create the nation's

first marine refuge in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. He co-sponsored the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act, and recently introduced legislation to improve agricultural inspections to prevent additional invasive species introductions. He also voted to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling, and voted against weakening the Endangered Species Act.

Joshua Stanbro received the *Coral Reef Award – Conservationist of the Year* – for shepherding the Legacy Lands Bill through the state legislature, thereby securing funds for the Natural Area Reserves System (NARS), Land Conservation Fund, Watershed Partnership Program, Youth Conservation Corps, Rental Housing Trust Fund, and conservation partnerships on private land. Josh is a life member of CCH and is Hawai'i Program Manager for The Trust for Public Land. He has worked to save many special places, including Mū'olea Point on Maui; Ka'ala Farm and Pūpūkea-Paumalū on O'ahu; and Ki'ilae and Wao Kele O Puna on the Big Island.

Patricia Tummons received the *Honu Award – Environmental Educator of the Year* – for investigating and reporting key environmental issues in the monthly newsletter, *Environment Hawai'i*. For the past 15 years, she has written extensively about rare and endangered species at risk at the Big Island's Pōhakuloa Training Area and Pu'u Wa'awa'a dry forest, and in the Natural Area Reserves System. She has also documented the Hawai'i longline fishing industry's harmful impacts to



Endangered palila.

Photo by Jack Jeffrey

Celebrating Mauna Kea

The 2005 CCH Wildlife Poster features the special cultural and natural resources of Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawai'i. The original artwork for the poster was created by wildlife biologist and artist, Patrick Ching of Waimānalo (see www.naturallyhawaiian.com). The poster and teacher's guide printed on the back highlight selected Hawaiian plants and animals that inhabit different ecological zones on Mauna Kea, including the 'ākepa (*Loxops coccineus coccineus*), 'ōhi'a lehua (*Metrosideros polymorpha*), pueo – Hawaiian short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus sandwichensis*), 'āhinahina – Mauna Kea silverswords (*Argyroxiphium sandwicense* sub-species *sandwicense*), yellow-faced bee (*Hylaeus* species), *Agrotis* moth and cutworm caterpillar, *Lycosa* wolf spider, wēkiu bug (*Nysius wekiuicola*), palila (*Loxioides bailleui*), and māmane (*Sophora chrysophylla*).

Thanks to your CCH membership and support this year, the poster and teacher's guide will be distributed – free of charge – to all public, private, charter, and Native Hawaiian language

National Wildlife Federation News



Matt Little

Aloha, CCH friends!
As you know, Hawai'i is home

to unique and treasured species found nowhere else in the world. In the lowlands, non-native species have replaced most native species, and little habitat remains. To help, the National Wildlife Federation has a program where you can provide these species a home in your own backyard, at your workplace, or on your local school grounds. Whether you live on the mainland or on the islands, you can create special places for native plants and animals right where you live.

Across the U.S., people like you have created and certified 58,000 yards as *Backyard Wildlife Habitats* – the equivalent of 120,000 acres of wildlife habitat! Neighborhoods have even come together to create community-wide habitats, with 35

Community Wildlife Habitat Projects underway in 18 states. And if that wasn't enough, 2,422 schools have made habitats on their school grounds to create a living classroom for kids to learn and explore.

Unfortunately for Hawai'i – a place that could use these habitats the most – no schools or communities are involved in the *Schoolyard Wildlife Habitats Program* at this time. We would like to change that, and encourage everyone in Hawai'i to create special places for native species to live.

Partnering with CCH's successful poster project, we are mailing all schools in Hawai'i to spread the word about the importance of creating outdoor living classrooms that benefit our kids and the environment. Schools that respond to our mailer will get *Schoolyard Habitat* Planning Guides that provide step-by-step ways to create schoolyard habitats. Participating schools will have access to our staff and CCH

experts on native Hawaiian plants and local habitat needs. The first schools to certify a *Schoolyard Habitat* will win educational prizes and resources.

Please encourage your local school to develop outdoor classrooms that provide much-needed habitat for Hawai'i's flora and fauna. Also, please consider creating a habitat in your own backyard. Information and assistance for these programs can be found at www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat, but also please consult with CCH about where to buy native plants in Hawai'i and which ones are best to use. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Gretchen Muller at muller@nwf.org or (206)285-8707 ext. 107, or CCH at info@conservehi.org.

Mahalo for doing your part to protect Hawai'i's native plants and animals. By working together at the local level, we can make a big difference for our environment! 🌿

Congressional Update

Marjorie Ziegler

Defending the ESA – Again!

CCH is working hard to defend the federal Endangered Species Act. The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill seriously weakening the ESA, and it is now up to the Senate to save the ESA from being gutted. The proposed amendments to the ESA establish bad public policy and will not increase the likelihood of recovering endangered species. The amendments may even cause species on the brink to go extinct.

We sent out action alerts to hundreds of conservationists and concerned citizens, and we prepared an op-ed piece for



Endangered 'iliihoholoikauaau.

Photo by Craig Rowland,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

the Honolulu daily newspapers. We also contacted our elected officials, and joined environmental and Native Hawaiian organizations in a meeting with Congressman Neil Abercrombie in Honolulu. Rep. Abercrombie voted in support of the proposed the amendments.

The proposed amendments to the ESA would:

- Require the federal government to use taxpayer dollars to pay developers and corporations for complying with the ESA's prohibition on killing or injuring

listed species, and set **no limits** on these payments. This provision would quickly drain funding needed to recover endangered species. We should not pay developers to follow the law.

- Place endangered species at risk whenever the federal government fails to meet a 180-day deadline for telling developers whether their actions would harm or kill endangered species. If the government misses the deadline – no matter what the reason – developers are permanently exempted from the ESA.
- Repeal all ESA provisions that protect endangered species from the harmful impacts of pesticides. Pesticides are implicated in the decline of an array of species including sea turtles and Pacific salmon.

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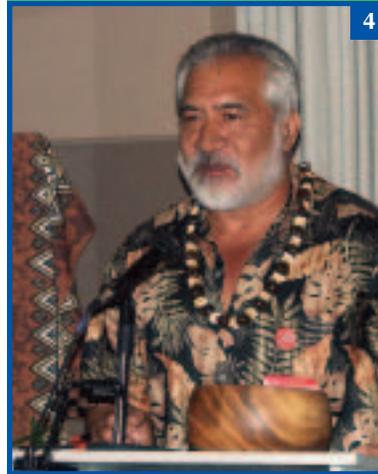
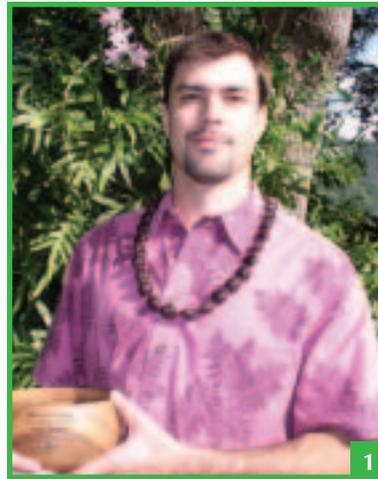
Conservationists Honored

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sea turtles and seabirds. Her investigative reporting has frequently exposed the details of ill-conceived, unsuccessful proposals, such as the Hawaiian Riviera Resort, Ka'ū spaceport, a 500-megawatt geothermal cable project, and an application for open-burn open-detonation permits at the Mākua Military Reservation.

Michael Bailey received the *Ānuenu Award – Volunteer of the Year* – for his service on the CCH Board of Directors, and dedication to creating a better world for wildlife and future generations. He has spent hundreds of hours documenting plastic pollution and other threats to marine mammals in the Pacific. He has also been a local leader in the effort to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling, working closely with the Gwich'in and Inupiaq people. An experienced videographer, Michael traveled to Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Prudhoe Bay, and other locations to document and illuminate the effects of oil development on the environment and native culture. He also helped organize the Arctic Film Festival and other Hawai'i events about the Arctic, and coordinated filming and interviews.

Pete Jensen, Evern Williams, Oren Tsutsumi, Rob Kinslow, and Ruth Hsu received the *'Alalā Award – Special Group Award* – for their video documentation of important environmental issues in Hawai'i. They are based at the 'Ōlelo community access television studio in Pālolo. They have documented public meetings and discussions about Hawaiian land, military impacts, and funding (or lack thereof) for environmental protection. They are also committed to protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling, and have filmed special presentations in Hawai'i by Gwich'in and Inupiaq visitors. ♻️



1. **Conservationist of the Year, Joshua Stanbro.** Photo by Maxine Burkett. 2. **Teresa Dawson receives award for Educator of the Year, Patricia Tummons.** Photo © 2005 Richard Palmer. 3. **Volunteer of the Year, Michael Bailey.** Photo © 2005 Richard Palmer. 4. **Pete Jensen receives 'Alalā Special Group Award on behalf of Pālolo 'Ōlelo crew.** Photo © 2005 Richard Palmer.

Mauna Kea

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immersion schools in Hawai'i. Posters will also be given to elected officials, government agencies, citizen organizations, and others on request.

Mahalo nui loa to Patrick Ching for his beautiful painting; Sunny Lewis for writing the teacher's guide; Naomi Arcand, Kepa Maly, Dr. Holly McEldowney, Dr. Scott Rowland, and Marjorie Ziegler for contributing to the teacher's guide; David Boynton, Bobby Camara, Jack Jeffrey, Dr. Steven Lee Montgomery, and Dr. P. Quentin Tomich for editing; Helga Jervis, Graphic Design, for layout and design; Valenti Print Group for printing; Mary Ikagawa for formatting mailing labels for the schools; and CCH volunteers for distributing posters.

We also thank you – CCH members – and this year's Poster Partners: 'Ahahui

Mālama I Ka Lōkahi, Nancy Aleck, Annette's Adventures, Dr. James Anthony, Ken Armstrong, Michael Bailey, Randy Bartlett, Rod and Ann Buland, Dr. Charles Pe'ape'a Makawalu Burrows, Moira Chapin, Masako Cordray, Dr. Fred Dodge and Karen Young, Lance Foster, Jacob Justice Frankel, Betsy Harrison Gagné in memory of Dr. Wayne C. Gagné, Mary Jane Harris, Hawai'i Audubon Society, Hawai'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Hawai'i-Lā'ieikawai Association, Hawai'i People's Fund, Hawai'i's Thousand Friends, Hawaiian Botanical Society, Don Heacock, Nelson and Jennifer Ho, Drs. Francis and Nancy Howarth, Lela Hubbard, KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, Annette Ka'ohelaui'i, Marion and John Kelly, Liz Kumabe, Doug Lamerson, Leavitt Yamane & Soldner, James Leavitt, Julie Leialoha, Matt Little, Mauna Kea Ainana Hou, Maile Meyer, Jeff Mikulina, Dr. Steven Lee Montgomery and Anita

Manning, National Wildlife Federation, Native Books/Nā Mea Hawai'i, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Steve and Cristina Olive, Edmund C. Olson Trust II, Kealoha Pisciotta, Robin L. Powell, Dr. Thane Pratt and Linda Pratt, Barbara Roesch in memory of Herbert Paul Roesch, Linda Shapin, Nanci Sidaras, Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, Sierra Club, Moku Loa Group, Cha Smith, Scot Lucas Spicer, Dr. Fred Stone, Helene Takemoto, Jacob and Laurie Teitelbaum, Cynthia Thurkins and Hug Your Animals, U.S. PIRG, Mashuri Waite, Ron Walker, Deborah Ward, Jacey Waterhouse and Adam Spurgat, Donna Wong, Dr. and Mrs. Wendell P. Wong, the Ziegler family in memory of Dr. Alan Conrad Ziegler, and poster partners wishing to remain anonymous.

If you would like to be a Poster Partner in 2006 and help produce this popular educational tool for our children, please contact us at info@conservehi.org or (808) 593-0255. 🌱

Endangered Species Day

- Undermine the scientific validity of recovery plans by stacking recovery teams with industry representatives and others who have a direct interest in the economic and social impacts of recovering endangered species.
- Eliminate critical habitat protections. Experience in Hawai‘i and elsewhere has shown that one of the most effective ways to protect and recover endangered species is to protect the places where they live. Rather than eliminate protection for essential recovery habitat, Congress should require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to eliminate the listing and critical habitat backlog and provide the necessary funding to do so.
- Ignore the importance of scientific modeling and creates a new set of hurdles scientists must surmount to list and recover endangered species.
- Allow the administration to exempt categories of federal agency actions from the requirement to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service before actions are taken that could undermine the survival or recovery of endangered species.



Endangered ‘alalā.

Photo by Jack Jeffrey

We also recently urged lawmakers to support the *Endangered Species Day* Resolution. California Senator Dianne Feinstein recently introduced a resolution designating March 8 *Endangered Species Day*. *Endangered Species Day* will raise awareness about the threats to endangered species and the success stories in species recovery.

Endangered Species Day has added importance now, as the ESA – which for three decades has kept 99 percent of listed species from going extinct – is currently under attack in Congress.

Endangered Species Day will provide opportunities for schools, libraries, museums, zoos, botanical gardens, agencies, businesses, community organizations, and conservation organizations to educate the public about the importance of protecting endangered species and highlight the everyday actions that we can take to help protect our nation’s natural heritage

Arctic Refuge

A provision to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas development was removed from the House Budget Reconciliation Bill. Prior to this, the Senate passed its Reconciliation bill by a slim margin with Arctic drilling provisions still intact. The House and Senate will be voting on the Budget, and the conference committee will be negotiating controversial provisions, such as the Arctic oil-drilling proposal. Although the House rejection of oil drilling in the refuge is a significant step, there will be many opportunities in the days to come for drilling proponents to move their ill-advised agenda forward.

Please contact your congressional officials, and urge them to oppose weakening of the ESA and oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and to support the designation of March 8 as Endangered Species Day. Mahalo! 🌱

E Kōkua Mai – Volunteers Needed!

If you have a few hours a month to give, consider volunteering with CCH. Please contact us if you can help out. Mahalo!

- prepare CCH wildlife poster packets for the schools
- deliver poster packets to the schools
- mail membership packets (once a month)
- type (Word)
- sort, file documents
- organize CCH resource library
- man tables at community events
- scan images
- provide computer advice (Mac G4 OS X Version 10.2.8)

CCH Wish List

We are in need of the following items. Donations are tax-deductible. Please contact us if you can kōkua. Mahalo!

- items for silent auction and door prizes for 2006 annual meeting
- LCD projector, laptop computer
- color laser printer
- digital camera
- scanner
- filing cabinets, bookshelves
- refrigerator
- non-perishable food, drinks for service projects



Endangered *Cyanea mceldowneyi*.

Photo © 2005 Richard Palmer

CCH 2005 Awards and Annual Membership Meeting

Mashuri Waite

CCH members and supporters enjoyed this year's Awards and Annual Membership Meeting at the Queen Emma Summer Palace. Members elected Randal Bartlett, Dr. Carl Christensen, David Kimo Frankel, Dr. Fred Kraus, and Kim Ramos to the Board of Directors. Directors Helene Takemoto and Mashuri Waite were reelected for a second term. Mahalo to outgoing directors Michael Bailey and Masako Cordray for their service and commitment to conservation.

Congratulations and mahalo nui loa to Congressman Ed Case, Joshua Stanbro, Patricia Tummons, Michael Bailey, Pete Jensen, Evern Williams, Oren Tsutsumi, Rob Kinslow, and Ruth Hsu – who made important contributions to environmental protection this past year and were honored at the annual meeting.

Dr. Thomas Gonzales, Director At-Large of the National Wildlife Federation made a compelling PowerPoint presentation on global warming impacts to wildlife. The original artwork for the 2005 wildlife poster by Patrick Ching was unveiled. CCH members and their guests enjoyed a delicious Indian Feast prepared by culinary artist, Karen Miyano, while outbidding each other at the silent auction. The auction included items with Hawaiian and environmental/outdoor themes. Plans are already in the making for next year's auction, so please contact us if you would like to donate an item.

Mahalo nui loa to everyone who attended the meeting, and to the following individuals and organizations for their kōkua, auction item donations, and other support at the event: Nancy Aleck, Hawai'i People's Fund; Naomi Arcand; Alexandra Avery; Rick Barboza, Matt Schirman, & Crew, Hui Kū Maoli Ola; Meala Bishop; Heidi Bornhorst; Manu Boyd; Chuck Burrows, 'Ahahui Mālama I Ka

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Montgomery; Brian Melzack, Bestsellers; Dr. Mark Merlin and Claire Shimabukuro; Jeff Mikulina, Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter; Karen and Leland Miyano; Richard Palmer; Sandra Ulu Parker; Bart Potter; Kim Ramos, Earthjustice Honolulu; Peter Rappa; Kayla Rosenfeld, Hawai'i Public Radio; Bill and Nancy Sager; Rick Scudder; Barry Stokes, Peavian Logic and Tūtū Nēnē; Vicky Holt Takamine and Kaho'onei Panoke, 'Īlio'ulaokalani Coalition; and Mashuri Waite.

Thank you for your CCH membership and donations this past year. We appreciate your support very much. Please respond generously to the annual appeal so that we may continue our work to protect Hawaiian wildlife. Happy holidays and new year! ♻️

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



**Wildlife
depends on it!**

From the Executive Director



Brown treesnake entering cage on Guam. Photo by Domingo Cravahlo, Hawai'i Dept. of Agriculture

Marjorie Ziegler

Aloha! As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank you again for being part of the conservation movement in Hawai'i. We are grateful for your support and the opportunity to work in this very special place.

With permanent funding established for the Natural Area Reserves System (a CCH goal for the past 4 years), we are focusing on invasive species and preparing for the 2006 state legislative session (January to May).

Invasive species are one of the most significant threats to Hawai'i. They are not just an environmental problem, they are everyone's problem.

They threaten the economy – including the huge visitor industry – and the quality of life for everyone who lives and visits here. Insect pests attack endangered Hawaiian plants and agricultural crops. Mosquitoes spread avian pox and avian malaria, killing our endangered Hawaiian honeycreepers. Weeds take over native forests, watersheds, and Hawaiian cultural sites. Alien *limu* (seaweeds) smother our coral reefs. Imagine some of the new invasive species that could become established in Hawai'i –

biting flies on our beaches, brown treesnakes in our forests, and new mosquitoes spreading diseases in the lowlands.

Invasive species give us grief and cause millions of dollars of damage in Hawai'i each year. Despite the obvious, we still need to convince our elected officials to allocate more resources on a regular basis to address the problem. Invasive plants and animals arrive accidentally without being detected. Some plants and animals are smuggled. Inspection of agricultural products leaving Hawai'i is more rigorous than inspection of products arriving in Hawai'i. Interagency cooperation, community outreach, and a trained workforce are needed to respond quickly when invasive species become established.

Current funding for port inspections and rapid response is inadequate. Moreover, much of it comes from programs that are under-funded to begin with. We are asking elected officials to stop raiding environmental and other special funds for invasive species, and we are calling for adequate base funding from the state general fund. Airport landing and portage fees are additional sources of funding to improve port inspections.



Endangered kōkoi.

Photo by Steven Lee Montgomery

We are also monitoring the expansion of military training at Andersen Air Force Base on Guam, and are participating in the public comment process provided by the National Environmental Policy Act. More training means more transport of military cargo and personnel to Hawai'i and the mainland, which increases the likelihood that the brown treesnake will become established. The brown treesnake arrived on Guam via ship shortly after World War II, and is responsible for the extinction or local extirpation of nine forest bird species there. So far, brown treesnakes arriving in Hawai'i and on the mainland (Oklahoma, most recently) have been caught or were dead on arrival. We have been lucky so far.

The amount of money needed to establish and maintain snake-free zones and conduct thorough inspections on Guam and in Hawai'i is relatively small compared to other defense-related programs. We are urging full cooperation and funding by the Department of Defense for brown treesnake interdiction.

Please Kōkua! This is a critical time in the growth and development of CCH. It is also the most important time in our fundraising drive. Please help launch the *Invasive Species Campaign* and support other CCH programs. Respond generously to the annual appeal. Renew and upgrade your CCH membership. Join as a life member if you can. Invite family, friends, and colleagues to join CCH – everyone who loves wildlife is welcome! Purchase gift memberships and educational products. Mahalo nui loa, happy holiday season, and best wishes for 2006! 🌿



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Mauna Kea Art Available

Reproductions of Patrick Ching's original art for this year's Mauna Kea poster are available for purchase. A limited edition, 18"x20" giclée (unmatted, unframed) is available for \$400. A giclée is the highest quality of art reproduction available today. The original painting is scanned digitally and literally sprayed onto a canvass via thousands of tiny airbrush nozzles. The piece is then varnished, detailed, and signed by Patrick using permanent acrylic paints making each one unique. Also available are 11"x14" matted prints for \$40. Your purchase helps spread the word about conservation and supports CCH programs. Mahalo!



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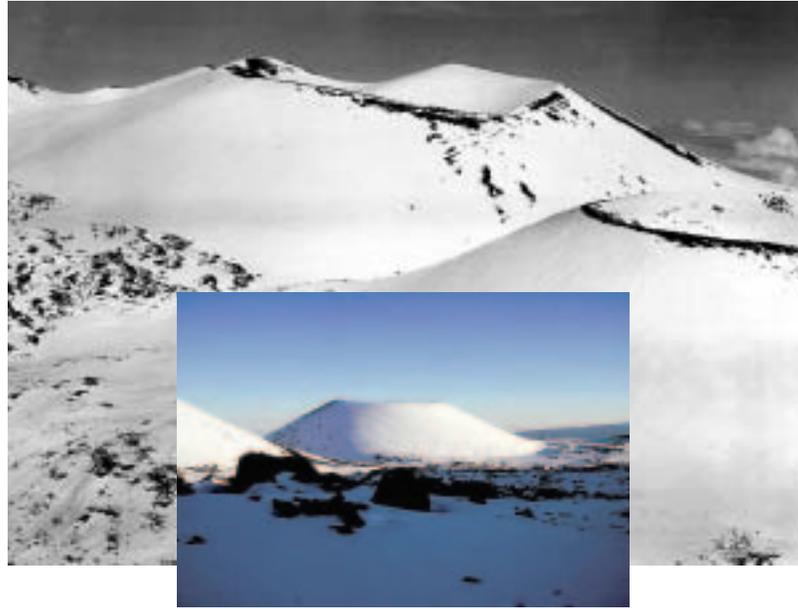
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Mauna Kea Kuahiwi Kūha'o I Ka Mālie



Mauna Kea, Mountain That Stands Alone In The Calm

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