Treasury Department,
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

O. H. Tittmann
Superintendent

State: J. H.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2678

Locality:
Molokini, Alalakaiki

Channel

1904

Chief of Party:
J. J. Pratt
Department of Commerce and Labor,

Coast and Geodetic Survey,

O. H. Littmann,

Superintendent.

Molokini Island,

Maalawai Channel,

Hawaiian Islands.

J. H.

Chartable Survey

executed

December 13, 1904.

H. W. Rhodes, Assistant.

Scale 1/10,000

Under charge of

J. F. Pratt, Assistant,

Commanding U.S. Cutter.

Descriptive Report

To accompany topographic sheet of

Molokini Island.
Molokini (mol-o-ke-ne) Island is situated in Alalakeiki Channel which separates Kohoolawe (koh-oo-loh-ve) Island from East Maui. (maw-2).

(2) The meaning of Alalakeiki (ah-lah-ke-ke) in the Hawaiian tongue is "the crying of children" and came into use in primitive days, on account of the roughness of this channel. Parents leaving Kohoolawe Island in their canoes for Maui Island encountered these rough waters and their children, watching them from the bluffs of Kohoolawe, cried with fear when seeing the canoes in danger.

(3) Molokini Island is volcanic
(4) The depth of the sea water in the cup of the crater is 74 feet.
(5) The highest point is on the southwesterly portion and is 154 feet; the ridge on the south-easterly portion being 144 feet.
(6) The only place where the Island can be climbed, without scaling ladders, is at its extreme northwesterly point; the average weather conditions admit of a boat landing more often on the outside than on the inside of the point.
(7) The triangulation station on this Island is in the Hawaiian government scheme as well as in the Coast and Geodetic Survey chart of 1904-5.
(8) By authority of the Superintendent, dated Pepe March 7, 1905, a tracing of this sheet was furnished the Assistant Lighthouse Inspector at
Honolulu, T. N., on March 13, 1905.

The area of this Island is approximately 1/4 square statute miles, while its shoreline amounts to approximately 1/7 statute miles.

U.S.S. Patterson
Seattle W.
April 11, 1906.
Department of Commerce and Labor
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

SHELF MARK:  
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OBJECT, 

Chief of Party, YEAR, 

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