

# SUSTAINABLE FISH SURVEY

## Background

Some mainland environmental and animal rights groups are hoping to ban fish collection for home aquariums in Hawaii, promoting legislation and litigation to end the practice. We asked Hawaiians what they think about fish collection.

**Question 1:** Hawaii generally practices “sustainable use” of natural resources. This means the government adopts regulations to ensure that whatever is taken can be replenished, to allow for continued use over time. Do you agree or disagree with sustainable use?

	Total Pct
1. Agree	93.86%
2. Disagree	6.14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Question 2:** Some activists want Hawaii to ban the collection of fish for home aquariums. They claim this practice is harmful to the environment. However, marine scientists point to data showing that the fish populations have been growing for many years while collection has occurred. Existing regulations also establish many protected areas where fish can breed and cannot be collected. Based on this information, what best describes your point of view?

	Total Pct
1. Fish collection should be allowed if it is done sustainably	79.42%
2. Fish collection should be banned	20.58%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>