

# 10 FACTS ABOUT KAMAKAHONU AND AHU'ENA HEIAU

1. Kamakahonu was the home to high chiefs of Hawai'i.
2. From 1812-1819, it was the personal residence of King Kamehameha the Great.
3. Kamakahonu was the first capitol of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
4. Ahu'ena Heiau, located at Kamakahonu, was originally a luakini for Ku and was restored and rededicated by Kamehameha to Lono.
5. Kamehameha died at Kamakahonu in 1819; the Hale Lua platform, where he was prepared for burial is adjacent to Ahu'ena Heiau.
6. Today, beside the Heiau and the Hale Lua, the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel holds their nightly luau and Polynesian extravaganza with fake ali'i, dancing and drinking, and tourists eating at tables within a few feet of the Hale Lua, which still holds 'iwi of our ancestors.
7. The water that surrounds the Ahu'ena Heiau complex is sacred, but is used today by tourist for swimming, snorkeling and their enjoyment.
8. Kamakahonu and Ahu'ena Heiau are the anchor to countless sacred sites along the Kona Coast that are being swallowed up by real estate ventures.
9. The new owners of the hotel, Pacifica Hotels Corporation of Santa Barbara, CA, and Black Point Capital Advisors of Honolulu, are claiming ownership of Ahu'ena Heiau; this is an insult to all Hawaiians past and present, and it violates Article 12, Section 7 of the Hawai'i State constitution, protecting traditional religious practices of native Hawaiians.
10. Kamakahonu and Ahu'ena Heiau represent the Ea of the Hawaiian people; this sacred site is literally where our international nationhood began.