

MO (Moderate) *Sicalis flaveola*

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Eicat category	MO (Moderate)
Justification for EICAT assessment	Competition with Saffron Finches (<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>) may have caused a absence or reduced populations of native birds in Puna (Hawaii). Other possible factors for decline are habitat fragmentation, degradation and loss. There is no evidence for a local extinction of these species (Reynolds et al. 2003).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Competition
Countries of most severe impact	U.S.A.
Description of impact	The Saffron Finch competes with native bird species in South Africa and on Hawaii, which may have caused a decline in population size of Hawaiian birds.
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