

**MO (Moderate)** *Sicalis flaveola*

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<b>Eicat category</b>	MO (Moderate)
<b>Justification for EICAT assessment</b>	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).
<b>Confidence rating</b>	Low
<b>Mechanism(s) of maximum impact</b>	Competition
<b>Countries of most severe impact</b>	U.S.A.
<b>Description of impact</b>	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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