

RESTORING ISLAND RESILIENCE

Invasive species are the leading driver of biodiversity loss in the Pacific. They have a significant impact on ecosystem resilience leading to a loss of ecosystem services and a reduced ability to adapt to climate change.

Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) is a coordinating mechanism designed to facilitate the scaling up of operational management of invasive species in the Pacific. PRISMSS brings together experts to provide support within the Pacific region with a focus on protection of indigenous biodiversity and ecosystem function. As a service provider, PRISMSS provides a comprehensive suite of support services in a cohesive, effective, efficient, and accessible manner to Pacific Island countries and territories.

<u>Restoring Island Resilience (RIR)</u>: The PRISMSS - Restoring Island Resilience (RIR) is a New Zealand-PRISMSS collaboration project that aims to improve Pacific Island Countries and territories livelihoods and resilience to climate change by reducing the impact of invasive species on natural and agricultural ecosystems through the *five PRISMSS programmes*.

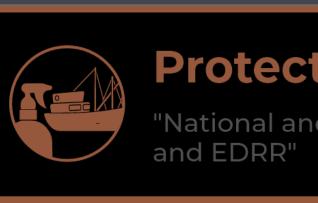


PRISMSS is a coalition of organisations working together to tackle the issue of Invasive species in the Pacific, providing Pacific Island countries with access to best practice and expertise in managing invasive species.

The six programmes of PRISMSS which address all thematic areas of invasive species

- management are: 1. Protect Our Islands (POI)
 - 2. Predator Free Pacific (PFP)
 - 3. War On Weeds (WOWs)
 - 4. Natural Enemies Natural Solutions (NENS) 5. Resilient Ecosystems Resilient Communities (RERC)
 - 6. Protect Our Marine Areas (POMA)

PRISMSS PROGRAMME UPDATES



Protect Our Islands

"National and inter-island biosecurity

A Holistic Approach for Invasive Species Management: Tonga to Implement **PRISMSS Protect Our Islands and Protect Our Marine Areas Projects**

Tonga has been actively managing invasive species through their National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP) since 2013. The latest NISSAP (2021-2027) outlines the country's comprehensive approach, including measures for prevention, early detection, rapid response, and....*Read more*



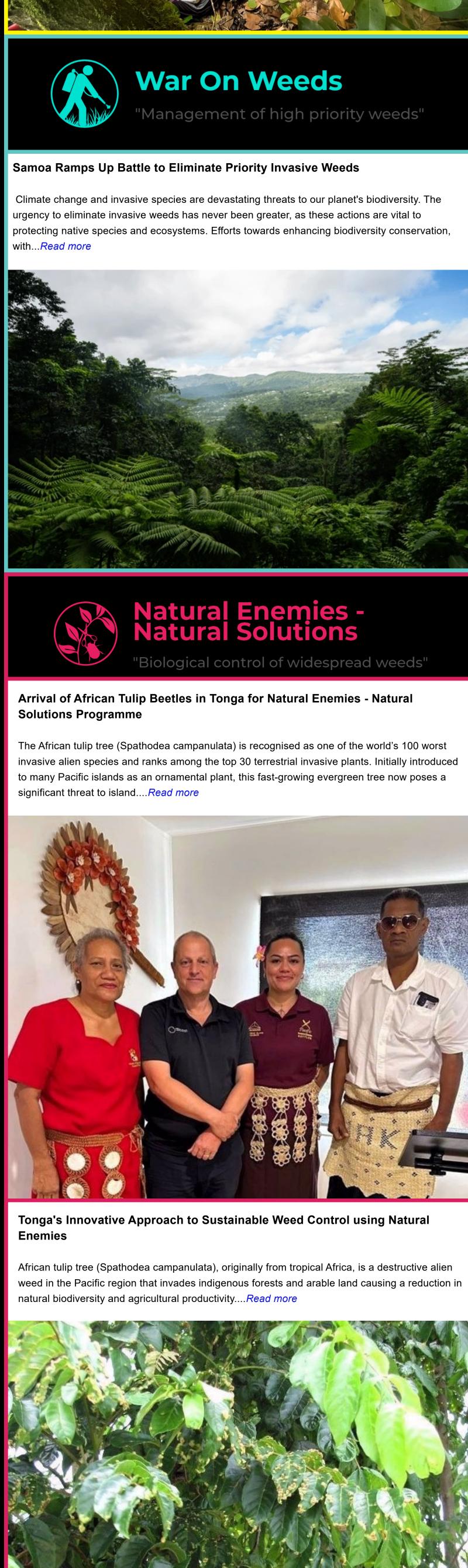
Predator Free Pacific

"Removal of invasive mammalian predators from Islands"

Reviving Nu'utele Island: Enhancing Ecosystem Resilience by Eradicating **Invasive Species**

Eradicating invasive species like rats and pigs is a crucial initiative to enhance ecosystem resilience, as these invaders severely disrupt the native biodiversity of Pacific islands by preying on bird eggs, chicks, small reptiles, and damaging....Read more





Harnessing Nature: Samoa explores the PRISMSS Natural Enemies -Natural Solutions Programme for Sustainable Management of Invasive Weeds

A two-day interactive workshop hosted by Samoa's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) in collaboration with Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research (MWLR) aimed to enhance the capacity and capability of agencies in Samoa to implement a Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support....Read more



Nature at Work: Marshall Islands builds resilience through NENS Programme

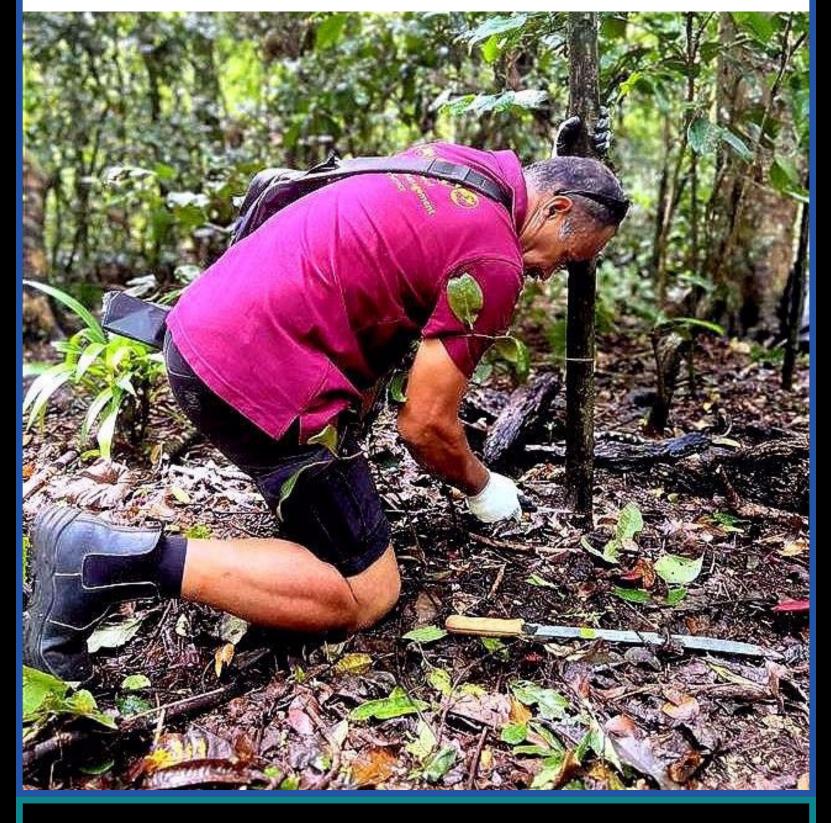
Effective invasive weed management is crucial for enhancing community resilience to climate change. Climate change can accelerate the spread of invasive species. Together, invasive species and climate change reduce ecosystem resilience, food security and negatively impacts biodiversity conservation effortsRead more



Resilient Ecosystems -Resilient Communities "Priority area ecological restoration"

Resilient Ecosystems, Resilient Communities Tonga Exchange Workshop **Empowers Pacific Battlers**

The Government of Tonga, with funding from the Global Environment Facility's Regional Invasives Project (GEF6 RIP), continues to strengthen its commitment to ecological restoration, having a total of three restoration sites within the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) Resilient Ecosystems, Resilient Communities programme, a flagship initiative of PRISMSS....Read more





Protect Our Marine Areas "Preventing marine invasive species from spreading to priority marine areas"

PRISMSS launches "Protect Our Marine Areas" Programme to Battle Marine Invasive Species in the Pacific

Regional cooperation is crucial for addressing invasive species in the Pacific, as effective biosecurity measures, combined with early detection and rapid response, can significantly reduce the risks and costs associated with new invasions. In the Pacific where marine biodiversity is both abundant and unique, invasive....Read more

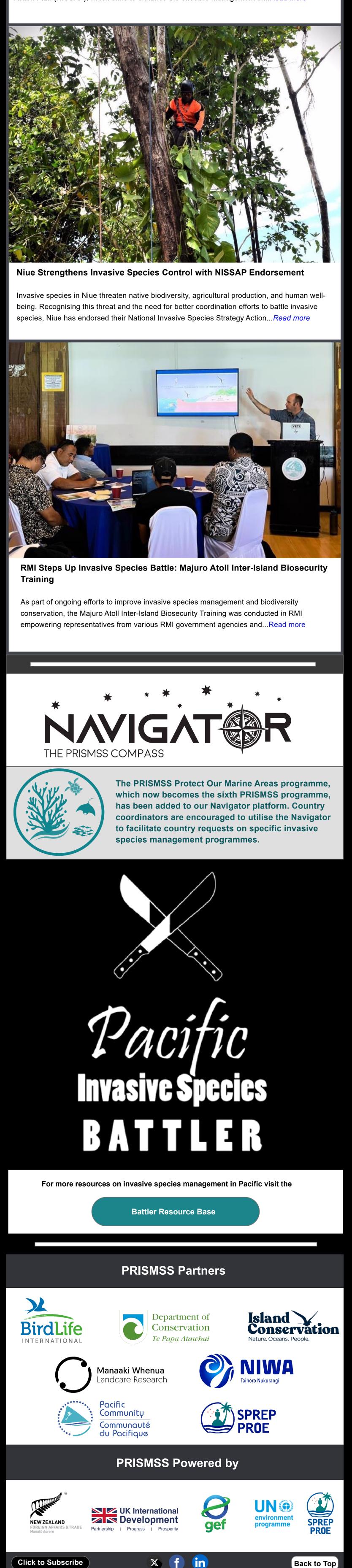


Regional Invasive Species Updates



Majuro Tackles Invasives: Invasive Birds Management Training to enhance **Biodiversity Conservation**

RMI has been actively working on managing invasive species, including birds, through various initiatives. One significant effort is the endorsement of the National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP), which aims to enhance the effective management of...Read more



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