



## STATUTORY LAND VALUATION TRAINING



To improve our Monthly Newsletter contributions from staff & stakeholders are welcomed

The Land Valuation Section under the Land Management Division completed a five day course for *Statutory* Training from 17 - 21 August 2009.

The training submitted through the Oloamanu Professional Centre for Development and Continuing Education was funded by the governments of New Zealand and Australia with kind support by the government of Samoa through the Samoa In-Country Training Programme (the SICTP).

In line with the mandate of the SICTP, the training aimed at enhancing practical skills of participants to improve their on-the-job and in-court performances.

The main objectives of the training were the participants:

- Be able to enhance and empower their technical skills when undertaking any valuation work
- To be able to implement the required skills when conducting Statutory land valuation
- To upgrade the level of understanding and

The training was conducted by Mr. Mark McLoughlan, a Licenced Valuer and Property Consultant from Australia with the assistance of Ms. Faanimo Reti-Warren (Principal Valuer of MNRE).

A total of 16 participants from private sectors, government corporations and the Ministry participated in this training. The feedback from participants indicated that it was a constructive, valuable and worthy training.

The participants commented that skills learned could be applied directly to improving their work not only in the office setting, but more importantly in the enhancing the work of the Valuation Section of the MNRE.

According to one of the participants, *"this training has equipped me with the required knowledge in pursuing land valuation matters and a training of such sort is very essential to the valuation practice here in Samoa"*.

The Ministry acknowledges the continuous and productive support of SICTP that made this training possible.



ACEO-Land Management, Patea Setefano and representatives from Oloamanu Centre with trainers and participants

standard of technical skills on specialist areas of valuation.

- To create a network of valuation experts or institution to share experience, information and understanding in valuation works and also to incorporate the financial aspects of valuation works.

- To provide effective and efficient valuation methodologies which are used internationally to provide consistency when it comes to valuation practice.

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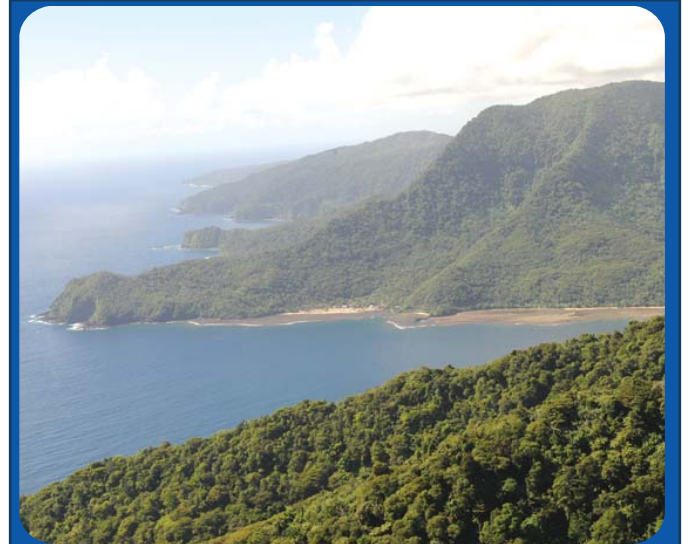
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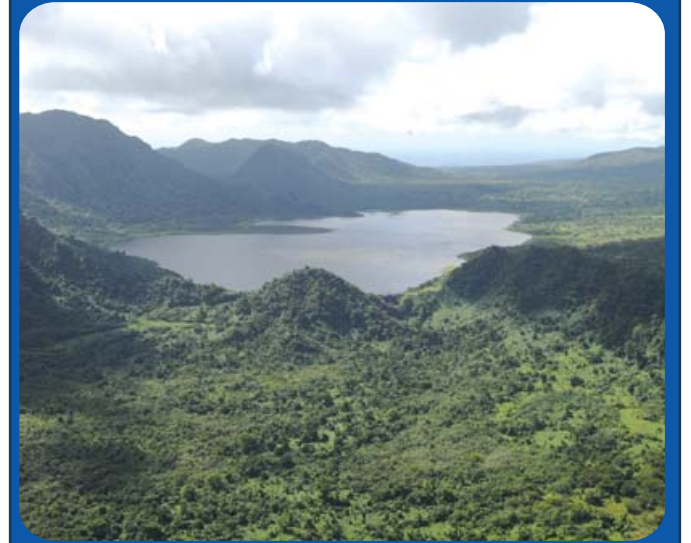
# MNRE Joins NZ Airforce on a Reconnaissance Mission around Upolu and Savaii.

Representatives from the Ministry were quite fortunate to take part in some of aerial surveillance conducted around Upolu and Savaii. Ms Tuiolo Schuster and Mr Talie Foliga joined the NZ Airforce Team on a reconnaissance mission along the Fagaloa Coast and Uafato Conservation Area.

*Photos were taken by the NZ Airforce Media Personnel.*



Fagaloa Coastline



Lake Lanotoo



Uafato village



Tuiolo Schuster, Talie Foliga, Wairarapa Young (EPC) and Muaausa Joseph Walter (CEO EPC)  
below - Seumanu Mikaele Teofilo



Fagaloa Bay

# PACE LEADERSHIP COURSE

As part of a group of selected Pacific Island senior executives, Tagaloa Jude Kolhlase (AECO-PUMA) together with representatives from the Samoa Bureau of Statistics and the Electoral Office participated in their final Stage to complete their Pacific Executive Program (PACE) leadership course (see - <http://www.anzsog.edu.au>). The AusAID initiative focuses on critical elements of public policy and management in order to promote outstanding public sector leadership and policies.

Tagaloa commenced the PACE program in August 2008. And over 12-months, he has participated in:

- Stage 1: Canberra : 3-week seminar, site visits, workshops and presentations;
- Stage 2: Samoa : Work project relevant to area of work; and
- Stage 3: Canberra : 1-week seminar

During the last Stage, from 18 - 24 August, several seminars and a site visit were conducted drawing on experience from academics, practitioners, public officials and peers.

The opportunity gave participants an occasion to learn more about public sector management issues and skills required of senior public servants. Equally, it was an opportunity to strengthen relationships within the Pacific Region and also with AusAID.

On the last day, they had an opportunity to meet with the new group attending the PACE 2009/10 and discuss the programs value and requirements of which representatives from the Government of Samoa's PSC, MOF, MCIL, and MESC were present. At the farewell dinner the guest of honor was the Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, the Hon. Bob McMullen who offered high level management insights on public sector values, skills and roles.

Overall, the subjects discussed and relationships established were highly relevant to our role as senior executives.

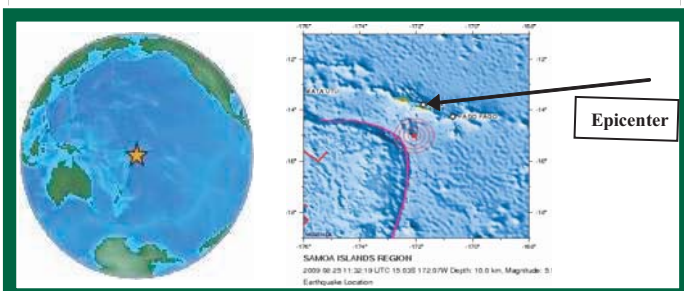
## METEOROLOGY

# FELT EARTHQUAKE REPORT

A magnitude **5.1** earthquake in the **Samoa Region** has occurred at: **15.027° S, 172.066° W**, Depth: **10 km (6.2 miles)** on **Tuesday, 25th August 2009** at 11:32:19 (UTC), 12:32:19am (Samoa Local Time).

### SUMMARY:

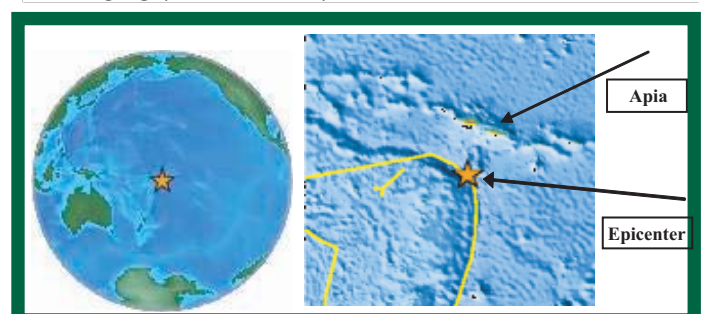
Magnitude (Richter) - GSN reading	5.1
MMI Intensity	MM 4
Region	Samoa Is Region
Coordinate Location	15.027 deg S, 172.066 deg W
Depth	10 km
Time (SLT)	Aug,25 - 12:32:19am (SLT)
Distance from Apia (km)	140km (85 miles) SSW of Apia
Felt (YES / NO / ?)	YES
Tsunami (YES / NO / ?)	NO
Damaging (YES / NO / ?)	NO



A magnitude **6.6** earthquake in the **Samoa Region** has occurred at **15.187 deg S, 172.526 deg W**. Depth: **11 km** on the **30th August 2009** at 03:51:33am (Samoa Local Time).

### SUMMARY:

Magnitude (Richter) - GSN reading	6.6
MMI Intensity	MM 4-5
Region	Samoa Is Region
Coordinate Location	15.187deg S, 172.526 deg W
Depth	11 km
Time (SLT)	Aug,30 - 3:51:33am (SLT)
Distance from Apia (km)	175km (110 miles) SSW of Apia
Felt (YES / NO / ?)	YES
Tsunami (YES / NO / ?)	NO
Damaging (YES / NO / ?)	YES



ENVIRONMENT

FUN CORNER!!!

WASTE AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Waste Section conducted awareness programmes throughout the month to primary and secondary schools in both Upolu and Savaii. The aim was to promote segregation and minimization, composting, the 3 Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle; and the Fukuoka Method. A total of 26 schools from Upolu and 27 schools from Savaii were visited by the waste officers, Seumanu Mikaele Teofilo, Lillian Mulitalo, Kome Matuavao and Lesaisaea Niualuga Evaimalo.

Faleseela-tai and Savaia Lefaga Primary schools were invited by JICA to the Waste Management Office at Tafaigata Landfill. This visit was filmed by a TV crew from Japan, NHK-TV, Japan Broadcasting Corporation and two National Newspapers.



GUESS WHO??



Can you guess who's sitting beside Tu'u'u?

(Hint - Environment Forum 2007)

Mail your answers to Molly @ the Capacity Building Section

- Level 3

- You never know you might get a sur-prize!!

- First Come First Serve



Lotofaga Primary School



Poutasi Primary School



Siumu Primary School

NOTICE BOARD

**New Recruits:**

- John Anthony Sitagata  
Sustainable Development Officer
- Susana Patricia Stowers  
Accounting Officer

**Promotions:**

- Veni Gaugatao  
Principal Forestry Officer (Upolu)
- Meki Tauai  
Forestry Officer (West Savaii)

**Transferred:**

- Niualuga Evaimalo  
Principal Terrestrial  
Conservation Officer
- Setoa Apo  
Principal Waste  
Management Officer

- Moira Faletutulu  
Project Coordinator (CC)