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IMPORTANT SERVICES UNDER THE LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Land Management Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment deals mainly with land issues to include land administration, land registrations, land development and land valuation. Services provided support the divisions overall objective towards the "sustainable management of lands and land-based natural resources".

Sections and Services Offered:

1. Land Administration section.

(i) Management of Government Lands

- Purchase any freehold land or interest of any lease in any Government land for the purpose of settlement as farming, urban, commercial or industrial land or for any government purpose;
- Develop land held for any Government purpose;
- Alienate Government land by leasing in accordance with the procedures set out under the Act;
- Reserve from any lease a strip of land for soil or water conservation;
- Exchange the fee simple in any government land for the fee simple of any other land and may receive or pay any sum by way of equality of change.

(ii) Management of Customary Land Leases & Licenses

The Land Administration section also administers customary land leases and licenses for the Minister who is the trustee for beneficial owners of customary land in accordance with the requirements of the Alienation of Customary Land Act 1965.

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Leasing of customary lands and government lands
- Allocation of burial plots at Tufuiopa, Vailele & Maagiagi
- Convey and implement decisions of Land Board

2. Land Development Section.

The Land Development section provides policy advice to the Minister, through the CEO, on all land development matters. This involves the development, research and the review of national policies affecting sustainable development and management of lands and land-based resources. In addition, the section is also responsible for coordinating the implementation of the United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), focusing on land degradation as an emerging concern in Samoa.

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Policy Development and Implementation
- Sand mining Operations
- Reclamation Activities
- Stall Activities

3. Land Registration Section

The Land Registration is responsible for the registration of all legal land related documents and provides title searches of lands for public. The Registry objective is to confirm ownership and legal title to land. Other land-related documents are also registered for the same purposes.

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Registration of Deeds of Conveyance
- Registration of Mortgages
- Title searches and provide maps, plans and land registry books
- Registration of caveats, transmission, power of attorney
- Registration of leases of customary lands/freehold lands
- Registration of land proclamations

4. Land Valuation section

This section is responsible for land valuation services to the government, private sector and the public with priority always given to government works. Execute and perform responsibilities of Samoa Valuation Licensing Committee through an issuance of license for valuers and monitor valuation practices. Provide technical advice on land valuation issues and other land matters.

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Valuation of lands and assets for government
- Regulator of valuation practices in Samoa
- Valuation of leases either customary and/or freehold/government lands
- Valuations for business, corporations and individuals
- Valuation for mortgage, loans, stamp duty, death duty
- Issue License and Annual Practice Valuation Certificate

Samoa License Valuers: (in public & private sectors)

- Patea M Setefano Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment
- Vaitogi Sefo Sa'e Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (interim license)
- Tolefoa E Betham private valuer
- Lui Seru private valuer
- Liamania Toeupu Kaisara private valuer

TECHNICAL DIVISION

The following sections and services offered:

1. Survey Section:

Responsible for all types of survey services for the Government of Samoa.

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Regulator of surveying
- Survey Inspections :
- Geodetic Network:
- Spatial Data Infrastructure:
- Issuance of Surveyors License and Annual Practicing Certificates:

Registered Licensed Surveyors:

It is important to note that the Survey section of the Ministry work closely with surveys from the private sector in terms of undertaking surveys.

- Piki Tuala -Private Surveyor.
- Lemalu Enokati Pelo -Private Surveyor.
- Galuvao V.Sepulona -Private Surveyor.
- Seve Keilani Soloi -Private Surveyor.
- Alaiasa Sagalala Salanoa -Samoa Land Corporation
- Seiuli Ueligitone Seiuli -Ministry Natural Resources & Environment

- Vitaoa Peleipu Fuatali -Ministry Natural Resources & Environment
- Safuta Toelau Iulio -ACEO -Technical Division.
- Fautua Kasipale Moli -Ministry - Natural Resources & Environment (interim license)

2. Quality Control Section

Graphical presentation of cadastral boundaries, indexing of Land Survey information and Examination of all survey and scheme plans. This section is responsible for the visual presentation of various land boundaries of different ownerships showing areas and other Land information on Index and Cadastral Maps. It is also responsible for issuing Field Books, plan and parcel numbers, receiving and checking all scheme and survey plans deposited by Licensed Surveyors, also preparing of Area Schedules or Legal Descriptions.

- Examination of survey and scheme plans
- Recording of scheme plans
- land surveying information
- preparing land area schedules

3. National Mapping, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Section

The National Mapping Section is responsible with the reproduction of national maps for the entire nation. One of the core functions of the section is to update and revise the national topographical maps of Samoa at 1:50,000. The National Mapping is a consistent framework for geographic knowledge needed by the nation and it provides public access to high quality geospatial data and information to assist and support decision makers, resource managers and the general public for a sustainable management of natural resources and environment.

The section is also responsible with the operations and maintenance of the ICT for the entire ministry which involves services of all computers and related devices within the ministry, development and update of website for dissemination of information on the internet.

Products and Services:

Products and Services provided by the section are:

1. Aerial Photography
2. Rectified Orthophoto maps
3. Topographical Map Series
4. GIS Layers and Digital datasets
5. National Tourist Map
6. Thematic maps of various type such as Soil, Land Suitability, Land Use/Land Tenure
7. Map of Electoral Boundaries
8. Blueprint copies
9. Nautical charts and maritime boundary issues.

The Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment will be hosting its first National Land Services Awareness Day on the 4th October 2006 at the Tooa Salamasina Hall to enhance the public's understanding of services provided under the Land management Division.

For more information contact our Land Management Division - MNREM at Savalalo ph# 22481 / 22485 fax# 23692

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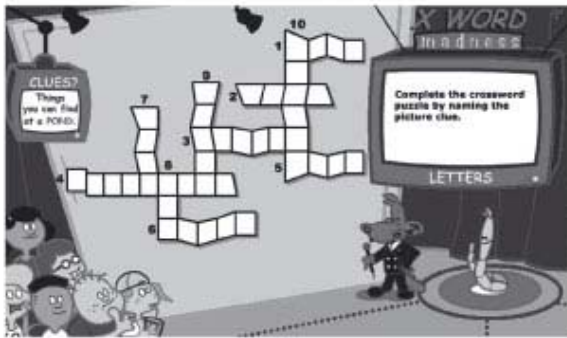


Children's Corner



Children aged 9-14 are invited to answer the following corner. The name of 3 students with top scores at the end of every month will be posted under the "Children's Corner" for special prizes. "Children's Environment Awareness 2006 Awards will be given to 10 students with top total scores in November during the 2006 National Environment Week".

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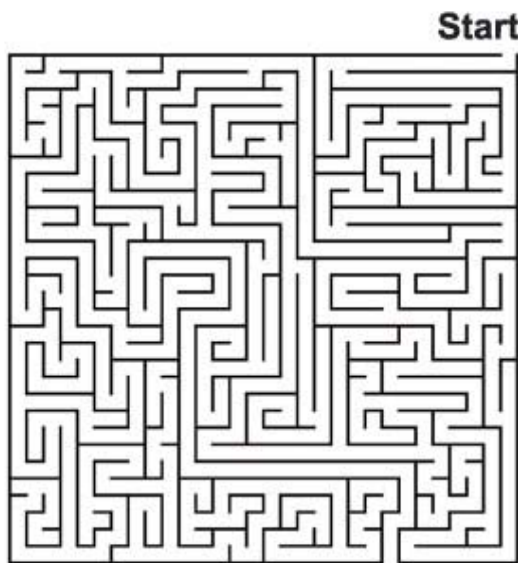
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| yellow = 2 | red = 7 |
| black = 3 | light green = 8 |
| brown = 4 | dark green = 9 |
| pink = 5 | light blue = 10 |

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