

Submission to the Cabinet Development Committee

1. **Project Name:** GDP 0237-03-000- 'Saving the Manumea and Ma'oma'o
2. **Purpose of Submission:**

This is the second and final report of the above stated project to the Cabinet Development Committee
3. **Executing Agency:** Ministry of Finance
4. **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment
5. **Project Objective(s):**
 - 5.1. Develop conservation strategies for the conservation of the manumea and ma'oma'o in Samoa.
 - 5.2. Identify and secure 3-5 large populations of each species.
 - 5.3. Gather data on current distribution, population size, and bird ecology (feeding habits, preferred forest habitat etc) of the manumea and ma'oma'o.
 - 5.4. Gather data on threats such as hunting pressure, deforestation etc
 - 5.5. Implement Awareness program to increase public awareness of bird conservation to reduce hunting pressure and deforestation
 - 5.6. Identify appropriate alternative income generation activities in target village communities
 - 5.7. Capacity building for DEC
 - 5.8. Seek and secure funding for follow-up work e.g. from CEPF, GCF, GEF etc for future actions resulting from the project.
6. **Project Funding (Aid & Local Budget):**
 - 6.1. Original Cost 275,000 AUD
 - 6.2. External Funding - ARNHP \$200,000 AUD: For equipments; field & community awareness surveys; media & public awareness campaigns; community consultations; training of MNRE staff; and consultancies (experts for training and technical advise).
 - 6.3. Local Funding - MNRE & MOF \$75,000 AUD: For salaries of staff that manage the funds, organize and implement the project activities; and all transportation, communication and office space costs.
7. **Duration:**
 - The project was successfully completed last year on 30 September, 2006.
8. **Current Implementation**

In addition to the achievements listed in the first report to the CDC it is a pleasure to note that the project has produced for the first time in Samoa two national species recovery plans to rehabilitate the populations and forest habitats of two of its rare and endangered bird species the tooth-billed pigeon the Manumea and the forest honey-eater the Ma'oma'o.

9. Outstanding Issues:

Further funding is now being sought to implement the two national recovery plans.

10. Project Implications for Samoa:

The implementation of the recovery plans will provide a long-term survival of Manumea and the Ma'oma'o, and restore the viability of their indigenous forest habitats.

11. Signature of Executing Agency



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12. Date: 04 May 2007