



REVIVING THE UNIQUE BIODIVERSITY OF NU'UTELE ISLAND

August 5, 2025

New Recruits



Name: Alfred Brian Peters
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Division: DEC

MONDAY FAIGALOTU

Conducted by Capacity Building Section - CSD
Monday 25th August, 2025



Conducted by Media & Communication - ICT
Monday 1st September, 2025



On August 5, 2025, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) launched a major conservation initiative on Nu'utele Island in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and Island Conservation. This effort, part of the Predator Free Pacific programme, aims to restore island ecosystems by removing invasive species threatening local biodiversity. Utilizing helicopter support, teams commenced the removal of invasive rats following the successful elimination of feral pigs. The operation underscores the significance of regional collaboration in preserving Nu'utele's unique flora and fauna, which includes endangered bird species and endemic plants, while enhancing community resilience against climate change.

LEULUMOEGA COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT MNRE

August 20, 2025



On August 20, 2025, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) welcomed students from Leulumoega College as part of their research on climate change impacts. The students interacted with MNRE's experts from various divisions, gaining firsthand insights into Samoa's efforts to combat climate change, the role of renewable energy, and the significance of meteorological data. This visit enriched the students' understanding of climate challenges at local and global levels, reinforcing the importance of linking academic learning with real-world applications. MNRE commends Leulumoega College for its focus on research and is dedicated to fostering the next generation of climate-resilient leaders in Samoa.

INSIGHTS ON MANGROVE RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

September 1st, 2025



Ms. Vitolina Ah Kau, a Marine and Biodiversity Conservation Officer at MNRE, provided valuable insights on the restoration of mangroves in Nono'a, Saleimoa, and their significance for biodiversity and community resilience. Her presentation emphasized the importance of Samoa's three native mangrove species and the impact of community-led conservation initiatives, reminding us that environmental protection involves both scientific knowledge and stewardship.

Interns

From Tesese Institute



Name: Mizpah Faleatua
Division: Forestry



Name: Henry Seloti
Division: Legal



Name: Evagelia Tavita
Division: CSD



Name: Anereta Etuale
Division: DEC



Name: Ime Falemau
Division: RED



Name: Walker Setu
Division: CSD



Name: Fetalaiga Roberts
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Name: Litia So'o
Division: CSD

INTERNAL ENERGY AUDIT SESSION

August 20, 2025



On August 22, 2025, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), hosted an informative presentation session focused on the Energy Audit Assessment conducted for selected MNRE offices across Upolu and Savai'i. This session showcased the findings from the audit, carried out under the framework of the Energy Management Act 2020, which is aligned with Samoa's national commitments to enhance energy efficiency and conservation. The presentation emphasized key objectives, including reducing electricity consumption and operational costs, achieving 70% renewable energy generation by 2031, and contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in Samoa's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Participants gained valuable insights into current energy consumption patterns, compliance levels of appliances, infrastructure needs, and the potential for integrating renewable and hybrid energy systems. Additionally, the session highlighted the importance of workplace energy conservation practices and the need to strengthen monitoring mechanisms, alongside plans for upgrading outdated electrical systems. MNRE expressed appreciation for SPREP's support in facilitating this important program, which plays a crucial role in guiding Samoa toward sustainable energy management and enhancing climate resilience. This collaborative effort reflects the commitment of both organizations to foster a more sustainable energy future for Samoa

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