



# e-Newsletter

Information from the Samoa Quarantine Service

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## Safe Arrival



In the early hours of Monday 28 August 2006, 12 horses arrived in Apia wharf from a two week long voyage. They were imported from New Zealand by the Samoa Racing Club to compete in the up coming Race. The horses all arrived in good health.

The Quarantine Service were very appreciative to those involved in organizing the transport and making available Quarantine documentation (Samoa Quarantine Import permit, NZ Zoosanitary Certificate) for the animals. Their compliance to Quarantine regulations facilitated a smooth arrival for the animals.

## Free CD-ROM version of the Global Invasives Species Databases now available

Pacific islands have a powerful new tool to help manage invasive species, thanks to the May 23, 2006 launch of the CD-ROM version of the Global Invasive species database (GISD). Invasive species have far reaching economic and environmental effects around the world, but small island states are especially vulnerable to the threat of introduced plants and animals that may have devastating effects in a very short time. The GISD, which has been freely available on-line at [www.issg.org/database](http://www.issg.org/database) since 2000, contains comprehensive information about species that threaten biodiversity. Now, the CD-ROM version will allow more people to access the information where internet access is restricted or non-existent. For a free copy of the CD-ROM, just send your name and postal address to Michael Browne at [m.browne@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.browne@auckland.ac.nz).

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